

Colossians

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Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. 6 For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, 7 and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. NASU

Because you're saved, live this way...3:1-11

What is Paul's immediate *responsibility* for those 'raised with Christ'? 3:1; Gal.2:20

What does Paul next emphasize about *our* responsibility? 3:1b-3:2; Rom.12:2; Phil.4:8

What is the first reason he gives for *not* setting your mind on *earthly things*? 3:3a; Gal.2:20

What is the second reason? 3:3b-3:4; Jjn.3:2-3

What part do 'rules' have in setting our minds on heavenly things? 2:20-23

Maybe we just need *better rules*...? Gal.3:19-4:7

So, how do we go about '*setting our minds on things above*...?'

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What is Paul's first instruction on how to live a Godly life? 3:5; Rom.6:13; 7:21-25

What does he *specifically* identify here as deeds of the flesh? 3:5 Note: idolatry = demonic

What are Paul's (2) points in 3:6-7? Rom.1:18; Eph.5:6

Why do you think he emphasizes these (2) points? Eph.5:6; Eph.2:2-3

What is Paul's command to us (things to *put off*, like clothing)? 3:8; Eph.4:22

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Since then (all of chapter 2); set your hearts on things above, heavenly, eternal things.

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Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. Note, mind=hearts=affections.

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You died! Spiritually, we died w/Christ. When you're dead, you don't belong to the world!

What is the second reason? 3:3b-3:4; IJn.3:2-3

Your life is now hidden w/Christ in God. When He appears, you will appear w/Him...

What part do 'rules' have in setting our minds on heavenly things? 2:20-23

They appear 'wise' but they lack any value on restraining sensual indulgence. Don't work!

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The Law trumps all other 'laws' (3:21). And the Law only escorted us to Christ!

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Consider your earthly (physical) members as dead to... deeds of the flesh (3:5) ...

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Immorality (sexual), impurity (sensuality), passion (lust), evil desire (lust), greed (coveting)

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These sins bring God's righteous wrath on unbelievers, and before salvation, this was you!

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Reminder: God judges! For us: Be thankful; have compassion; but for God's grace...

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