

Keep a Heavenly Focus

Colossians 3:1-4

Colossians Book Chart

| Exaltation of Jesus Christ and the believer's connection to Him | | | | Application of Jesus Christ to the life of a believer | | | |
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| Greeting 1:1-2 | Doctrine 1:3-23 | Concern 1:24-2:7 | Warning 2:8-23 | Exhortation 3:1-17 | Instruction 3:18-4:1 | Reminders 4:2-6 | Salutations 4:7-18 |
| Chapter 1-2 | | | | Chapter 3-4 | | | |
| Theme: Jesus is Enough | | | | | | | |

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A. Because you are raised with Christ (3:1-2)

- The condition: “If then you have been raised with Christ,”
 - CHRIST FACT #1: He was raised from the dead.
 - BELIEVER FACT #1: You have been united with Christ’s resurrection-life.
 - *When did this happen?*
- The 1st command: “seek those things which are above”
- The 1st reason: “where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.”
 - CHRIST FACT #2: Christ is sitting at the Father’s right hand in heaven right now.
- The 2nd command: “set your mind on things above”
 - The contrast: “not on things on the earth”

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B. Because you died with Christ. (3:3)

- The 2nd reason: “For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”
 - BELIEVER FACT #2: Your identity is already in heaven with Christ.

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C. Because you will appear with Christ. (3:4)

- The 3rd reason: “When Christ, who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”
 - CHRIST FACT #3: He is coming back a second time.
 - BELIEVER FACT #3: You will be with Him at His second coming.
 - *When will this take place?*

* *What can get in the way of a heavenly focus?*