

Part 1 – Colossians  
3:1-4

# Becoming Like Jesus

# Seek Those Things Above

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3:1

- The blessing: If you have been raised up with Christ?
  - A rhetorical question referring to their resurrection from death in sin in baptism – Col. 2:11-13
- Required change: Seek the things above where Christ is sitting at God’s right hand.
  - The negative side of baptism—**death and burial**—implies a positive side—**resurrection to new life lived in a heavenly fashion**
  - If you have been raised with Christ, you must seek heavenly things – Matt. 16:24-24; Gal. 2:20

# Set Your Minds on Things Above

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- The Spirit emphasizes the importance of this command by repeating it in a different way.
- Being raised up with Christ requires a heavenly mindset
  - KJV says “set your affections,” or the things you ponder and yearn for, on the things of Christ – Phil. 3:17-20
  - Christians view the world from Christ exalted standpoint, judging all things by His standard – Phil. 2:5-8
  - Do not be caught looking down when the time of judgment comes!

# Reasons For A Heavenly Mindset

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- You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ – 3:3
  - Paul turns their attention to their baptism – Rom. 6:3-7
  - This death does not mean there is no life left in the Christian, but that it is “hidden with Christ in God” – Gal. 2:20
- When Christ is revealed, you will also be revealed with Him in glory – 3:4
  - The world may overlook, ignore, or reject us.
  - They do not understand that we are citizens in a heavenly kingdom of glory – Phil. 3:20-21
  - Be glad you have Jesus – 1 Jn. 5:11-12