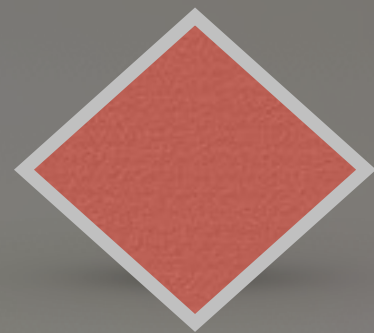
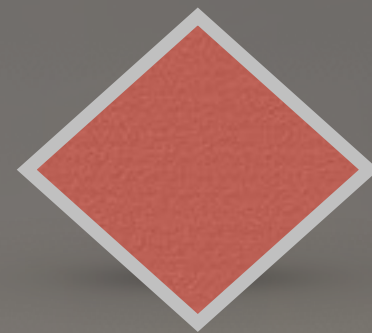


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Colossians 3:1-4

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 (NKJV)

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Importance of **Jesus' Resurrection**



- Proof of His Deity, Foundation of Our Faith — (*Mat 28:1-17; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-11; John 20:1-29; Acts 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:3-19; Eph. 1:19,20*)
- Proof we ALL will be raised — (*John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:20-28*)
- Proof of His authority as LORD & JUDGE — (*Acts 2:29-36; 17:30,31*)

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The Pre-eminence of Jesus The Christ



- Christ, our Creator and Head, is supreme in all things (1:15–20).
- Through Christ's death God has reconciled to Himself those who were aliens and enemies, but must continue in the faith - (1:21–23).
- God's fullness (*His provisions in Jesus*), can be known & enjoyed by all through the gospel - (1:24–27).
- To this end we labor that everyone may be perfect in Christ (1:28–29).

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The Pre-eminence of Jesus The Christ



- All true wisdom & knowledge is found in Christ - (2:1–5; 1:9-11).
- As you began with Christ, you must also continue in Him - (2:6–7).
- Don't be deceived: God's fullness is in Christ alone - not in human philosophy - (2:8–10).
- By putting on Christ in baptism, we have been freed from sin & made alive to God - therefore we must hold fast to Him - (2:11–23).

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- **“If then you were”** – First class conditional clause – i.e. *“Since you have been”* —
- **“Raised with Christ”** – what occurred when you were baptized into Christ – *“raised with Him through faith in the working of God”* - (2:11-13)
- The **Christian has been made *spiritually alive*** with Christ – (2:13; Eph 1:19,20; 2:5,6)

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¹² buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

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³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of *His* resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

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⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

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Romans 6:3–11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Galatians 2:19–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

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- **“Seek those things which are above”** - A whole-hearted search for the things of God – (Mat 5:6; 6:33; 13:44,45; Heb 11:13-16)
- **“Where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God”** - Jesus given supreme honor & authority in my life – (Ps. 110:1; Mat 22:44; Act 2:34; Eph 1:20; 1 Pet 3:15,22; 4:11)

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➤ **“Set your mind on things above,”** - My values & loves to be set WHOLY upon spiritual things— (Mt 6:19-24; Ro 12:1,2; 1 Jn 2:15-17; Prov 23:7; Is 26:3)

➤ I determine what I value & what I love - I choose my priorities — I **set my mind** on what I choose - *“Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life”* (Proverbs 4:23)

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- **“For You Died”** – I.E. – You Were Separated From Sin – (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col. 2:11-13; Rom 6:3-11)
- **“Your Life”** – I.E. – You are alive to God IN CHRIST!
- Jesus is my LIFE - (*He is the source of my spiritual life and ALSO MUST BE the FOCUS of my life*) – (1 Jn 5:12; Jn 14:6; Gal 2:20)

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➤ **Hidden** - Is From The Greek - κρύπτω (kryptō) - - hide, conceal, cover (pass. often hide oneself); keep secret—*Barclay Newman: NT Greek-English Dictionary*

➤ The BELIEVER (*the one genuinely seeking & focusing on Jesus & His teaching; thus obedient*), is secure IN Christ - (2 Tim 1:12; 1 Jn 2:4,5)

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➤ It IS ONLY WITH **CHRIST** we find safety, security, & protection — (Jn 10:27–29; Rom 8:28–39)

➤ **As long as** we **abide** in Christ, we are secure through faith! — (Heb 3:12, 10:29; John 15:1-10; 2 Pet 2:20-22; 1 Cor 10:1-13; 1 Pet 1:5; Rev 2:10)

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➤ **When Jesus Appears** – faithful Christians will be glorified together with Him – (Mat 25:31; 1 Tim 6:14; 2 Ti. 4:8. Tit. 2:13. He. 9:28. 1 Pe. 5:4. 1 Jno. 2:28; 3:2)

➤ **All others rejected & lost!** - (Mat 7:21-23; 25:31; 1 Tim 6:14; 2 Pet 3:9-14; Rom 2:5-11; 2 Cor 5:9-11; Phil 3:20–21; 2 Thes 1:7-11; etc)

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KILL SIN @ ITS ROOT

Colossians 3:5-9



- **“Put to death”** – “*Mortify*” - i.e. – “*utterly slay*” – more than just suppress or control - (Gal 5:24)
- **“Your Members”** – The body, and its members serve as the medium through which sin works – (Rom 6:12,13,19)
- “*Put to death every part of yourself which is against God and keeps you from fulfilling His will*” – (William Barclay 174.)

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⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

cf. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-20; Revelation 21:8

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Put On The New Man - Thought & Deed

Colossians 3:10,11



- They had been baptized into Christ thus they had **put on the new man** – (Col 2:11-13; Gal 3:27; 2 Cor 5:17; 1 Pet 1:22,23)
- “**Renewed in knowledge**” – present passive participle – thus “being renewed in knowledge” [*epignosis*] – (Eph 4:23; 2 Cor 4:16; 2 Pet 2:1; 3:18)
- **According to the image of Him** – (Gen 1:27; 2 Cor 5:17; Eph 4:24; 5:1; Rom 8:29)

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Colossians 3:12-15



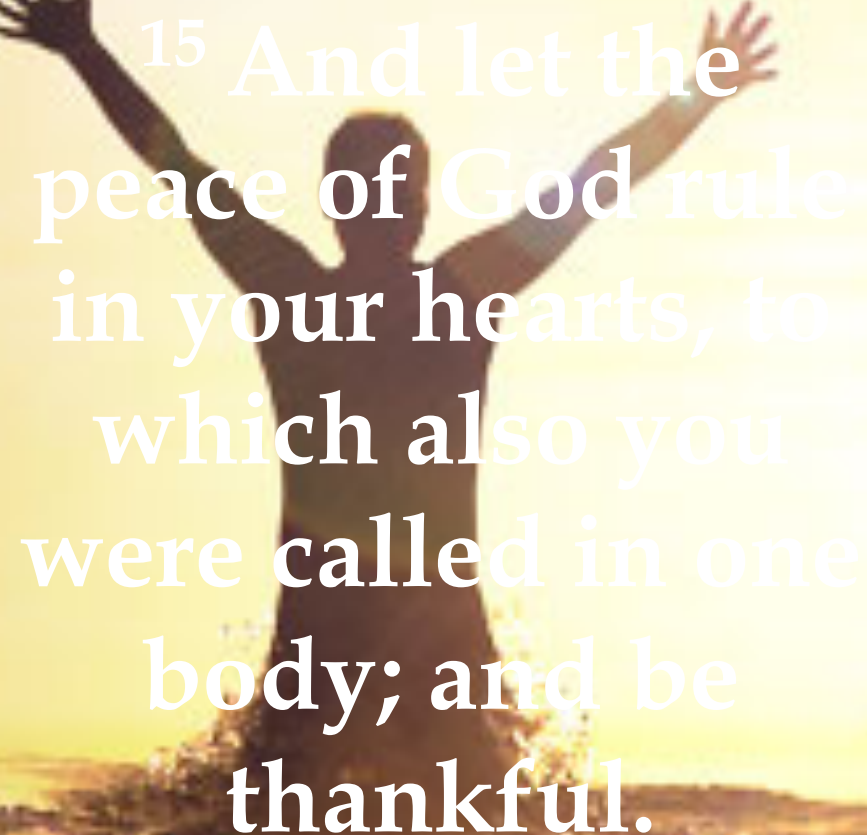
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¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

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Colossians 3:12-15



¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

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Love

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Colossians 3:16-17



- **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”** – i.e. to allow oneself to be brought completely under its influence. (Ps 119:11; John 15:7)
- **“In all wisdom”** – Wisdom receives the word of Christ – (Eph 5:17) - The word of Christ produces wisdom (Col. 1:9; 2:3) - the word of Christ must be taught in wisdom – (Col 1:28)

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Colossians 3:16-17



➤ **I worship God in spirit & truth** - (John 4:24)

➤ **We sing:**

* To one another - teaching & admonishing

* The Lord

* Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual songs

* With grace in heart

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Put On The New Man - Thought & Deed

Colossians 3:16-17



➤ **I submit to Jesus' authority in everything said & done - (3:17)**

* Every word – every deed must be in submission to the authority of Christ – (2 John 9)

* “He is most likely to do his duty well who goes to it with a heart overflowing with gratitude to God for his mercies;” —Barnes' Notes on the New Testament – (Eph 5:20)

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Have you died & been raised with Christ - *Col 2:11-13; 3:1-4*

Have you put off the old man with his sin? - *Col 3:5-9*

Have you put on the new man according to the image of Christ? - *Col 3:10-15*

Are you worshipping & submitting every word & deed to Christ's authority? - *Col 3:16,17*



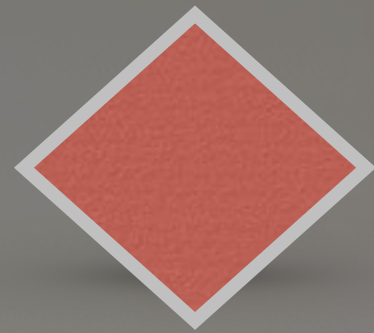
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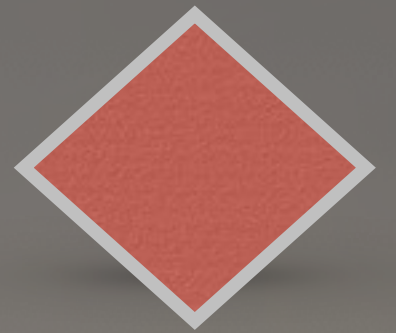
*Actions speak louder
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ROMANS 6:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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