

Colossians 3:1,2
SEEK THE THINGS ABOVE!

- I. The present reality.
 - A. The new believers at Colosse were in danger of relapsing paganism.
 - B. To be risen with Christ resumes the thought of 2:12,13 and of 2:20.
 - 1. "Ye are dead" (2), i.e., died and your life is hid with Christ in God.
 - 2. Christ alone is the answer, in all the fullness of His love and power (chapters 1,2).
 - C. They (and we) had surrendered themselves to this Savior.
 - 1. One, the supply of grace was sufficient, and remains plentiful.
 - 2. Two, we have it now, without waiting for His return, for we are raised with Him.
 - 3. Let our union with the exalted Christ transform our entire life: mind, heart, and will.
- II. Therefore let us exercise the new life in consistent pursuits ("seek").
 - A. "The things which are above" received the emphasis being placed before "seek."
 - B. The "seeking" is a seeking to obtain (Matt. 6:33; 13:45) more than a seeking to discover.
 - 1. "Set your affection" is to ponder and yearn for.
 - 2. These graces enable them to gain victory in their struggle against fleshly indulgence.
 - C. The new life changes us so the things of the world become as a tomb to us.
 - 1. The grave is a good dwelling place for the dead, but not for the dead man who lives.
 - 2. Like Jesus after His resurrection, let us live our risen life on earth in holy service.