

HE IS EVERYTHING TO ME

Colossians 3:1-4

INTRODUCTION: Christians are richer than all the silver, gold, and precise jewels in the world. We can understand when Jesus said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36) As a Christian, we are richer by far.

I. POSSESSING THE LIFE OF CHRIST

A. REDEEMED BY CHRIST.

In the first Chapter of Colossians, Paul explains the blessings Christians have in Christ. Jesus has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into His kingdom. Every believer in Christ has been redeemed through His blood and their sins are forgiven. (Colossians 1:13-14).

B. RISEN WITH CHRIST.

After Jesus' death and resurrection, He ascended back to heaven. In Colossians 2:12 Paul stated that believers in a spiritual sense is, "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." The Bible states in Colossians 3:1 that we are "risen with Christ." After Jesus death He ascended back to heaven where He is sitted at the Father's right hand. (Hebrews 1:1)

II. PURSUE THE LIFE OF CHRIST

A. SEEK AFTER SPIRITUAL THINGS. (Colossians 3:1) Paul loved the believers in Colossi. He wanted them to grow in Christ. **Every born-again believer is identified with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. As a child of God, we were positioned "in Christ" after we were saved. Believers are to be rooted and grounded in Christ as we grow in Him. (Colossians 2:7 & 2 Peter 3:18)** In the small book of Colossians, Paul gives the believer many great truths. Paul instructed the believers in Colossians 3:1, to "seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

B. SET AFFECTION ON HEAVENLY THINGS. (Colossians 3:2)

Setting one's affection is just another way to keep your mind on the things of God. Paul knew the importance of believers to stay focus on Christ and the Word of God. They had to learn to keep their thoughts on God and their desires on will of God above everything else. Young Christians must have their priorities on the things of the Lord and not on the things of the world. The things of this world will come to an end.

C. SAFE WITH CHRIST IN GOD. (Colossians 3:3)

We learn from the Bible that believers are spiritually dead to their old sinful selves the moment they were saved. Once they are born again they become new creatures with eternal life. Paul wrote that believers are "hidden with Christ in God." This is the meaning that through faith in Jesus Christ believers are dead to their old nature and have new spiritual life in Christ Jesus.

III. PRESENCE IN HEAVEN WITH CHRIST

A. CHRIST'S APPEARANCE FOR THE LOSS. (Colossians 3:4)

Jesus' first coming to the earth was to seek and save the loss. The Lord said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10) It is hard to believe that the Creator God would cloth Himself in human flesh to come down to earth to suffer and die for the godless. Those scars in His hand, feat, and side will remind the human race of the love of God for all. The loss will be reminds of the love they refused and the pain of suffering in hell for eternity.

B. CHRISTIANS' APPEARANCE WITH CHRIST IN GLORY.

Paul reminded us that Christ "who is our life" shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. In 1 John 3:3 the Bible says, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." In John 17:24 we read of the prayer Jesus prayed for you and me.

"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

LESSONS FOR LIFE:

- 1. I am risen in Christ to eternal life.**
- 2. I am ready to spend eternally with Christ**
- 3. I am saved. Are you?**