

HEAVENLY-MINDEDNESS

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

I. Your New Station: You Have Been Raised with Christ (3:1; 2:12; Ps 110:1; Eph 2:6)

II. Your New Heavenly Orientation (3:1b-2)

A. Seek the Things Above (3:1; Matt 6:33; Ps 42:1-2)

B. Set Your Mind on the Things Above (3:2; Phil 3:20; John 17:14-15)

III. Your Mortification: You Have Died with Christ (3:3a; 2:20; 2:11-12)

IV. Your Hiddenness and Revelation with Christ (3:3b-4)

A. Your Life is Hidden with Christ in God (3:3b; Phil 1:21; Gal 2:20; Col 1:26; Ps 27:5)

B. You Will Appear with Christ In Glory (3:4; 1 John 3:2; Phil 3:20-21)

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What benefits of our union with Christ does Paul highlight in this passage?
2. What does it mean to seek the things above? What does it mean to set your mind on the things above?
3. How would a heavenly perspective change your life goals?
4. What can you do to increase your seeking of things above and decrease your focus on things below?
5. What does it mean that your life is hidden with Christ in God?