

## **New Life in Christ Colossians 3:1-4**

### **I. Risen with Christ – 3:1**

1. Our true position is “In Christ”  
Christ became our substitute  
He took our sins – paid the penalty  
He rose from the dead & ascended into Heaven  
God sees us in Christ – seated in heaven  
Ephesians 2:4-7
2. “If” that is true and it is – 3:1  
This is a first class condition, meaning “since”  
Or “in view of the fact” – Used for emphasis  
Calls attention to the implications  
We are now risen from the dead – 2:12-13  
God sees us “in Christ” – on other side of death

2. Then you also will appear with Him in glory  
We will appear (be seen for who we are)  
In Him we are glorified sons of God – 1John 3:1-2  
Romans 8:17-18 – we will be complete in Christ  
Our future prospect ought to motivate us now

### **ii. A New Perspective – 3:1-3**

1. Seek the things that are above – 1  
That is where Christ is (He is our Life)  
Seated at the right Hand of God  
He rules over God’s Kingdom  
If that is where He is & we are in Him  
If He rules over God’s Kingdom
2. Set your minds on things above – 2  
Don’t focus on things that are on earth  
This has to do with what we value  
And thus our purpose for living  
New Perspective – Christ & His kingdom  
World is passing away – 1 John 2:17  
World will be consumed with fire  
2 Peter 3:10-14; Book of Revelation  
Jesus spoke of our value system  
Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34  
Paul also spoke in 1 Corinthians 3:9-15
3. See your life as hid with Christ – 3  
“In Christ” you have died – Galatians 2:20  
And your life is hidden with Christ in God  
Our life purpose is to serve Christ  
Live to bring glory & honor to Christ  
1 Corinthians 10:31  
Our present life is “hidden”  
So it is not us who is seen but Christ in us  
Philippians 1:20-21

### **III. A Glorious Future – 3:4**

1. When Christ (who is your Life) appears  
“Appears” means seen for who He is  
No longer as humble servant  
No longer as despised and rejected  
No longer as suffering and crucified  
Appears in all of His glory – exalted King  
Revelation of Jesus Christ – Rev. 19:11-16