**Colossians Chapter 2 Part 3**

**Colossians 3:1** If ye then be risen with Christ (*eternally security*), seek those **things** **which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

“The new man” (vs. 10) who came up out of the grave with Christ (Eph. 2:1,5,6) is already “above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God”; therefore, his desire should be toward that place, not the place where his dead corpse has been buried (Col. 2:12, Rom. 6:1–6).
**Things above:** God, New Jerusalem, saved loved ones, sinlessness, eternal life, joy, and more.

**Colossians 3:2-3** Set your **affection** (your heart) on things above, not on things on the earth. **vs.3** For **ye are dead** (vs.4), and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Most modern versions change “affection” to “mind”, but God wants your heart. **Matt. 6:21** For where your treasure is, there will your **heart** be also. **Prov. 4:23** Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life. When our affections are set in heaven, we will have an easier time dying to self (Mark 8:35) and “mortifying our members” (vs.5).

**Colossians 3:4-7** When Christ, ***who is* our life**, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. **vs.5 Mortify therefore** your **members** (Rom. 7:23, James 4:1) which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **vs.6** For which things' sake **the wrath of God** cometh on the children of disobedience: **vs.7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

All of the saved will appear with Jesus at his coming (2 Thess. 1:10). We ought to, therefore, mortify our members. Notice that our members are listed as self-gratifying, immoral sins. Notice also that covetousness **is** idolatry. All unsaved people live in this state which brings the wrath of God. But believers are still capable of these sins.

**Colossians 3:8-9** But now ye **also** **put off all these**; anger, wrath, malice (*heart issues*), blasphemy, filthy communication out of **your mouth**. **vs.9** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

We are told to put these things off; pay no attention to them, give them no mind. The old man is dead and our life is hid with Christ in God (vs.3). We have already put on the new man (vs.10). *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body* (Rom. 6:11-12). But rather let the peace of God rule in your heart with thanksgiving (vs.15) and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly (vs.16).

**Colossians 3:10-11 And have put on the new *man***, which is **renewed in knowledge** after the image of him that created him: **vs.11** Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

There are at least two valid interpretations. **First**, all men can be saved regardless of their position in this world. **Second**, there is no “multi-culturalism” in Christ. We come together in the unity of the body of Christ. The new man is “renewed in knowledge” and has “put off” the science, philosophy, and culture of this world.

**Colossians 3:12-13 Put on therefore**, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; **vs.13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

Put on **“therefore”.** Since we have put on Christ, it is possible to have these qualities. We will likely spend the rest of our lives perfecting these characteristics. PS. None of these traits require a Christian to compromise.

**Colossians 3:14** And above all these things *put on* **charity**, which is the **bond of perfectness**.

**Definition:** Charity is defined in 1 Corinthians 13.

**Charity is Commanded:** We are to put it on (vs.14), follow after it (1 Cor. 14:1), and do all things with it (1 Cor. 16:14).

**The Importance of Charity:** Charity is the opposite of being puffed up (1 Cor. 8:1,11). Charity is a more excellent way (1 Cor. 12:31). Charity is the bond of perfectness (vs.14), Charity is the end of the commandment (1 Tim. 1:5). Charity is greater than faith and hope (1 Cor. 13:13). Charity is something that is unique among Christians (2 Pet. 1:7,4:8,5:14, 1 Tim. 4:12, 2Thess. 1:3). Every single person in the scriptures admonished to have charity was a believing disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Effect of Charity:** Charity covers a multitude of sins (1 Pet. 4:8)