

**"Colossians & Philemon"**

~ Colossians 3:1-4 ~

**"Set Your Mind Above!"**



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"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

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**Romans 12:1-2**

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

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**Ghost Crabs**

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Wikipedia -

**"Ghost crabs are  
..semiterrestrial crabs.."**

*Living partly on land and partly in water*



## Ghost crabs

...dig burrows up to 4' deep in the sand, where they seek shelter from the sun and "hibernate" during the winter.



## Ghost crabs

Although they live on land, they breathe oxygen through gills that must be kept wet.



**Creatures  
of 2  
realms!**

**Us too!**

*We live simultaneously in 2 realms!*



## Philippians 3:20

*"But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ..."*

## Ephesians 2:6

*"... and He raised us up together with Jesus and seated us together with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus."*

## John 17:16

*"They are not of the world, even as I am not of it..."*

## Ghost crabs

...have extremely keen, "extended" eyes...



## Colossians 3:1-2

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"Since you ~~have been~~ raised to new life with Christ, **keep seeking the things above...** set your vision on the realities of heaven, where Christ is seated in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things from above... of heaven, not the things of earth..."





"keep seeking things above..."

## Seek

keep seeking the things above...

- to go in search of
- to strive to find, acquire or gain
- to try to discover

Greek: "zeteo" -

This word means to earnestly seek. It doesn't depict a casual seeker, but rather one who makes an earnest inquiry for something so intense that it causes one to put his whole effort forward in search of it.

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## Keep Seeking

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- to strive to find, acquire or gain
- to try to discover

Stay actively engaged!

the things above...

"keep seeking things above..."

Hebrews 2:1 – "Don't drift!"

Stay actively engaged!



"keep seeking things above..."

Colossians 3:3

"... For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God...."

Why?



"keep seeking things above..."

Philippians 1:27

"Above all, since you are citizens of heaven, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Character!

"keep seeking things above..."

Philippians 2:5-8

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Mindset!

*"keep seeking things above..."*

## Romans 12:2

*"Do not conform to the pattern of this world,  
but be transformed  
by the renewing of your mind."*

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## Luke 14:26-27

*"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother,  
his wife and children, his brothers and sisters -  
yes, even his own life —  
he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does  
not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my  
disciple..."*

*"keep seeking things above..."*

**Mindset!**

## Galatians 2:20

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,  
but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by  
faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave  
Himself for me..."*

*"keep seeking things above..."*

**Mindset!**

## Matthew 6:9-13

*"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth,  
as it is in heaven..."*

*"keep seeking things above..."*

**Mindset!**

## Psalms 90:10-12

*"Our days may come to 70 years, or 80, if our strength  
endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and  
sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away...  
So, teach us to number our days, that we may gain a  
heart of wisdom..."*

*"keep seeking things above..."*

**Mindset!**

## 1 Peter 1:14-15

*"As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires  
you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who  
called you is holy, so be holy in all you do..."*

**Mindset!** *"keep seeking things above..."*

**Luke 17:32-33**

*"Remember Lot's wife! Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it."*



Genesis 19:26

Now, Christian, remember: You are going to heaven. Very soon, even any moment, you will be hastened away from all you've known here to take an eternal holiday.

You will wake up to find your lungs filled with the air of "a better country" (Hebrews 11:16).

Your sorrows and sighs will be out of sight (Isaiah 51:11). You will see Jesus face-to-face (Philippians 1:23). And with him you will be home (2 Corinthians 5:8).

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Nor is your life in Christ on full display now, but only then:

*"When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."*

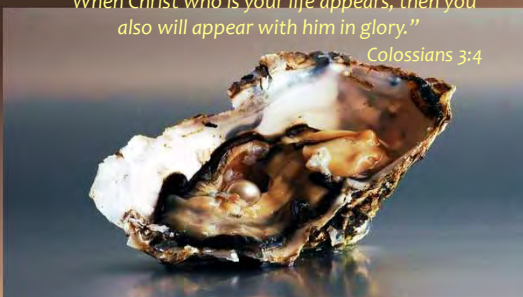

Colossians 3:4

Your life is wonderfully, inextricably, eternally bound up with Jesus himself, who reigns there and will appear then. And heavenly mindedness aligns us with that fact, teaching us to define our identity not by the person we see in the mirror but by the Savior we see in Scripture.

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**Hebrews 11:13-16**

*"All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them."*

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