

# Living A Resurrected Life

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## A Resurrected Life Looks Up!

*Colossians 3:1-17*

### FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read Colossians 3:12-15 each morning this week, and dwell on “what’s above” by prayerfully and intentionally bringing these virtues to life in your daily activities and interactions with others. This is the kind of life you have been called to. It’s actually the kind of life God created you to live from the start!

Selfishness, pride, or fear can cause us to regress to the the vices of 3:5-8, but that old self died under the waters of immersion. You stripped off those destructive behaviors, and you were raised to new life! You were recreated in the image of Christ! (*2 Corinthians 3:18*).

Use these truths in your prayer time each day after you’ve read through 3:12-15. Try repeating before God, “Thank You for raising me to a new life! Thank You for recreating me in the image of Christ! Father, you’ve made it possible for me to live out these virtues, show me where You want me to put them into practice today.” Remember to live each day with an “above” mindset. You are a citizen of heaven, a servant of Christ, a child of God!

### *Weekly Memory Verse:*

“Set your minds on the things that are above,  
not on the things that are on earth.”

**Colossians 3:2**

### *Weekly Affirmation:*

I’LL DWELL ON WHAT’S TRUE...  
HONORABLE... RIGHT... PURE!

### FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:





Read Colossians 3:22-25. There’s a truth in this passage that extends beyond the obvious application to ancient servants or modern day employees. It’s the truth that joy and service with a positive attitude are still possible in oppressive circumstances. It’s not dissimilar to the principle behind Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount to provide loving service to an offender, or to have compassion for your enemy (*Matthew 5:38-48*). And it runs right alongside Paul’s teaching in 2 Corinthians 9:7 to be generous in our giving (*not “reluctant or under compulsion”*). We may not find ourselves under the hand of human oppressors or captive to persecutors, but we will often find ourselves in situations that are less than ideal for us when we must sacrifice personal happiness to serve our brothers/sisters, neighbors, or strangers. When we view these opportunities through the lens of giving our best service to Christ, we are freed to serve generously, joyously – “heartily.” One might say it’s just a matter of our perspective...

### FOR CHILDREN:



Use the QR code, or visit the Sermon Follow-Up link on the website to find the magic eye 3D picture. There is a word hidden in the picture, see if you can get it to appear to your eyes. Then read Colossians 3:1-2. When Paul tells Christians to “seek” or “set their hearts” on what’s above, he means for them to strive for it, to desire it. It means that living God’s way requires a little effort. It won’t happen by accident, we have to desire that kind of life and go after it. But God will always reward that desire with His help, and with His power. Keep looking this week for things that are good, right, true, and pleasing to God!

### *April 2025 Growth Goals*

-  Read the Book of Colossians (*plus 50 Psalms*).
-  Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
-  Watch the Bible Project video on the Book of Colossians (available on the website).
-  Rest in 10 minutes of silence each week to remember both Jesus’ death & resurrection, and your own spiritual resurrection.



