

## SET YOUR AFFECTIONS

*Colossians 3: <sup>1</sup>If* (it expresses a condition which is separate from experience, indicating a subjective possibility) *ye then be risen with* (specific point past, two words, 1-with 2-raise up) (to raise together with, a condition or a finished work effected by union with Christ in His resurrection, taking place in and proceeding from it) *Christ* (anointed), *seek* (command for continuous action, to seek in order to find by meditating, to strive after with desire) *those things which are above* (a higher place, that which is above), *where* (the secret place, the throne room) *Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*

When our spirit became alive to God, we were seated with Christ in heavenly places, but there is something we have to do in order to experience the reality of it.

*<sup>2</sup>Set your affection* (command for continuous action, mind set, to think, to be minded," this activity involves not only the mind but the affections, the will and the conscience, to be in a certain frame of mind, to imagine, to incline to, be set upon) *on things above* (the place above that Jesus prepared), *not on things on the earth* (activities-things done on the earth). *<sup>3</sup>For) ye are dead* (specific point past, lit., "to die off or out,"), *and your life* (zoe-the life of God) *is hid* (past perfect tense-the finished results of the action ,to lay up in store, concealed, secret) *with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is our life, shall appear* ( this is not in the future tense but aorist tense referring to momentary action, subject to a condition)( the passive voice which means to actively receive what God is providing-to draw), to make apparent-to manifest,( the word comes from a word that means to shine, to cause to appear, to make apparent). To bring to light, to set in a clear light, to reveal, to make an appearance, to be personally manifest, appear in true character, to show in the sense of present oneself, *then* (at that time) *shall ye also appear* (future-passive, to shine-manifest) *with* (together with, implying

a near and close connection) *him in* (intimate union with) *glory* (splendor, light, perfection).

To experience the heavenly places in Christ, we have to set our affections upon it. This has to do with our soul. Our soul-flesh veils this realm to us. There are areas in our soul-life that are blocking us from experiencing the glory of God.

The Holy Spirit is revealing to us the spiritual principles which we need to practice in order for our mind to be renewed, so that the veil that Jesus removed, may be removed in our experience through the renewing of our mind.

<sup>5</sup>*Mortify* (command to start now, to make dead, to put to death, slay, to deprive of power, destroy the strength of, to deaden, subdue) *therefore* (consequently, these things being so) *your members* (parts of the body) *which are upon the earth*.

These five verses are very important. The context is being seated with Christ in The kingdom of God realm.

And when Christ who is our life shall appear – that word appear is a word that comes from a word which means to shine. Then shall you also begin to shine with him in that glory.

This is not talking about dying physically and going to heaven. It is talking about a mindset that opens the door to a face to face encounter with Jesus that transforms us. It is a seeing and entering into the Kingdom realm of God.

The set of the affections. These are very interesting Greek words. The word set connected with the word affection means to exercise the mind with feeling, with emotion. It is a fixed focus. Set your mind or

imagination, because we can't think without imagining, set your imagination with a single focus with the feeling of emotion which is love upon the Lord and the things of the kingdom of God. As we learn how to practice this we will connect.

The first love gate is the communion gate; this gate must be open so that the river of life is flowing out of heaven into our spirit. With the life of God flowing into our spirit, the mind gate – or imagination gate opens through a flow of revelation. Our emotion gate opens through a flow of revelation and then the kingdom realm becomes real to us more than the natural realm.

We have to learn how to worship God with all our heart, so that we are in the spirit. Where we are aware of our spirit communing with God and then we will have the strength in our spirit to set our soul, to set our affections on the things above.

Emotion is very important because the strength of the emotions determines the speed of our connection and the force of the connection. It is not a cold connection. Is a connection with a feeling of love. It is the opening of our first love gate which gives us access to the heavenly realms in Christ.

The coupling of feeling or emotion with the set of our will is very powerful.

If you then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above. It is a seeking, it is an attitude, we want to get into that realm, and there is a hunger. Seek means a hunger.

Seek those things which are above where Christ is. When it says above we are not talking geographically, we are talking about in the

realm of the spirit. So often we have this concept that heaven is so far away. There is a literal place of heaven beyond this universe, but heaven also reaches into our spirit.

We are to set our affections on the kingdom realm. The set of our affections, exercising are mind, our imagination with feeling and strength. The word set is to rein in the mind with focus, within the affection of love or worship. Now if we do that it says then verse 4 Christ will appear. When Christ who is our life shall appear then you also shall be with him in reality, in glory. This is not the second coming.

The meaning for you and I right now today is that we can be and walk with him in glory. This is what it is talking about. If we will do this, when Christ who is our life will appear and we will also be with him in glory. We will appear with him in glory. Do we want to walk in glory with Jesus?

We have to be willing to do whatever it takes to break through into this. Once we have a breakthrough, then we will be able to revisit our experiences, we will be able to maintain it and learn how to abide in it, an open heaven.

Abiding in a spiritual awareness of Jesus and the kingdom realm and the angelic realm and the cloud of witnesses. We learn to begin to develop our spiritual senses so that we can look into and enter that realm and then abide in it. We can abide in that realm, live in that realm, and walk with God in that realm.

Because of our position in Jesus in the spirit or kingdom realm we can do these things.

When we connect with Christ through that focus with love and

feeling, the worship of our spirit, he will appear in reality. And we will walk with him in glory. Our spirit will ascend into that realm, and our new creation man will be there with him in that.