



"Heaven On Earth?"
Colossians 3:1-4
#7 in a series on Colossians
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Theme: **Christ's Work For You Should Change Your Perspective.**

The Work Christ Has Accomplished For You.

1. You have died with Christ. (3)
2. You have been raised with Christ. (1)
3. You are alive with Christ. (4)
4. You have been made secure in Christ. (3)
5. You will be glorified with Christ. (4)

The New Perspective You Can And Should Have.

1. Heavenly things should have top priority in your thinking. (2)
2. Heavenly things should have top priority in your living. (1)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Colossians 3:1-4 several times. Ask God to guide you as you now examine the things on which your mind is focused and what you really are seeking. Review what has occupied your mind in the last week, and the perspective you have had on it. As you go over your activities of last week, where were you seeking things above? Where were you seeking things on earth?

Tuesday. Read 3:1-4. Walk through each of the five things noted here that Christ has accomplished for you (check the outline). In addition to trying to understand them better and accept them, pray through each one, thanking and praising God for what Christ has done for you.

Wednesday. Christ's work for you should change your perspective. That includes giving top priority to things above, heavenly things. Focus on verse two today. Checking your notes and thinking about them, what are "the things above"? How do they differ from things on earth? Start or continue growing in "taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" by focusing on heaven's values, goals and priorities (cf. 2 Corinthians 10:5).

Thursday. A changed perspective includes giving heavenly things the top priority in what you say and do (verse 1). Read 3:12 - 4:6 for some practical applications of this. How have you been doing this week in seeking first God's kingdom, the things above, at work, home, in the community?

Friday/Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at 3:5-17. Read through these verses as you prepare yourself for our time together.