

Colossians 3

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3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. (If you are in Christ, then look to heaven for guidance; don't look to the world)

(The "trinity" misleads people into thinking that there are three individual "persons" in God, working together. There is only one God. HE has many offices – the Father <the Creator>, Jesus <the Savior>, the Holy Spirit <the Comforter>, Melchizedek <the man who walked with Abraham>, the Angel of the Lord <God in angelic form>, etc. God can be whoever and whenever He wishes to be)

NOTES: (We are monotheists, not polytheists. Jesus said – If you've seen me, you've seen the Father. HE was God, in a flesh body)

(When God said – let us make man in our image, He also included us. We were there with Him in the First Age. We also have more than one body. We were spiritual beings in the First Age; we are flesh and bones in the Second Age; we will return to our spiritual bodies in the Third Age)

²Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. (affection - your mind, your attention; think on a higher level)

³For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. (Eternal life is with God. This flesh life is only a test. People, who sacrifice their eternal life in order to live rich with ill gotten gains in this life, are foolish)

⁴When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. (When Messiah returns, HE will bring His army of saints)

⁵Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: (Mortify = let die; inordinate affection = lust; concupiscence = desire; covetousness = greed, jealousy; idolatry = worship of false gods)

⁶ For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: (Like what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah)

NOTE: (Today, the Christian nations have become like Sodom and Gomorrah. The liberal left have replaced morality with political correctness. They indoctrinate our children, in schools, with their twisted view of moral decay and sexual perversion; all in the name of "inclusivity")

⁷ In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. (There, but for the grace of God, go I)

(Pray for those who are still involved in those things; so that they may wake up and do right by God. God can forgive our sins, if we repent and change our ways)

⁸ But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. (Stay away from these negative behaviors. You were once just like the heathen)

⁹ Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; (Tell the truth in all things; God hates liars)

¹⁰ And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (We are spiritually resurrected when we become Christians; just like Jesus resurrected after the crucifixion. You have a new start - make it a good one)

¹¹ Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. (When they receive Christ, they become Christians. That applies to anyone who chooses to become a Christian. Jesus opened salvation to all people)

(The Jews had a lot of trouble with that. They still believe that they are "God's chosen people". Unfortunately for them, they missed the coming of Jesus – the Messiah)

¹² Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; (longsuffering = patience) (These are the behaviors of a Christian)

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.

(Treat others as you would have them treat you – if possible. Some people refuse to even try to get along. Don't argue; just walk away from those people. Don't let them ruin your day)

NOTE: (But, always protect yourself and your family from evil people. The apostles carried swords. Don't listen to ignorant preachers who tell you that you have to take whatever the evil people dish out. That is not being a good Christian. Practicing tough love on those people might just give them an attitude adjustment)

¹⁴ And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. (charity= love) (perfectness= maturity in God's Word)

¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (God gives us peace of mind. Rely on it and thank Him for His grace)

NOTE: (Sometimes, love needs to be tough love)

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (Don't just learn God's Word; try to live it. Answer other peoples' questions if you can help them learn)

¹⁷ And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (Pray to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ)

¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. (This is Paul's opinion. Paul was not a prophet. He was a Bible teacher)

(Both parties need to submit themselves to the needs of their spouse; they become one flesh, one family) Mathew-19:6

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. (Take care of your family)

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

²¹ Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. (Support your children when they are good. Correct them when they are not, but do it in a positive way so that they will learn something)

²² Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God; (Do a day's work for a day's pay – that's the honest way to make a living. Today we see so many people cheating each other and suing each other in order to get easy money)

²³ And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; (Work honestly and do your best, and God will bless your work)

²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

²⁵ But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. (God doesn't have favorites. HE treats everyone equally. If you treat people badly, you will be treated badly)