

Think On Christ

Colossians 3:1-4

Intro: This morning we begin the third major section of the book, entitled **Duty, 3:1–4:6**. In this section the practice of the believer in Christ is described. This part of the book is all about **holy living**. Paul is going to discuss: The Reason for Holy Living, 3:1-4; The Requirements for Holy Living, 3:5-17; and The Various Relationships of Holy Living 3:18–4:6.

I. The Exhortation To Holy Living 3:1-2

A. The believer's position in Christ (v. 1a)

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B. The believer's exhortation to holy living (vv. 1b-2)

1. "Keep seeking the things above" (v. 1b).

*"Set your mind on
Christ!"*

2. "Continually set your mind on the things above" (v. 2)

Keys to developing the spiritual mind-set

- (1) an attitude of prayer
- (2) a deliberate act of our will
- (3) spending time in God's Word: Calvary 88.7 F.M.; www.HorizonAlive.com;
Dallas Seminary's web cite www.Bible.org
- (4) memorize key Scriptures (Col. 3:1-4; Eph. 1 and 2; 1 Cor. 12:1-4; Rom. 8:6-7)
- (5) focusing on Christ and the things above is the **ONLY** means of overcoming the sins associated with the world, the flesh, and the devil!

II. The Reasons For Holy Living 3:3-4

A. The believer's past: "*dead in Christ*" (v. 3)

B. The believer's future: "*glorified in Christ*" (v. 4)

Memory verse: Col. 2:9 "*For in Him all the fulness of deity dwells in bodily form.*"