

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Colossians 3:1-4
On Things Above

Getting Started

Why do you think many Christians consider the pursuit of holiness about as exciting as eating liver?

Digging In

1. **Read Col 3:1-4.** List all the things we're told in these verses about our new identity in Christ.
2. What do you think Paul means in v. 3 when he says that we died?
3. **Read Romans 6:1-14.** In what sense are we dead and alive?
4. **Read Col 3:1.** How have we been raised with Christ?
5. What is the exhortation (command) in v. 1? What is the basis – the rationale – for this exhortation?
6. Practically speaking, what does it mean to set our hearts on things above?
7. **Read Col 3:2-4.** What is the exhortation in v. 2? What does this mean in down-to-earth terms?
8. What is the basis for this exhortation? What reasons does Paul give in vv. 2-4?
9. Take a few minutes to meditate on verses 3-4, and then write a paraphrase of these verses. (Cf. Galatians 2:20)
10. **Read Col 3:4.** What is the glorious future God has planned for us? (cf. 1 John 3:2)
11. How can this assurance help us pursue godliness? (1 John 3:2-3)



Getting Personal

- What's on your heart? What do you find yourself longing for?
- What's on your mind? What do you find yourself thinking about?
- In practical terms, how can we obey the exhortations in vv. 1-2?
- What steps will you take to set your heart and mind on things above?