

Colossians 3:1-2 1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

**In light of spiritual death & resurrection with Christ,
drive your thoughts & affections to heaven.**

1. IF!!! [If the Spirit has done RPT2.8 - then obedience follows!!!... there is ACTION to be done!!!] - Colossians 1:28-29

- RPT2.8. The special work of the Holy Spirit is to apply to the elect the redeeming benefits of Christ's atonement. The outward and ordinary means through which He communicates the knowledge of redemption is the written Word, in which is infallibly recorded the will of God for man's salvation. He prepares for the reception of the Word and accompanies it with His persuasive power. **He regenerates the elect by His grace, convicts them of sin, moves them to repentance and persuades and enables them to embrace Christ through faith.** In regeneration He works secretly, supernaturally and effectually. This work is in itself so distinct and necessary, that without it, no evidence of the truth of the Gospel, no power of argument, no persuasion of love or of terror, no human eloquence, no combination of the most favorable circumstances, can be effectual in producing salvation.
- The Gospel, when worked out, radically alters your heart attitude & actions.

2. Don't weigh your heart down with earthly shortsightedness.

3. Make Christ, his person & work, the focus of your action & affection.

- We tend to love idols... not Jesus.
- We tend to think our good works will get us close to God... not Jesus.
- What makes heaven heaven? If you could have all you could possibly want in heaven without God... would you still want to go???
- Matt. 6:33 - Seek FIRST...Kingdom & Righteousness

3. Know Christ's Kingship is not a joke. (Christ is... seated at the right hand of God...)

- Personal
- Mediatorial
- Redemptive

4. Know Christ's Kingship is not delayed! [Christ IS seated!!]

5. Glory in the all the doctrinal reality that positions itself in our focus. (Above... Christ is... seated at the right hand...)

- Christ's Exaltation could only come after His humiliation!
- Q. 27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?
- A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.
Luke 2:7; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 12:2-3; Isa. 53:2-3; Luke 22:44; Matt. 27:46; Phil. 2: 8; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Acts 2:24-27, 31.
- Q. 28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?
- A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.
- 1 Cor. 15:4; Mark 16:19; Eph. 1:20; Acts 1:11; Acts 17:31.

6. Look for Gospel-change as a proper Gospel-focus comes.

- Too heavenly minded to be any earthly good. I don't think we need to fear that.... it is in only properly understanding and applying the truth of Christ, his heavenly position, and our heavenly home, that we truly understand our place on this earth and what should be done.
- Hebrews 11:8-12 - Focus was the heavenly kingdom!!