

## “WHAT IS TRUE SPIRITUALITY?”

(Colossians 3:1-4)

### I. THE PURSUIT AND THE PRACTICE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (3:1-4)

#### A. GENERALLY. (3:1-4)

1. The **basis** of true spirituality is your \_\_\_\_\_ in, and \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus Christ... “*If then you were raised with Christ...*” (3:1a)
  - a. The conjunction “*if*” (first class condition) states an \_\_\_\_\_ not a future possibility.
  - b. The pronoun “*you*” is \_\_\_\_\_, meaning that this truth regarding one's position in Christ is true of \_\_\_\_\_ believers.
  - c. The verb “*you were raised*” refers back to a spiritual resurrection with Christ that is a \_\_\_\_\_ event (aorist tense) which \_\_\_\_\_ performed for you (passive voice) and is a \_\_\_\_\_ (indicative mood) which you need to know and believe.
2. The **commands** for true spirituality (3:1b-2)
  - a. Command #1: “\_\_\_\_\_ *those things which are above...*”
    - 1) This means to \_\_\_\_\_ this and to actually \_\_\_\_\_ it.
    - 2) It is in the \_\_\_\_\_ voice in the Greek, this is \_\_\_\_\_ personal responsibility.

\* Who is to be the focus of true spirituality in your Christian life?

b. Command #2: “Set \_\_\_\_\_ on things above...”

1) It is conspicuous by what Paul did **NOT** say— “Go with your \_\_\_\_\_ and get really busy with \_\_\_\_\_ things for God.”

2) Because you cannot live the Christian life apart from \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, the Holy Spirit underscored this with an imperative.

3. The *reasons/motivations* for true spirituality. (3:3-4)

a. Reason #1: Regarding your **past**... “For you have died” (3:3a)

1) Again there is an emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

2) The cross is the source of liberation from the power of the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Reason #2: Regarding your **present**... “and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (3:3b)

1) The world cannot see what is already a divine fact; “Hidden with Christ” speaks of \_\_\_\_\_.

2) This phrase means that Christ is our \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ here, not this world system, i.e., you are seated in the heavenlies.

c. Reason #3: Regarding your **future**... “you will also appear with Him in glory” (3:4)

\* What can you personally apply from this passage today?