

Are You in your Right Mind? (Colossians 3: 1-4)

- Paul's words communicate to us the importance of being heavenly minded
- Christians are to live in this world with their hearts & minds focused on heaven
- A heavenly mindset gives us a right perspective of the transient nature of this world

I. A Heart and Mind Fixed on Christ

- "If then" simply indicates the reality of what Christ has done for His children
- The verb actually means to be co-resurrected. It is an accomplished fact
- Salvation is to be found in 'seeking Christ' in whom we are raised and seated.
- Our progress in the Christian faith is inextricably linked to our union with Christ
- Being united to Christ means we have died to sin and we are now raised with Christ
- The possession of eternal life is not just endless life but a heavenly quality of life
- It's heaven begun on earth in our hearts & culminating in our appearing before God
- Note the centrality of Christ: with Christ (1, 3) where Christ (1) when Christ (4)
- Christ is to be our continual preoccupation, "fix your mind on Christ" (2)

II. A Heart and Mind Free in Christ

- Heavenly mindedness is ours & is to be the norm for those in Christ Jesus (Phil 2:5)
- Paul states in coming to Christ, a death took place, in Christ we are dead to sin (3)
- Our new life is hidden in Christ, (1 John 3:2), but also for us in security (1 Pet 1:5)
- Because our life is hidden in Christ sin may trouble us but it will never rob us
- Our trials remind us that our hope is in God & not in this fleeting world (Rom 5:5)

III. A Heart and Mind Expectant of Christ (3:4)

- Though the world does not recognize us this will not always be the case (Rom 8:19)
- When Christ returns, we will be transformed, and we will be revealed at His return
- The verdict of eternity will reverse the verdict of time (2 Tim 2:19)
- The world which hates God's children now will be dazzled by us in Christ's glory
- Paul adds a glorious thought, Christ is our life, he not only gives life but is our life
- The key to living this risen life is to have a life centered & saturated with Christ
- The extent to which we will be fruitful and content in this world is how much we make of Jesus. Where do we invest our time? What constrains us: Christ or sin? (John 17: 24; Psalm 73 25)