

“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?