

## EMBRACE THE ESSENCE OF TRUE SPIRITUALITY

(Colossians 3:1-4)

### V. THE PROBLEM OF AND PROTECTION FROM FALSE TEACHING (2:4-2:23)

### VI. THE PURSUIT AND PRACTICE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (3:1-4:6)

#### 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...*" (v. 1a)
  - a. The conjunction "*if*" (first class) states an \_\_\_\_\_, not a future possibility.
  - b. The conjunction "*then*" (meaning "therefore") causes you to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the truths set forth in Colossians 2:9-13.
  - c. The pronoun "*you*" is plural, meaning that this truth regarding one's position in Christ is true of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. The verb "*you were raised*" refers back to a spiritual resurrection with Christ that was a \_\_\_\_\_ (*aorist t.*), which \_\_\_\_\_ performed for you (*passive v.*), and it is a \_\_\_\_\_ (*indicative m.*) which you need to know.
2. The commands for true spirituality (vv. 1b-2)
  - a. **Command #1:** " \_\_\_\_\_ *those* \_\_\_\_\_ *which are above...* "

\* What "*things*" does this involve?

\* What does true spirituality pursue?

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

\* What does this involve?

\* Does God desire this for every Christian?

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

a. **Reason #1:** Regarding your \_\_\_\_\_ - “for you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_...”

b. **Reason #2:** Regarding your \_\_\_\_\_ - “and your life is  
\_\_\_\_\_ with Christ in God.”

c. **Reason #3:** Regarding your \_\_\_\_\_ - “when Christ who is our life  
appears, \_\_\_\_\_ you also will \_\_\_\_\_ with Him in glory.”

\* According to v. 4, what should Christ be to the believer?

\* Is this promise guaranteed?

\* When should you begin to personally apply this truth in your life?