

OUR INWARD LIFE: ITS NEGATIVE ASPECTS

(Colossians 3:5-7)

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 POSITION in and IDENTITY with Jesus Christ... *“If then you were raised with Christ...”* (v. 1a)
2. The commands for true spirituality (vv. 1b-2)
 - a. **Command #1:** *“SEEK those THINGS which are above...”*
 - b. **Command #2:** *“SET your MIND on things above...”*
3. The reasons/motivations for true spirituality (vv. 3-4)
 - a. **Reason #1:** Regarding your PAST *“for you HAVE DIED...”*
 - b. **Reason #2:** Regarding your PRESENT *“and your life is HIDDEN with Christ in God.”*
 - c. **Reason #3:** Regarding your FUTURE *“when Christ who is our life appears, THEN you also will APPEAR with Him in glory.”*

B. SPECIFICALLY

1. Negatively – Applications Regarding Your Personal Sins (vv. 5-11)
 - a. **Command #1:** “_____ to _____ your members...” (v. 5)
 - 1) The basis for this command is your _____ in _____ as referred to by the word *“therefore”*

* Principle to Remember:

2) The objects of this command are five sins of perverted love, which are...

a) "*fornication*"

b) "*uncleanness*"

c) "*passion*"

d) "*evil desire*"

e) "*covetousness*"

* What is this last sin called? Why?

* Principle to Remember:

3) Two reminders in this command are...

a) Be _____ you have been _____ from the _____
to come. (v. 6)

b) Be _____ – you have _____ in these sins before your
_____. (v. 7)

* Principle to Remember:

* How can you personally apply this truth today?