

## **Colossians 3:1-4**

### **Living the Resurrected Life**

#### **Introduction:**

The Christian life is marked by obedience. Jesus said, "If you love me you will keep my commandments" John 14:15. Mark Johnston who writes a commentary on Colossians is the senior pastor of Proclamation Presbyterian Church, also the trustee of Banner of Truth Trust, comments regarding being raised with Christ: "It is Paul's way of saying that God never tells his people to do anything for him without first reminding them of what he has done." One way of putting it is, Not only does God save us by grace but also by grace we are enabled to live for Him.

- I. **Raised with Christ – v.1**
  - A. **Union at the cross – 2:20; 3:1**
    - 1. **The meaning of "if" best translated, "since"; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6:3-4**
    - 2. **"Keep seeking Christ" Matt. 13:45,46; 6:31-33**
  - B. **Not mysticism – Phil. 4:19 William Hedriksen- Phil. 3:10**
  
- II. **Right Thinking – v.2**
  - A. **How are we to seek above?**
    - 1. **By setting your mind on things above**
    - 2. **By passing through like pilgrims – Abraham – Turn To: Hebrews 11:8-10; 13-16**
    - 3. **By thinking heavenly – Lightfoot and MacArthur – Rom. 12:2**
  - B. **Teaching the Bible – Heb. 5:11-6:1**
  
- III. **Revealed in Glory – v.3-4**
  - A. **Jesus' Coronation "Hidden with Christ"**
    - 1. **This intimate relationship is also described by both Paul and Peter in other epistles – I Cor. 6:17; II Pet. 1:4; John 3:3**
    - 2. **This intimate relationship identifies our eternal security – I Pet. 1:4**
  - B. **Revelation**
    - 1. **The second coming of Christ anticipated – v. 4**
    - 2. **The second coming of Christ manifested – Turn To: I John 2:28-3:1-3**

**Finally: Paul describes Christ as our life – v.4 Gal. 2:20**

