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IDENTIFYING "WITH CHRIST"

(Colossians 3:1 - 11)

INTRODUCTION - Beginning in chapter 3, apostle Paul draws out the application of the theological truths of chapters 1 and 2.
In teaching and preaching, we recognize the need for balance of doctrine and behavior.

1. (v1 - 4) THREE THINGS ABOUT BEING "WITH CHRIST"

1) **"You were raised with Christ"** - a look back!

(NEB) "were you not raised to life with Christ"

This references our baptism: (Colossians 2:12-13; Romans 6:4)

2) **"You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God"** - a look at the present!

(Romans 6:6-8) "... for he who has died has been freed from sin"

"Seek those things which are above" - pursue with the purpose of finding things of higher importance, exalted principles, the spiritual rather than carnal.

"Set your mind on things above" - think about it, put thought into it, let it sink in.

"Your life is hidden with Christ" - words to hymn #508 A Wonderful Savior

3) **"When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory"** - a look to the future!

(John 14:3) "... I will come again and receive you to Myself ..."

(Philippians 3:20-21) "For our citizenship is in heaven ... we wait for the Savior ..."

2. (v5 - 9) (v5) "PUT TO DEATH" (v8) "PUT OFF"

(v6) **"Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience"**

(v5) **"Fornication"** - all kinds of immorality

"Uncleanness" - connected to loose living

"Passion" - state of mind that finds excitement in wrong doing.

"Evil desire" - an appetite for wrong that tries to find satisfaction in it.

"Covetousness, which is idolatry" - an inner jealousy displayed outwardly

(v8) **"Anger, wrath, and malice"** - sudden outbursts that are destructive

"Blasphemy" - when directed toward God, it means to defame Him, to hold contempt for Him, to rail against or speak evil of Him

"Filthy language" - obscenity, profanity, curse

(v9) **"Do not lie"** - to be untruthful directly or indirectly

(v9) **"Since you have put off the old man with his deeds"** - we have new purpose in Christ.

3. (v10 - 11) "AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW MAN ..."

(Romans 6:4) "... even so we also should walk in newness of life."

(2 Corinthians 5:17) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new."

Words to hymn # 669 Take My Life, and Let It Be ...