

Life In Christ

3:1 – If you (1cc you have been) have been raised (API) with Christ (Positional Sanctification), seek (P.A.Impv) the things above (sp things), where Christ is sitting (PMI)

- 2:10 in Him; 11 in whom; 12 co-buried/co-raised; 13 made alive together
- Positional Sanctification – eternal union with Christ – placed (baptized) into Christ at salvation so that we share all that He is and all that He has – 1Cor 12:13
- Seek (P.A.Imp *zeteo*) pursue, search for, look for – life pursuits – things above
- In Christ we have already overcome death – 1Cor 15:54-57

3:2 – Set your mind (PAImp) on things above (cp) not on things of the earth

- Set (P.A.Imp *phroneo*) – focus your mind – concentrate, occupied with
- Comparison: above – grace blessings in Christ – worldly

3:3 – You died (identified with Christ/cross); life hidden (P.F.PI) with Christ

- Died – retroactive positional truth – identified with Christ in His death
- Hidden – (P.F.PI *krupto*) – Mt 11:25; 13:35; Lk 18:34 – truth hidden from the world

3:4 – Whenever Christ (who is our life) appears, we will appear with Him in glory

- Whenever – *hotan* – undetermined time – looking for that day
- Our place in Christ is hidden but one day that will not be the case.

Supremacy of Christ – 1:15-20; 2:9-10 – all the fullness of deity in bodily form

Position in Christ – 1:13; 2:10-14, 20 – Died, buried, raised, made alive

Our position in Christ is the foundation of our practical function – seek/focus

- **1CC – if & it is true – since, because – have you been raised with Christ?**
- **If you have been raised with Christ (and you have) then seek/focus on Christ**

Position in Christ – Foundation - Union with Christ - *Imputation* – (Rom 4:11, 22-24) *logizomai* – credit to one's account

- Rom 4:18-22 – Abraham believed God – imputed to him as +R
- 2Cor 5:21 – our sins imputed to Christ – His +R imputed to us
- Who/what we were in Adam was imputed to Christ – judged for us
- Who/what Christ is in God was imputed to us – blessed in Him
- Col 1:12 – having made us fit – *ikanoo* – capable, qualified, worthy

Ex: Forgiveness – 1Jn 2:12 – P.F.PI – *aphiemi* – sins imputed to Christ on the cross & we are permanently released from debt

Identification – 1Cor 12:13 – *baptizo* – dip, submerge – identify with

- At salvation, GHS submerges us, identifies us with Christ
- We now share all that Christ is and all that Christ has – forever
- Eternal Life – Jn 5:26, 3:36; Sonship – Rom 8:15, Gal 4:5; Priesthood – 1Pt 2:5,9
- In Christ we have a new identity – *new way that God views us & can view ourselves*
- 2Cor 5:17 – our old identity in Adam is gone – new identity in Christ
- Rom 8:7 – enmity with God – Rom 5:1 – peace with God
- Jn 3:18 – condemned – 1Jn 2:12 – forgiven
- Rom 5:5 – P.F.PI *ekcheo* – poured out - all of God’s love given at salvation

Our permanent position, provision and security given at salvation, enables us to be free of false motives associated with works for salvation/spirituality and allows us to work for God only because we love Him and want to support His goals.

Practical Life in Christ – Function – Pursuit & Preoccupation

Seek – *zeteo* – pursue, chase, hunt – desire/movement toward an object of +H

Set/mind – *phroneo* – focus, think, reason – think about how to gain your pursuits

- Both verbs are P.A.Impv – command to keep pursuing & focusing
- Positional grace assets determining our pursuits and thought life
- Positional assets influencing our sense of identity and priorities

Seek/Focus on things above and not on the things of the earth

- Because – *gar* (explanatory) you died & your life has been hidden in Christ. Based on who you are now in Christ and the grace capacities/opportunities that have been given you in Christ, choose to pursue and focus on the things of Christ

Seek – things above not the things of the earth

Mt 6:33 – seek 1st kingdom/God & His +R – details provided

Lk 12:29-31 – don’t seek details/life – unbel’s seek them – already assured of them

Jn 5:30 – Jesus – I don’t seek my own will – seek will of GF – our conflict

1Cor 10:2 – seek not your own benefit but the benefit of others

1Cor 10:33 – Paul – don’t seek my own profit but the profit of many

Lk 17:33 – if you seek to keep earthly life you will lose it

Jn 6:26-27 – seek Jesus only for the sake of earthly blessing – already promised

Jn 7:18 – men seeking own glory Rom 10:3 – seek to establish own +R

Focus – things of God not the things of man

Rom 8:5 – flesh is focused on things/flesh – Spirit on things/Spirit

Mt 16:23 – Peter (Satan) – focused on the things of men

Rom 12:3 – think too highly of self – think soberly (*sophroneo*) – realistic

2Cor 13:11 – like-minded – sharing the same mind-set

Phil 2:5 – let this mind-set be in you that was also in Christ

Phil 3:15 – mature mind-set – push ahead with spiritual growth

Phil 3:19 – their God is their appetites, glory is their shame, focused on earthly things