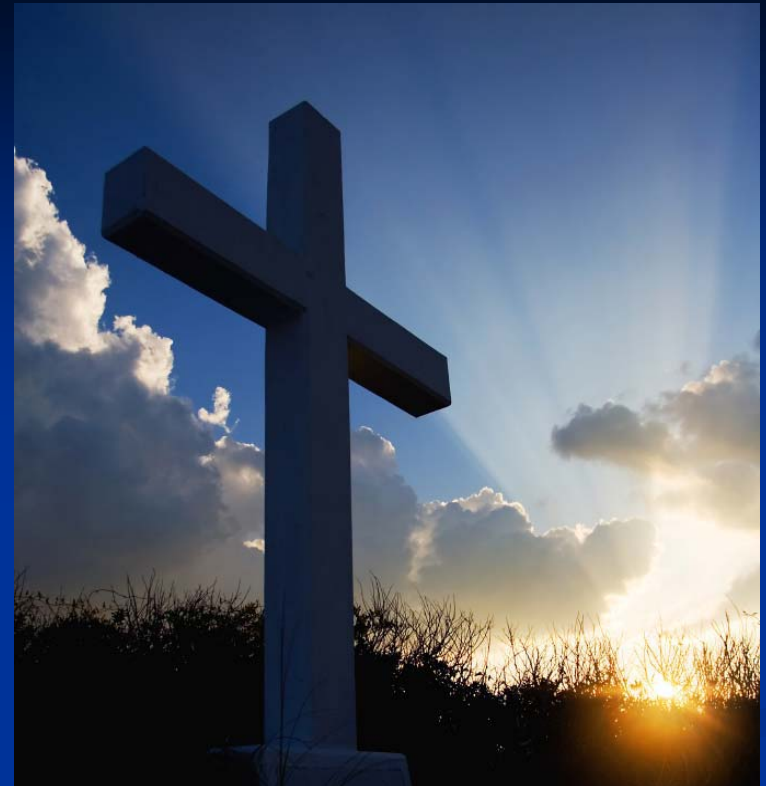


*Colossians:
Knowing Christ in
All His Fullness*



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The Upward Call: God-ward Living in a Wayward World Colossians 3:1-11

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¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-11

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

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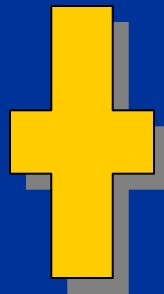
⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.
¹¹Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

I. *A Reminder:*
Your Spiritual Position in Christ (1)

“You have been raised with Christ”

II. *A Reality Check:* Your Present Existence in Christ (3)

*“Your life is now hidden
with Christ in God”*



Age to Come

Present Age

*Already
but not yet*

III. *An Exhortation:* Your Everyday Practices in Christ

- A Comprehensive Redirection (1-2)
 - *“Set your hearts...”*
 - *“Set your minds...”*

III. *An Exhortation:* Your Everyday Practices in Christ

- A Decisive Rejection (5-9)
 - Personal and private sins (5)
 - Outward expression
 - *“sexual immorality,” “impurity”*
 - Inward springs / source
 - *“lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry”*
 - Public and relational sins (8-9)
 - *“anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language*

IV. *An Affirmation: Your Progressive Transformation in Christ*

- **Continual Renewal (10)**
- **A New Community (11)**
- **A Glorious Culmination (4)**

Concluding Thoughts: God's Life-transforming Grace

- *Positional* sanctification
- *Crisis* sanctification
- *Progressive* sanctification



