

All In - Perspective

Colossians 3:1-4

How is the way of Jesus better than the ways of this world?

The way of Jesus offers his followers...

- I. A new beginning based on his resurrection power: Kingdom minded Col 3:1-2 (cf. Matthew 6, Rom. 6:1-14, 12:1-2, Philippians 3:7-11).
 - a. Our position: "since you have been raised (2p, pl, pass, aor, ind) with Christ"
 - b. Our condition: "seek (2p, pl, pres, act, impv) the things above" Christ's lordship and intercession (Psalm 110:1, Heb. 1:1-4, 1 John 2:1-3).
- II. Deliverance from the corrupting forces of sin and death: Kingdom guarded Col. 3:2-4
 - a. Our position: "you have died (2p. pl, act, aor, ind) your life is hidden (3p, sing, perf, pass, ind) with Christ in God (cf. John 10:27-30)."
 - b. Our condition: "set your mind (2p, pl, pr, act, ind) on things above", "you will appear with him in glory" sanctification until glorification (Fil. 1:6).

When God looks at those who are in Christ

He sees his Son's treasure in a clay jar

To know who you truly are you need to know who Christ truly is

When the world puts you down let Christ lift you up

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1. True life, Christ-like transformation, happens when God changes the way in which we see ourselves to the way he sees us. Our position in Christ, and therefore our ultimate identity, does not depend on our performance or accomplishments but on the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ. How do you see yourself? Have you asked the Lord to help you set your mind above fixing your eyes on Jesus? Turn into Christ all thoughts of hopelessness, shame, guilt or anything that distracts you from his presence in your life.
2. Even though salvation depends on the finished work of Jesus Christ, God wants us to grow in obedience daily. This growth in obedience is our condition in Christ. How is your spiritual walk today? Are you seeking his kingdom first and looking forward to his future glory? Are you growing deeper to reach higher?