

Raised with Christ

- *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Col. 3:1*
- When were we Raised with Christ?
- How do we seek those things which are above?
- Raised with Christ is from the previous chapter
- *buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. Col. 2:12*

A New Creation – Walk in Newness of Life

- *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Rom 6:3*
- Raised to walk in newness of life
- Seeking those things that are above.
- *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Cor 5:17*
- As a new creation, we must set aside old things and seek for the new things.

Seek the things that are Above

- *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. Col 3:1-3*
- As a new creation:
- All things are new
- Seek things above
- Set mind on things above
- Not just things on the earth any more.

Old & New A Strong Contrast

- *Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.*
- Old Things –
- Fornication a recreational activity
- Uncleanness and passion – pornography
- Covetousness – Wanting what others have.
- Like Eve in the Garden, Satan likes to reframe God's word so our flesh can indulge itself.

An Old Man & a New Man

- *But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, **since you have put off the old man with his deeds,** 10 and **have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him** who created him, Col. 2:8-10*
- The old man – sets mind on the things of the earth.
- ***Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world — the **lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life** — is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And **the world is passing away, and the lust of it;** but he who does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:15-17*

The things that are Above: New Things

*Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on** tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.*

Either not doing them at all

Doing them in the wrong way

Not doing them enough.

Old & New: Wisdom from Above

● *But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. Jas. 3:14-18*

● Things of this world – The Old Man – Old Things

● Things that are above – New Man – New Things

Seeking The Wisdom From Above

- But the wisdom that is from above is
- *first pure*, -- Undeclared, Holy Sanctified
- *then peaceable*, As much in you peace with all
- *gentle*,
- *Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Phil 4:5*
- *willing to yield*, turn other cheek go 2nd mile
- *full of mercy and good fruits*, Mt 5:7; Jn. 15:1-8
- *without partiality* God no respecter of persons
- *without hypocrisy*. Sincere, genuine,

Old Man – Wisdom from Beneath

- *This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. Eph 4:17-19*
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How do We Measure up?

- *Set mind above or set mind on the earth?*
- *Seek things above or things on the earth?*
- *Put off the old man and put on the new?*
- *Walking in newness of life?*
- *Old things passed away*
- *New things have come?*
- *Love the things of this world or things above?*
- *Wisdom from Above or from Beneath*