

SET YOUR AFFECTION, #1

INTRODUCTION

- I. The word "affection" is found 5 times in the New Testament, and **each** time is comes from a different Greek word.
 - A. However, the idea is always similar in meaning, as they all have deal with inward disposition, yearning, or desires of the heart or mind.
 - B. Our basic text for this study is Col. 3:1-2. (Read)
 1. Paul writes about "things" in both verses. (Point out)
 2. Note also that both verses are like a battery, in that they both have a negative and a positive, in that there are things which a believer is to seek, and things he is not to seek.
 3. We also note that the things we CAN seek and be mindful of, are in **different places**, as some "things" are "above" and some "things" are of the "earth." cf Matt. 6;19-21
- II. This lesson will be about the **individuals** involved IN our setting or placing our affection on things "above", rather than things of the "earth."

I. 1st, those who are "RISEN WITH CHRIST".

- A. This alludes to the act of baptism (immersion) in water, where the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ are portrayed. Rom. 1:16; 3-5; 1 Cor. 15:1-4
- B. These individuals are risen to walk in "newness of life." Rom. 6:4
 1. This involves destroying the "body of sin," or stopping to use the physical body in the practice of sin, OR, ceasing to serve sin.
 2. The basis for this is that being baptized for the remission of past sins, we are now "free from sin." v. 7
 3. Being "free" from sin means that it no longer has dominion over us. v. 9
 4. As a result, we "live unto God through Jesus Christ. vv. 10-11
 5. This brings us back to Colossians 3, where Paul addresses those who are "risen with Christ. Col.3:1

II. 2nd, those who are NOW "ABOVE"--CHRIST AND GOD.

- A. There are 2 things said **about** Christ in this passage.
 1. First, He "sits on the right hand of God," reigning as king of the Kingdom of heaven. and will continue there AS king and ruler until the end of the world. 1 Cor. 15:23-24
 2. Second, Christ is the giver of spiritual "life. v. 4
- B. Then, GOD is named as the ultimate Supreme One in this passage, as Christ is sitting on HIS right hand, and that the hidden life we have IN Christ His Son, Who Himself is said to be "with Christ"--approving and supporting us IN our hidden life of righteousness. v. 3
 1. God is the Creator of the universe, and the giver of physical life, which includes the immortal soul or spirit that each person has. Heb. 12:9
 2. God promises us eternal life, as a reward for faithful living in His Son. Tit. 1:2
 - a. This reward will be given when Jesus comes again. 2:Thes. 2:19; Heb. 11:6
 - b. This reward will involve a crown for each faithful Christian.

- c. This reward will be given when Christ comes again—NOT on the **earth**, but in the **air**. 1 Thes. 4:16-17
- d. Then we shall “appear” with Him in glory, at which time we too shall have our bodies changed like that of the Lord’s glorious body. Phil. 3:20-21
- e. This will be the time of the giving of crowns from the Lord.
 - 1) It will be a crown of life. Jas. 1:12
 - 2) It will be a crown of righteousness. 2 Tim. 4:8
 - 3) It will be a crown of rejoicing. 1 Thess. 2:19
 - 4) It will be an incorruptible crown. 1 Cor. 9:25; cf 1 Pet. 1:3-4
 - 5) It will be crown of glory. 1 Pet. 5:4
 - 6) It will be a full reward, as it will be lacking in nothing, and will involve both the resurrected body, and the redeemed soul of every saved individual. 2 Cor. 5:10

CONCLUSION

- I. Are you, as an individual, READY for the coming of the Lord?
 - A. You make preparation by confessing your faith, repenting of sins and being baptized for the remission of sins, at which time you become a Christian.
 - B. You continue to be prepared by faithful and righteous living AS a Christian.
- II. If you are ready to become a Christian, or to renew your relationship by repentance and prayer, the invitation is extended to you right now, as together we stand and sing the song of invitation.

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