

LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE

“It’s Right In Front of You”

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Colossians 3 & 4 are the way to
live out the truths in Colossians 1
& 2



Colossians 3:1-2

1. SET YOUR HEART AND YOUR MIND

Col. 3:1 *“Since then we’ve been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above not on earthly things.”*



Both our affections and our
thoughts —

“Our heart shapes our passions, our
thoughts shape our priorities.”

Affections + thoughts = action



Where do we set them?

What is the “Spiritual Compass”
in our lives? Paul describes it
in one word: **Throne**



Where Christ is seated is a place
of...

AUTHORITY

SECURITY



How do we set them? **FOCUS ON JESUS**

The power to do this is found in
one word ... Resurrection



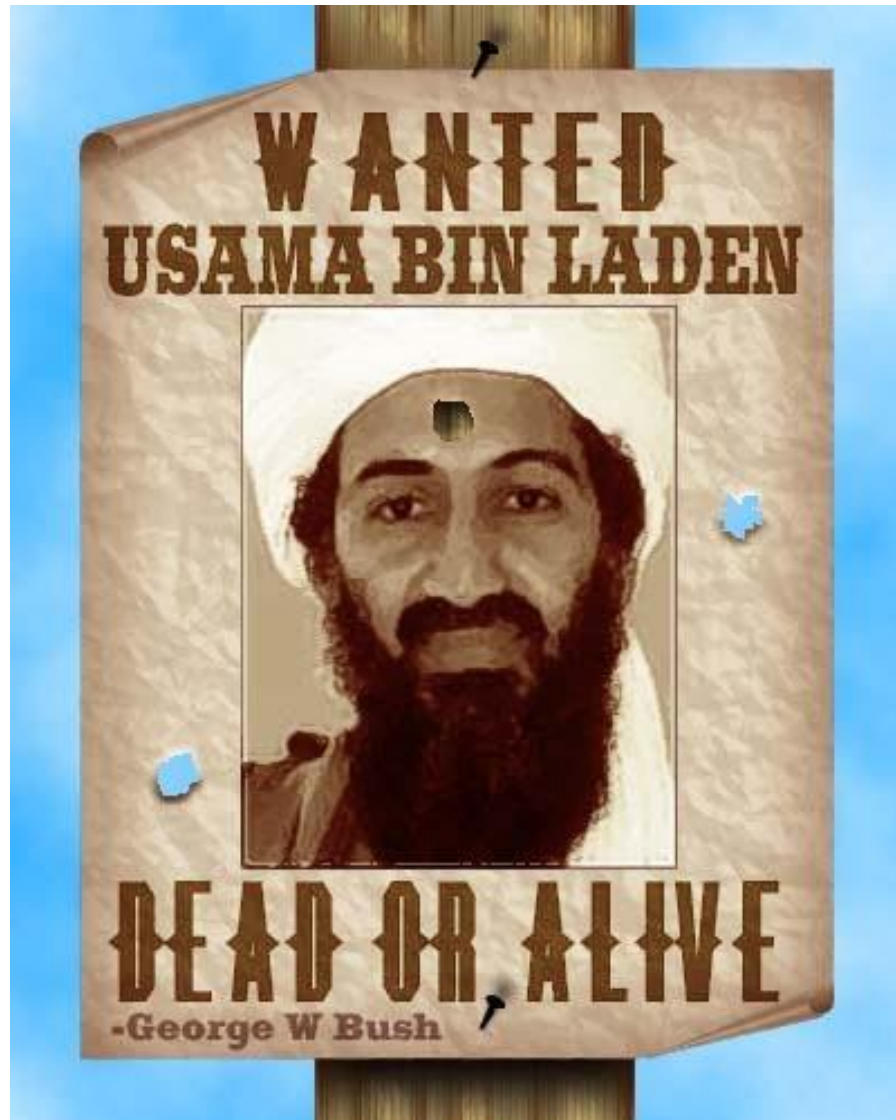
Give me some practical help... How do you set a heart and a mind?

- Start the night before and first thing each day with thoughts about God.
- Pray throughout the day that God would give you a heavenly perspective on people and events and circumstances.
- Make God's Word a part of your life every day.
- Spend time around others who want to think like you do.



We either see things below in light of things above or we allow things that are below to block our vision of things above.





“You have died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears then you also will appear with Him in glory.”



Colossians 3:3-
7

II. SEE YOURSELF AS DEAD AND ALIVE Col 3:3 says, *“For you have died...”*

Christ not only died for us: that's substitution

We also died with Him: that's identification



v. 3 “For you died...” v. 5 “Put to death therefore whatever belongs to your earthly nature.”

As a believer in Christ you're not trying to become something you're not. God has already transformed you and we just get to spend the rest of our lives beginning to live OUT all that He's already done in our lives.



What died?

Sins of getting

- Immorality
- Impurity
- Lust
- Evil desires
- Greed

Greed is really idolatry



Why should we put these attitudes to death?

1. They hurt the heart of God!

Wrath means God takes sin personally!

2. They no longer fit who we really are!



Our dealing with sin will take one of two forms...

- Don't let it in the door of your life
- Throw it out the door of your life



**Colossians 3:8-
11**

**3. TAKE OFF THE OLD AND PUT ON
THE NEW**

“Don’t lie to each other since you have taken off the old self with its practices and put on the new self which is being renewed in the knowledge of the image of its creator.”



Relationship Sins

- Anger
- Rage
- Malice
- Slander
- Filthy Language
- Lying



Growth in my new life is a simple two step process ...

1. Take off the old

The test: Are you **ACTING** in a new way?

2. Put on the new

The test: Are you **THINKING** in a new way?



He shares an interesting thought
in verse in verse 11

***“For here there is no Greek or
Jew, no circumcised or
uncircumcised, barbarian,
Scythian, slave or free, but
Christ is all and in all.”*** (Scythians
were the lowest form of barbarians.)



We cannot use our background
as an excuse for sin...

Because we are ALL **IN HIS**
FAMILY.

