

“Walking in Love, Part 1”
Colossians 3:1-4

I. Those who are in Christ seek heavenly realities (v. 1).

(Philippians 4:8)

II. Those who are in Christ are heavenly minded (v. 2).

- A. Believers set their mind on things above.
- B. Believers keep their mind from dwelling on the things of this world.

(Matthew 15:26-31; John 8:23)

III. Those who are in Christ have died and are concealed (v. 3).

- A. Believers have died to sin.
- B. Believers' lives are secured in Christ.

(Luke 9:23-24; Romans 8:19; 2 Corinthians 6:17; Galatians 2:20; 5:19-25; 1 Peter 2:11; 2 Peter 1:4)

IV. Those who are in Christ will one day be revealed (v. 4).

- A. Christ is the source of our life.
- B. Christ will reveal His true followers one day.

(John 1:4; 5:21; 1 John 3:2)

Scripture References and Notes

Ephesians 2:4-6

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, Even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), And raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 11:13

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Hebrews 13:14

For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

John 8:23

And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

Matthew 15:26-31

²⁶ When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹ And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and *said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

affection

- φρονέω (froneo)
- to give careful consideration to something
- to develop an attitude based on careful thought

Luke 9:23-24

²³ And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. ²⁴ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Galatians 5:19-25

¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

2 Peter 1:4

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

2 Corinthians 6:17

But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

Romans 8:19

For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

John 1:4

In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

John 5:21

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know what when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.