

**“you have been raised
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Colossians 3:1-17

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1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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Psalm 110:1

**The LORD says to my lord:
“Sit at my right hand until I
make your enemies a footstool
for your feet.”**

“you have been raised with Christ”

“By setting our minds on the things above, we begin to know our Lord so well that it becomes increasingly clear how to live worthily for Him in the world... The more we set our minds to consider the things above, the firmer the ground beneath our feet.”

Dick Lucas

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Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

“but Christ is all”

Colossians 3:5-7

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. **7** You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

“but Christ is all”

Mark 9:43-48

43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. **45** And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.

47 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, **48** where “ ‘the worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’

“but Christ is all”

- **97% believe God is forgiving**
- **96% believe God is loving**

But:

- **Only 37% believe God is judging sinners**
- **Only 19% believe God will punish sinners**

“but Christ is all”

Romans 1:18

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

“but Christ is all”

Ephesians 2:1-2

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

“but Christ is all”

“Paul’s frequent warning against it [sexual sins] suggest that the society’s lax mores were not easily weeded out from the habits of converts in his churches. Sexual desire is hardwired into the human psyche and is not evil in itself. But the moral indifference of the age fueled uncontrolled erotic passion, misdirected sexual desire, and bred sexual excesses.”

David E. Garland

“but Christ is all”

Colossians 3:8-10

8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. **9** Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices **10** and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

“but Christ is all”

Ephesians 4:22-24

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; **24** and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

“but Christ is all”

2 Corinthians 5:17

**Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new creation;
The old has gone, the new
has come!**

“but Christ is all”

“We must rid ourselves of all evil practices and immorality. Then we can commit ourselves to what Christ teaches. Paul was appealing to the commitment the believers had made and urging them to be true to their confession of faith. They were to rid themselves of the old life and to “put on” the new way of living given by Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit.”

“but Christ is all”

Colossians 3:8-11

**Here there is no Greek or
Jew, circumcised or
uncircumcised, barbarian,
Scythian, slave or free, but
Christ is all, and is in all.**

“but Christ is all”

Galatians 3:26-28

26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, **27** for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

“but Christ is all”

“The Gospel breaks down man-made walls. It does not classify people by race, tribe, nationality, or class; nor does it calculate their worth from the various permutations of these divisions... These distinctions, which arbitrarily set humans over against one another, evaporate when a person becomes joined to Christ’s body. The Gospel shatters an “us against “them” mentality.”

“but Christ is all”

“The Christian church should have no barriers of nationality, race, education level, social standing, wealth, gender, religion, or power. Christ breaks down all barriers and accepts all people who come to Him. Nothing should keep us from telling other about Christ or accepting into our fellowship and and all believers. Christians should building bridges, not walls.”

“as God’s chosen people”

Colossians 3:12-13

12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

“as God’s chosen people”

“[God’s chosen people] designates true Christians as those who have been chosen by God. No one is converted solely by his own choice, but only in response to God’s effectual, free, uninfluenced and sovereign grace.”

MacArthur NIV 2011 Study Bible

“as God’s chosen people”

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

“as God’s chosen people”

Colossians 3:14-17

14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. **15** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

And be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

“as God’s chosen people”

1 Corinthians 13:13

**And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love. But the
greatest of these is love.**

“as God’s chosen people”

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Applications

- **Read the Word**
- **Be in community**
- **Love regardless**
- **Don't conform**

Final Thoughts

Romans 12:1-2

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship.

2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.