

## Hidden in Plain Sight

*Colossians 3:1-4*

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### I. Set your mind. *Colossians 3:1-2*

"When Christ died, you and I died with Him; He took our place. And when He was raised, we were raised \_\_\_\_\_ and we are now joined to a living Christ." (J. Vernon McGee)

- "**If then you were raised with Christ**" Paul is saying, "Christ should be the center of life, which includes your \_\_\_\_\_ life."

Once Jesus completed the work of salvation, God the Father \_\_\_\_\_ Him above all others by seating Him at His right hand.

- "*The Christian has the \_\_\_\_\_ of God within and this means he has godly ambitions and desires.*" (Warren Wiersbe)

### II. You died and you are now hidden. *Colossians 3:3*

"Its hiddenness necessitates that Christians live by \_\_\_\_\_ and not by sight and, therefore, without all the answers to the meaning of many events in their lives". (A. T. Lincoln)

1. Think of an invisible suit with a built in \_\_\_\_\_ that blocks incoming projectiles from hitting the person.
2. Think of a Father, who is much larger than a little child, standing in front of the child \_\_\_\_\_ them from anything trying to harm the child.

### III. We will appear in Glory, glorified. *Colossians 3:4*

Christ is not outside of me only as my Helper; He \_\_\_\_\_ in me.

- Paul was saying believers should have this hope, that when Jesus is revealed in His glory, we shall also be revealed in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Romans 8:30*

### IV. Practical Application.

1. Because our lives are hidden in Christ, we should be grounded in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. *John 17:15-17*
2. Because our lives are hidden in Christ, we should be drenched in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. *Ephesians 5:18*
3. Because our lives are hidden in Christ, we should be devoted to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

4. Because our lives are hidden in Christ, we should know that we \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ. *Galatians 2:20*
5. Because our lives are hidden in Christ, we should know that Christ \_\_\_\_\_ in us.
6. Because our lives are hidden in Christ, we should count on Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.

### Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. *What is one way you've changed since you became a believer?*  
**2 Corinthians 5:17-20, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 13:8, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18**
2. Read **Colossians 3:1-2**. *How can we obey these commands?*  
**Galatians 2:20, Philippians 1:21, 1 Corinthians 6:20**
3. *How do we guard our thought life?*  
**2 Corinthians 10:4-5, Philippians 4:6-9**
4. *What does Jesus sitting at the right hand of the Father signify? What does that tell believers who are in Christ?*  
**Psalm 110:1, Ephesians 1:19-21, Philippians 2:10, Revelation 2:1, Hebrews 10:12, John 15:1-5**
5. Read **Colossians 3:1-11**. *What does Paul teach about the believer's position in Christ?*  
**John 15:15, Ephesians 2:8-10, Philippians 3:20, Romans 8:37**
6. *What actions did Paul say to put off, and what does each of them mean?*  
**Ephesians 4:22-25, Romans 6**
7. Discuss the Practical Application to this sermon.

Some questions taken from Warren Wiersbe