

**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?*  
**Psalms 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