

## **SEEK THE MOST HIGH.**

Colossians 2:23-3:4

*These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh. <sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

### Until then...

- 1) Seek what is **above** – 3:1 *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

Colossians 2:12

*having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also **raised** with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who **raised** him from the dead.*

- A new heart.
  - A new way of living.
  - A new destiny.
- 2) Set your **mind** on what is above – 3:2 *Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

*“You must not only seek heaven; you must also think heaven.”<sup>1</sup>*

Philippians 4:8

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

Q: Why?

- a. Your old way of life is dead: *For you have died*, – 3:3a
- b. Your new life has a new **source**: *and your life is hidden with Christ in God* – 3:3b
- c. Your new life has a new **hope**: 3:4 *When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

B. H. Carroll: “The true remedy is to set our affections on things above, where our citizenship is. Let the expulsive power of new affections drive out the old loves out of the heart.”<sup>2</sup>

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- o I need to receive Jesus Christ as my personal Savior for the first time.
- o I need to be baptized.
- o I need to attend Starting Point (today).
- o I need to join a Small Group.
- o I need to join a Serve Team.

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<sup>1</sup>Kenneth S. Wuest, *Wuest’s Word Studies from the Greek New Testament*, vol. 6 (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997), 217.

<sup>2</sup>B. H. Carroll, *An Interpretation of the English Bible: Colossians, Ephesians, and Hebrews* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1948), 52.