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Enjoy, and God Bless You!

## **Introduction:**

This is a study noting our new identity in Christ; this identity is a gift and a heavenly quality of life that the Christian believer receives through Jesus Christ's redeeming work on our behalf!

Through this new identity in Christ each believer learns he or she has received a real heartfelt connection and relationship with the Son of God who loved and gave himself for their sins so that they can walk in righteousness with him in glory.

The Scripture used throughout this study is quoted from the King James Version unless otherwise noted. Any explanatory insertions by the author in any of the Scripture verses are enclosed in {braces}.

## Our New Identity In Christ

Jesus Christ completely identified with sinful man when he became “sin for us” (II Corinthians 5:21). He identified with sinful man by giving his precious life and blood for humanity upon the cross as we read in I Peter 2:24, “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree” thus explaining the When and the Where Jesus identified with all of mankind. Now, in his resurrection, because of his offering of himself on our behalf, Christ Jesus gives those who will believe in him a new identity, an exclusivity new spiritual nature in him though his resurrection into perfection as I Peter 2:24 continues “that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness,” and through this *righteousness* our new identity in Christ is discovered.

We are now members in the household of God (Ephesians 2:19) being His sons (I John 3:1-2), and with our new identity in Christ we each have a special interceder working on our behalf in heaven (Romans 8:34). The more we learn about Christ Jesus from the Scriptures the more we will truly find ourselves to be in him, safely anchored (Hebrews 6:19) now — and for all eternity.

### **Colossians 3:1:**

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

The word “IF” in the Greek Text means since, and *since* we are truly, spiritually raised with Christ to the right hand of God, we are also instructed to seek those things that are above. Well, what is above? Christ is for starters; he is physically in heaven (Hebrews 10:12) and spiritually within our hearts (Colossians 1:27) while we are physically on earth (John 17:11), but we are spiritually risen with Christ into the heavenlies (Colossians 2:12) up to the elevated position of being in Christ in heaven at God’s own right hand.

Indeed the Bible proclaims that we are spiritually raised because God has “raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:6). God’s wisdom is from above (James 3:17), from where we are encouraged to seek our own spiritual identity that we currently have in Christ and where he is spiritually seated.

### **Colossians 3:2:**

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

The word “affection” in the Greek Text is the word for thinking, for our thoughts. It is the word used for thoughts in the reasoning process that men and women have, especially regarding spiritual matters. We as believers are encouraged to look to the Scriptures and think about what they say we have from God, for instance we read that we “are complete in him” (Colossians 2:10), and that we are “filled with all the fulness of God” (Ephesians 3:19).

Some Christians never even consider what the Scriptures reveal to us regarding spiritual matters. Some think only about things on the earth, and they completely miss out on pure heavenly glimpses that God reveals with spiritual realities that are not only all around, but come from God — from above.

### **Colossians 3:3:**

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Well, being *dead* does not sound all that terrific! Yet what this means from the Greek Text is that spiritually we have died to sin (Romans 6:2, I Peter 2:24), and to the law (Romans 7:4, Galatians 2:19), and now we are spiritually raised to completely live in our new nature of heavenly life in the glory of God (Romans 6:1ff).

You see, God’s “divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature” (II Peter 1:3–4). This *divine nature* is something new, something we never had before our salvation, but it is something we can enjoy every day from now and through all of eternity. The *divine nature* is the link that leads us into our new identity in Christ.

What does the Bible mean in Colossians 3:3 that our lives have been hid? It means that we are spiritually with God, up where His divinely given treasures are freely given to us. We read, “I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself” (Exodus 19:4), for we are with God, and “with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26).

God's healing Word comes to life proportionally to our believing in it, and the true treasures of God live in the heart of our new nature, from where all biblical believing emanates.

**Colossians 3:4:**

When Christ, *who is our life*, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

When shall Christ appear? When he returns for us! The life of Christ is our true spiritual life because everything that he is — is already spiritually within us, giving each believer the absolute identity of Christ himself.

The more that we learn about Christ Jesus, the more we will learn about our true selves and our God-given identity in Christ, and the how of doing this is, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every {biblical} thought to the obedience of Christ" (II Corinthians 10:5). Bringing *every thought to the obedience of Christ* literally means that we can bring every biblical concept and detail back to Christ because he is the subject of the Word. Verse 5 is a request, exhorting us to keep Christ at the forefront of our lives.

The more we discover Christ in the Scriptures the closer our walks with God will become and the further our understanding of God Himself will continue growing in our inner hearts. "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him {God} that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even in his Son Jesus Christ*" (I John 5:20), and if you are a Christian, then *that is true!*

We, being the children of God, will absolutely appear with Christ in glory. This may sound almost too good to be true, yet it is true because God's Word says it is so, for the Word of God lives and abides forever (I Peter 1:23)!

Not only is Christ our life and our true identity, but we shall reign with him in all of his magnificent glory.

**"God Bless You!"**

## **Benediction:**

### **Ephesians 2:19 (The Amplified Bible):\***

Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's [own] household.

### **I John 3:1-3 (The Amplified Bible):\***

-1: See what [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named *and* called *and* counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him.

-2: Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes *and* is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble *and* be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is.

-3: And everyone who has this hope [resting] on Him cleanses (purifies) himself just as He is pure (chaste, undefiled, guiltless).

### **II Peter 1:2-5 (The Amplified Bible):\***

-2: May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

-3: For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by *and* to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

-4: By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

-5: For this very reason, adding your diligence [to the divine promises], employ every effort in exercising your faith to develop virtue (excellence, resolution, Christian energy), and in [exercising] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence),

**Colossians 3:1-4 (The Amplified Bible):\***

-1: If then you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at *and* seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

-2: And set your minds *and* keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth.

-3: For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.

-4: When Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in [the splendor of His] glory.

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