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- Col. 3:1-4 - “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”
- Eph. 4:7-8 - “But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore He says: When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”

Two Resurrections

- There are two resurrections:
 - Col. 3:1 - “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.”
- First resurrection: spiritual
 - Col. 2:13 - “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses”

Two Resurrections

- Second resurrection: physical, bodily resurrection
 - John 6:40 - “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Two Resurrections

- He gives us every facet of life
- Our new life has its source in Jesus at the right hand of God
 - Eph. 1:19-20 - “And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places”

Two Resurrections

- The power to die to sin
 - Col. 3:3 - “For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”
 - Rom. 8:13 - “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”
 - Rom. 6:6 - “knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”
- Which in turn gives us the power to face our own death

Two Resurrections

- The power to wait for eternal life
 - Col. 3:4 - “When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

A New Image

- We are given the image of Christ
 - Col. 3:9-10 - “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him”
 - Rev. 1:6 - “and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever”

A New Image

- We are given the image of Christ
 - Eph. 4:22-24 - “that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

A New Image

- It must be who we are and not a mask we wear
 - Col. 3:12-15 - “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

Complete Forgiveness

- Every sin is removed at the cross
 - Col. 3:13 - “even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do”
 - Heb. 8:12 - “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

Complete Forgiveness

- Every sin is removed at the cross
 - Col. 2:13-14 - “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”
 - Isa. 1:18 - “Come now, and let us reason together, Says the LORD, Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.”

The Capacity To Forgive Others

- We have been forgiven much; we must forgive others
 - Col. 3:13 - “bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”
- Forgiveness is one of the primary Christian characteristics; to hold a grudge is of the Adversary
 - Matt. 18:21-35

Peace

- He alone reconciles us to God
 - Col. 3:15 - “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”
 - Rom. 5:1 - “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”

Peace

- He also reconciles us to each other in one body
 - Eph. 2:14-18 - “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”

Discernment Of Truth

- Christ's authority must come before we act or teach
 - Col. 3:17 - “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Discernment Of Truth

- Is it truth?
 - John 17:17, 19 - “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth... 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”
 - John 8:32 - “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
 - Psalm 145:18 - “The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.”

Discernment Of Truth

- Will my conscience permit it?
 - Rom. 14:19-20 - “Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. 20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.”

Strong Motivation

- His life drives our living
 - Col. 3:23 - “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men”
 - Heartily - ek psuchos - “out of the soul”
 - Eph. 6:6-7 - “not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men”

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- God freely gives us all things in Christ
 - Eph. 1:3 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ”
- If we do not receive these things, it will be by our own choice
 - Jer. 5:24-25 - “They do not say in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest. 25 Your iniquities have turned these things away, And your sins have withheld good from you.”