



EMPTY TOMB OR EMPTY LIFE?

Colossians 3:1-4

VS. 1-2

“Since then...” A foregone conclusion that the Christ-follower by faith has died with Christ and has been raised up with Christ (2:12-13)

This transition in the grammar moves us from the doctrinal to the practical (See also Rom. 12:1; Eph. 4:1 and Phil. 4:1)

Okay – since that is true, now what?

VS. 1-2

“**Set** your heart on things above” “**seek** those things”

Matthew 6:9-10, 19-21, 33

In an age of excuses for sin like “*the heart wants what the heart wants,*” the one risen with Christ is called to
“**set one’s heart on something long-term and then look forward to it with growing emotion.**”

VS. 1-2

“Where Christ is seated at the right hand of God”

Seated suggests the work is finished, and the seated position suggests authority.

The right hand implies His Lordship and authority



VS. 1-2

“Set your minds...” Once again, intentionality

Our minds are targets See Gen. 3:1; Matt. 16:21-23

Be proactive to maintain a Biblical worldview

2 Cor. 10:4-5; Rom. 12:1-2; Phil. 4:4-8



NOTE:

Verse 2 is NOT an excuse for “becoming so heavenly minded that we’re no earthly good.”

VS. 3 WHY THE CHANGE?

“You died...” See Rom. 6:1-14

“Your life is now hidden with Christ in God”

- Do not worry about the temporal (Matt. 6:25-34)
- Be involved, not entangled. (2 Tim. 2:3-4; 4:5)
- Christ is secure (Gen. 3:15) and we are secure in Christ (John 10:27-30; Rom. 8:35-39)



VS. 4

“When Christ...appears”

(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)

Keep watch, just as those who long for His appearing
(2 Tim. 4:8)

Christ's future glory means ours also (Rom. 8:17, 30)



*“Only one life ‘twill soon be past.
Only what’s done for Christ will last.”
- C.T. Studd*