



Holding the Family Together

**Colossians
3:1-14**

Colossians 3:1-14 (NASB)



1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:1-14 (NASB)

3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.



Colossians 3:1-14 (NASB)

6 For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, 7 and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.



Colossians 3:1-14 (NASB)

9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices, 10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—



Colossians 3:1-14 (NASB)

11 *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all. 12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;



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13 bearing with one another,
and forgiving each other,
whoever has a complaint
against anyone; just as the
Lord forgave you, so also
should you.

14 Beyond all these things *put*
on love, which is the perfect
bond of unity.



Seek Eternal Matters

1...keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Seeking the eternal realities that are ours in Christ is the pattern of the believer's life. "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you"

(Matt 6:33).





Set Our Minds on Things Above

2. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Our focus is not earthly things.





Set Our Minds on Things Above

3 ... your life is hidden with
Christ in God.

Our life is common with the Father
and Son.

Our new life is concealed from the
world.

Our life is eternally secure.

Put Away the Old Self

8. But now you also, put them all aside:

Our position in Christ is real, however, we must work out our salvation every day in a practical sense.

Sanctification is an ongoing process. For parents and children.





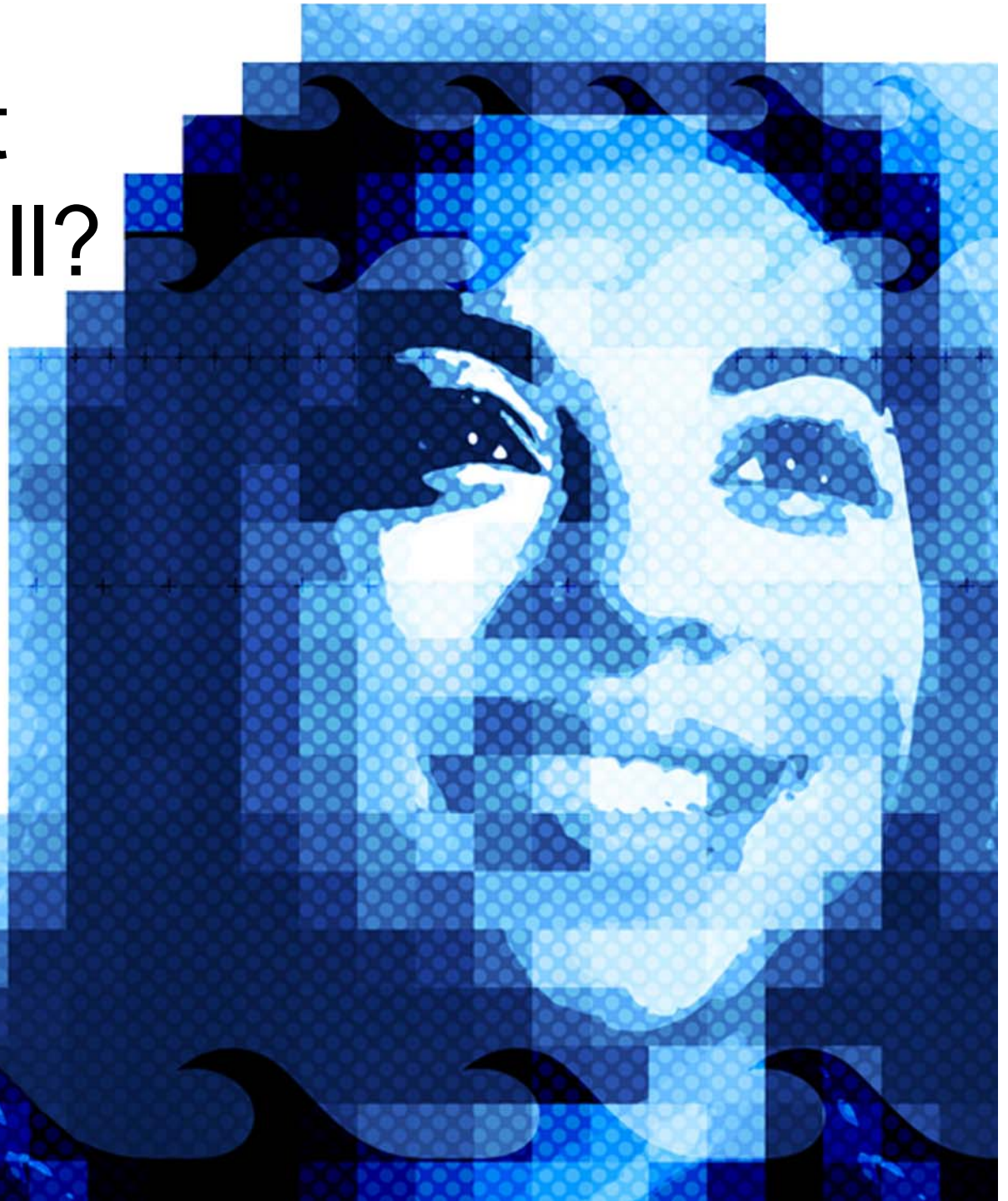
Put On Christ

10...put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him

In 3:9–11, Paul describes what God has done for the believer. In 3:12–17 he describes what God expects of the believer in response.

Holding it Together Till?

4. When Christ,
who is our life,
is revealed,
then you also
will be revealed
with Him in
glory.



Holding it Together Till?

Keep seeking,
setting and
putting on Christ
till He returns.

We do not give
up or give in to
the world.

