



Daily Verse and Comment

Colossians 3:1-5

(1) 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. (5) Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

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In broader generalities, [Christ](#) told the Ephesian church to do the same ([Revelation 2:1-7](#)). Here we see it in Paul's epistle to the Colossians, in a more specific way.

Because of what Christ said, we can understand that it is not impossible for us to redirect our energies and feelings. If we tie [Galatians 6:7-10](#) to [Colossians 3:1-4](#) and [Revelation 2:1-7](#), we can see that Paul was saying that the rewards are in the *doing*—in the works. As Christ said, "[I know your works](#)." The solution is, "You need to redirect your energies, go back to your former devotion. And, if you have the right devotion, if you show real [love](#), then the right works will come, and you will overcome."

God's way is such that it begins producing the good soon, not late. The apostle is saying that, if we begin sowing the right seed, we will soon begin to reap the fruit of the harvest to come because God's Word always produces results. [God](#) says that His Word will not go forth and return empty. We can be assured that fruit will be produced if we sow the right things, if we turn our energies to the way they should be.

The harvest, then, begins to be reaped—soon, in the sense of well-being, a sense that things are well between us and God. [John 3:21](#) and the next

several verses tie in here so well. So in the Ephesian church, as well as the whole church era, the members' lack of love was showing in what they were doing. Ignorance was not motivating them, but a loss of affection for Christ ([Revelation 2:4-5](#)). This is serious business. If there is no love for Christ, there is no salvation ([I Corinthians 16:22](#)).

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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