



FOR PEOPLE ON THE GROW "On Wings Like Eagles" Colossians 3:1-10

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Having reminded the Colossians about the things they believe, Paul now turns his attention to how they should behave. Christians recognize that because belief and behavior are inextricably bound up in each other, any erosion of belief will lead inevitably to a deterioration in behavior.

I. Set Your Hearts on Things Above. v. 1

- A. The truth is stated.
 - 1. Christ at God's right hand. See Psalm 110:1
 - 2. Christ in whom authority resides.
 - 3. Christ through whom audience is granted.
- B. The truth is applied.
 - 1. You have been raised with Christ.
 - 2. Heaven is home; earth is temporary residence.
 - 3. Eternity is reality; time is transient.
- C. The truth is obeyed.
 - 1. Set your hearts on things above.
 - 2. Guard your affections.
 - 3. Guide your affections.
 - 4. Grade your affections.

II. Set Your Minds on Things Above. vv. 2-3

- A. The truth is stated.
 - 1. You died – a radical termination.
 - 2. Your life is hidden with Christ.
- B. The truth is applied.
 - 1. Life's center is Christ. 2. Life's core is hidden.
- C. The truth is obeyed.
 - 1. Set your minds on things above.
 - 2. Divert your attention from things on earth.
 - 3. Don't be so earthly minded you're no heavenly use.

III. Put to Death Earthly Things. vv. 4-6

- A. The truth is stated.
 - 1. Christ is your life.
 - 2. Christ will appear in glory.
 - 3. Wrath of God is coming.
- B. The truth is applied.
 - 1. Identify what is incompatible.
 - 2. Mark what is motivational.
- C. The truth is obeyed.
 - 1. Immorality, impurity, idolatry must be dealt with.
 - 2. The treatment must be radical.

IV. Rid Yourself of Such Things. vv. 7-10

- A. The truth is stated.
 - 1. You have taken off the old life.
 - 2. You have embarked on the new life.
- B. The truth is applied.
 - 1. You used to live one way. 2. Now you are being renewed.
- C. The truth is obeyed.
 - 1. Clean up your personal life. 2. Clean up your social life.