

Christ-Centered Living – From the Cross to the Throne

The Path of Believer's Transformation in Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians

- Galatians – The Cross of Christ
 - Gal. 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
- Ephesians – The Stature of the fulness of Christ
 - Eph. 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- Philippians – The Mind of Christ
 - Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus**:
- **Colossians – The Throne of Christ**
 - Col. 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, **where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.**

Colossians- The Throne of Christ and believer's transformation

The Throne of Christ- Col. 3:1 Where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Christ's Position

- Position - At the right hand of God (based on Hebrews/Col 1:1)
- Preeminence -The Head – Col. 1:18, 2:19

Believer's Position

- Risen with Christ – Col. 3:1
- Your life is hid with Christ in God – Col. 3:3
- Christ, who is our life – Col. 3:4

The Believer's Positional and Practical Transformations

- Transferred us from the power of darkness into Christ's kingdom – Col. 1
- Risen with Christ from the power and influence of the elements of this world – Col. 2
- Mortify, put off the old man and put on the new man (Image of him 3:10) – Col. 3

- Seek those things that are above where Christ sitteth– Col. 3:1
- Set your affection (mind) on things above, not on things on the earth – Col. 3:2
- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly – Col 3:16

Christ's Position- At the right hand of God - Hebrews

Came from glory -back to Glory- Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, **sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:**

Waiting to take full control- Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, **Sit on my right hand,** until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Priestly character - Heb 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, **who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;**

Perpetuity, undisturbed- Heb 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, **sat down on the right hand of God;**

Author and finisher of our faith- Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is **set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Christ's Preeminence -The Head – Col. 1:18, 2:19

Col. 1:18 And he is **the head of the body**, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have **the preeminence**.

Col. 2:19 And not holding **the Head**, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

Believer's Position

Risen with Him- Col. 3:1 If ye then be **risen with Christ**, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Col. 2:20 Wherefore if ye be **dead with Christ** from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

Col. 2:12 **Buried with him** in baptism, wherein also **ye are risen with him** through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he **quickened together with him**, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Your life is hid with Christ in God- Col. 3:3

Col. 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been **hid from ages** and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col. 2:3 **In whom are hid** all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Christ, who is our life- Col. 3:4

Col. 3:4 When **Christ, who is our life**, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Col. 2:10 And **ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power:

Col. 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

Believer's Positional and Practical Transformations

Transferred us from the power of darkness into Christ's kingdom – Col. 1

Psa. 107:14 He brought them **out of darkness** and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

John. 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should **not abide in darkness.**

1 Pet. 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him **who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;**

Believer's response- Seek those things that are above where Christ sitteth– Col. 3:1

Col. 1:9 - 12to desire that ye might be filled with **the knowledge of his will** in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That **ye might walk worthy of the Lord** unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;...12 **Giving thanks unto the Father**, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Risen with Christ from the power and influence of the elements of this world-

Col. 2

World's wisdom- Col. 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Ordinances of the law – Col. 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

World's religion – Col.2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

Believer's response- Set your affection (mind) on things above, not on things on the earth - Col. 3:2

Col. 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk ye in him:**
7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Mortify, put off the old man and put on the new man (Image of him 3:10) - Col. 3

Mortify your members

Col. 3:5 Mortify therefore your **members** which are upon **the earth**; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **6** For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on **the children of disobedience:** **7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

Put on the new man

Col. 3:10 And have **put on** the new man, which is **renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:**
11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but **Christ is all, and in all.**

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Put off the old man

Col. 3:8 But now ye also **put off** all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. **9** Lie not one to another, seeing that **ye have put off the old man** with his deeds;

Put on

Col. 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as **Christ forgave you, so also do ye.** **14** And above all these things **put on** charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Col. 3:16 Let the word of **Christ dwell in you richly** in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.