

83. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**
15 April 2020 at 1:04:28 pm
Col. 3:1 ¶ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Col. 3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
Col. 3:3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
Col. 3:4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

84. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**
26 April 2020 at 6:15:39 pm
Col. 3:1 ¶ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

85. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**
26 April 2020 at 7:27:26 pm
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86. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**
26 April 2020 at 7:33:11 pm
Heb. 12:2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

87. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**
26 April 2020 at 7:35:26 pm
Heb. 12:3 ¶ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

88. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**
26 April 2020 at 7:41:36 pm
Christ is the preeminent example of remaining focused while under tremendous adversity.

89. **Dr. Andrew Corbett**
26 April 2020 at 7:41:42 pm
Believers are told to consider how Christ endured in faithfulness to God while experiencing such hostility from sinners.

Study 8

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

A DIFFERENT VISION

Have you ever heard the criticism of someone that they were “So *heavenly* minded they were of no *earthly* good!”? It’s usually directed toward people who use their spirituality as an excuse for avoiding their practical responsibilities around their home or in the workplace. But the expression of this type of criticism is misguided, because, the more heavenly-minded a person becomes, the more practical and responsible they become. The greatest example of this was Jesus.

1. What kind of vision (of Christ) is the Apostle Paul encouraging believers to have in **Colossians 3:1**?

When motorcyclists undertake an advanced rider training program, one of the most important things the trainers will emphasise is that when a motorcyclist was faced with a dangerous situation, they need to look where they are going—not at the danger in front of them. “Look where you want to go!” is the motorcyclist’s mantra to keep them safe on the road. There is a spiritual parallel to this. The enemy of our soul wants to distract us; but, the Holy Spirit leads us to focus on God. This is why **w _____** of God is so important for *our* spiritual health.

2. How did Christ model this, based on **Hebrews 12:2**? What are believers encouraged to do in this context based on **Hebrews 12:3**?

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90. Dr. Andrew Corbett
26 April 2020 at 7:55:09 pm
Col. 3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

91. Dr. Andrew Corbett
26 April 2020 at 8:12:06 pm
Eph. 2:1 ¶ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins
Eph. 2:2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—
Eph. 2:3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
Eph. 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,
Eph. 2:5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

92. Dr. Andrew Corbett
26 April 2020 at 8:23:37 pm
Col. 3:3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

93. Dr. Andrew Corbett
26 April 2020 at 8:12:24 pm
Before coming to Christ, we were spiritually 'dead'. God has now spiritually 'resurrected' us.

94. Dr. Andrew Corbett
26 April 2020 at 8:54:32 pm
Heb. 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

95. Dr. Andrew Corbett
26 April 2020 at 8:55:07 pm
Col. 3:4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

96. Dr. Andrew Corbett
27 April 2020 at 7:46:30 am
1Tim. 4:8 for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

Different - Through Colossians

90 3. Consider Colossians 3:2. Does this verse mean that the believer no longer needs to concern themselves with such mundane *earthly* things as house cleaning, washing their car, or weeding their garden? Discuss.

Christianity is marked by a *conversion*.

91 4. How does Ephesians 2:1-5 describe conversion to Christianity? Does Colossians 3:3 support this concept?

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Eschatology ("es-kat-ology") is the study of what the Bible teaches about *last things*. This is sometimes referred to as *end times*, or *last days* (note John 6:39-44).

94 5. Read Hebrews 1:2 and note the time-frame the writer of Hebrews stated for "these last days"?

95 Colossians 3:4 is an *eschatological* statement. Paul is telling the Colossians two important things about the future. Firstly, Christ will return (the Greek word means *will be revealed*), and secondly, when Christ returns the righteous will be resurrected. This would have been a major attack on what the Gnostics taught about the value of the human body (since they taught that it was inherently evil).

6. Based on the Apostle's allusion to the believer's resurrection in Colossians 3:4, does this mean that there is no point in spending time and effort on improving our physical health and condition? (Note First Timothy 4:8) Discuss.

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May God grant us each a fresh and clearer vision of His supremacy and Lordship.

Amen.