

Pasadena - Santa Maria

Finding True North

I. SIMPLE PRIORITIES

Roots-Nourish Foundations-Support Framing-Shapes

Pondering the essentials, the things that produce and reproduce Eden, Heaven on Earth, a holy culture and civilization.

Saul of Tarsus - Paul, an apostle of Christ, by the will of God.

This fanatical Jew, who encountered Christ, was transformed, and became the busiest of all the apostles, traveling over western Asia, southeastern Europe, working, talking, praying, with signs and wonders, writing letters that altogether are less than 80 pages. Less than a single treatise of Plato or Aristotle, yet most read, spoken on, and written on of almost any man in history.

Here is a true north statement that outlives all the heresies and paganism, all the selfishness and anger of over 2000 years.

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.**

2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

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

4 **When Christ who is your life appears**, then you also will **appear with him** in glory."

RAISED WHERE Christ is SEATED HIDDEN

WHO IS YOUR LIFE APPEAR GLORY

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II. BASIS

God's AMAZING GIFT OF SALVATION

Col. 1:3 We **always thank God, the Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your **faith** in Christ Jesus and of the **love** that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the **hope** laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, **the gospel**, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed **in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—**

9 And so, from the day we heard, we *have not ceased to pray for you,*

asking that you may be **filled** with the **knowledge** of his will
in **all spiritual wisdom and understanding,**

¹⁰ so as to **walk** in a manner **worthy** of the Lord,

fully pleasing to him,

bearing fruit in **every good work** and

increasing in the **knowledge of God;**

¹¹ being **strengthened with all power**, according to **his glorious might,**

for **all endurance and patience with joy;**

¹² **giving thanks** to the **Father**, who has **qualified you** to **share in the inheritance** of the **saints in light.**

¹³ He has **delivered us** from the **domain¹ of darkness** and **transferred us** to the **kingdom of his beloved Son**, ¹⁴ **in whom** we have **redemption**, the **forgiveness** of sins.

III. RESPONSE: CHANGE OUR GARMENTS

¹ Gk - *exousia*

- Col. 3:5 **Put to death** therefore what is **earthly in you**: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.
- ⁸ But now **you must put them all away**: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have **put off the old** self with its practices
- ¹⁰ and have **put on the new self**, which is **being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator**.
- ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but **Christ is all, and in all**.
- Col. 3:12 **Put on then**, as God's **chosen** ones, **holy and beloved**,
compassionate hearts [*NKJ tender mercies*],
kindness,
humility,
meekness, and
patience,
- ¹³ **bearing with one another** and, if one has a complaint against another,
forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
- ¹⁴ **And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony**.
- ¹⁵ And let **the peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, to which indeed you were called in one body. And **be thankful**.
- ¹⁶ Let the **word of Christ dwell in you richly**, teaching and admonishing one another in **all wisdom**,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **with thankfulness in your hearts to God**.

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, **do everything in the name** of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ministry Healing. Holy Spirit Baptism

Rom 5:5 ... *God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

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