

THE DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

I. FOUR GENERAL TERMS EMPLOYED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BY WAY OF DESCRIPTION (3:1-4)

- A. An Assumption With Two Applications (3:1-2)
 - 1. Something Should Be Sought From The Heart (3:1b)
 - 2. Something Should Be Settled In the Mind (3:2)

- B. An Expansion On What A Christian Is (3:3-4)
 - 1. *For Ye Are Dead* (3:3a)
 - 2. *Your Life Is Hid With Christ In God* (3:3b)
 - 3. *Then Shall Ye Also Appear With Him In Glory* (3:4)

- C. A Series Of Expressions In Three Time Zones
 - 1. Two Are Stated With Reference To The Past Tense (3:1,3)
 - 2. One Is Stated In The Present (3:3)
 - 3. One Is Stated With Reference To The Future (3:4)

II. FOCUS ON THE PAST EXPERIENCE OF OUR DEATH WITH CHRIST (3:3)

- A. A Christian Is Someone, Who In Most Cases, Can Remember The Precise Day In Time He/She Died With Christ

- B. In What Sense Did We Die To Sin?
 - 1. Certainly Not To Sin's Temptation
 - 2. Certainly Not To The Possibility Of Sinning
 - 3. Certainly In The Sense That Sin Should Not Be Lord Over Us

- C. In What Sense Did We Die To The Law?
 - 1. Before A Man Comes To Christ The Law Is Also His Lord
 - 2. The Law Irritates & Aggravates The Sin Nature So That A Man Actually Sins More Than Before He Knew The Law
 - 3. A Christian Is Dead To The Law In the Sense That He Is No Longer Under The Lordship Of Law Which Only Aggravates His Sin Nature, But Is Under A New Husband Which Treats The Christian Differently