

The Holy Spirit's Filling Ministry

Colossians 3:1-3, focusing above

- I.** Review: when “I” the person count myself dead to the sin nature, I am mentally separating myself from its lusts (Rom. 4:17; 6:11).
 1. This thinking recognizes two types of lusts (Gal.5:17): dead to the lusts from the flesh. I am alive to lusts from the Holy Spirit.
 2. When I am in the dead to the lusts from the sin nature:
 - 1) I present myself to the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:13, 6:13).
 - 2) By the Holy Spirit I am alive unto righteousness (Rom. 8:13, 9-10).
 - 3) I am alive unto the Father by presenting my bodily functions to God (Rom. 6:11, 13).
- II.** Christians are co-risen with Christ (Col. 3:1-4).
 1. God counts us to have been put to death with Christ to the world (Col. 2:20, 12, 8).
 2. God also counts us to be risen with Christ and in like manner we are to count this as so (Rom. 6:11).
 3. When we are counting, like God, our risen state as existing:
 - 1) We are to be seeking the things above where Christ is enthroned on the right hand of the Father (Eph.1:20).
 - 2) We seek by reflectively thinking on those things above.
 - i. “Set your affections” in the KJV is φρονέω, *phroneo*, which has the meaning of reflective thinking, consideration, or focus.
 - ii. Focus is a good English term because it allows for there being other thoughts that are subordinate to the main thought: limited thinking—focus
- III.** When our focus is above:
 1. Where is our life, allegiance and loyalty? In the Heaven.
 - 1) This is resurrection life, a result of “counting that which does not exist as though it does exist” (Rom. 4:17; 6:11; Col. 3:2).
 - 2) Resurrection life is living on earth physically while mentally focusing fidelity to the Father through Christ by the Holy Spirit.
 - The Father as source of spiritual blessings (Eph. 3:13-21).
 - The Son provides the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
 - The Holy Spirit enables, makes up what is lacking (Eph. 5:18).