Camp Li-Lo-Li Message 5

INCHRIST INCOLOSSIANS

Colossians 3

- 1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
- 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

It's all about Christ.

- 1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
- 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Our position in Christ, with Christ.

- 1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
- 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

The Key to the New testament. Our position in Christ. How Christ sees us.



Two Prepositions

n Christ

"en" *Greek word*

With Christ

"sun" *Greek word*

In Christ, In Him, In whom

- Col 1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse:
- Col 1:4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus
- Col 1:14 in whom we have redemption through His blood,
- Col 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,
- Col 1:28 that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.
- Col 2:3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- Col 2:5 the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.
- Col 2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
- Col 2:7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith,
- Col 2:10 and you are complete in Him,

With Christ, With Him

Col 2:12- buried with Him in baptism, you also were raised with Him

Col 2:13 - He has made alive together with Him,

Col 2:20 - Therefore, if you died with Christ

Col 3:1 - If then you were raised with Christ,

Col 3:3 - For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 - you also will appear with Him in glory.





Heavenly minded no earthly good



If you're not Heavenly minded you're of no earthly good



The Bible is absolutely clear, we are to be heavenly minded.

Col 3:1- Seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Cor 4:18 - we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.

Heb 12:2 - looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,



POSITION with Christ
 PRACTICE with Christ
 GLORY with Christ

Col 3:1 - If then you were raised with Christ,

Col 3:1 - If then you were raised with Christ,

Col 3:3 - For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col 2:20 - Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations

Col 2:12 - buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Col 2:20 - Died with Christ

Col 2:12 - Buried with Him

Col 3:1 - Raised with Christ

When did we die?

When you trusted in Christ as your Savior.

When Christ died, you died.
When Christ was buried, you were buried.
When Christ was raised, you were raised.

Dead with Christ, Buried with Christ, Raised with Christ...

Dead with Christ, Buried with Christ, Raised with Christ, Hidden with Christ

Col 3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

1. It is spiritual.

Our hidden life with Christ is a spiritual union. It is eternal life, not earthly life.



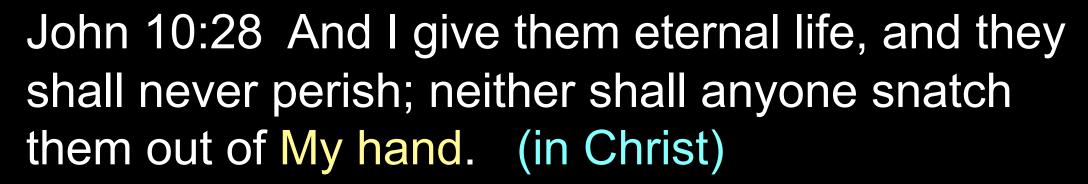
- 1. It is spiritual.
- 2. It is secure.

Hidden inside Christ, inside God.

'Hidden in the hollow, of His blessed hand,' Isaiah 49:2 - He hid me in the hollow of His hand;



- 1. It is spiritual.
- 2. It is secure.



29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. (in God)



- 1. It is spiritual.
- 2. It is secure.
- 3. It is secret.

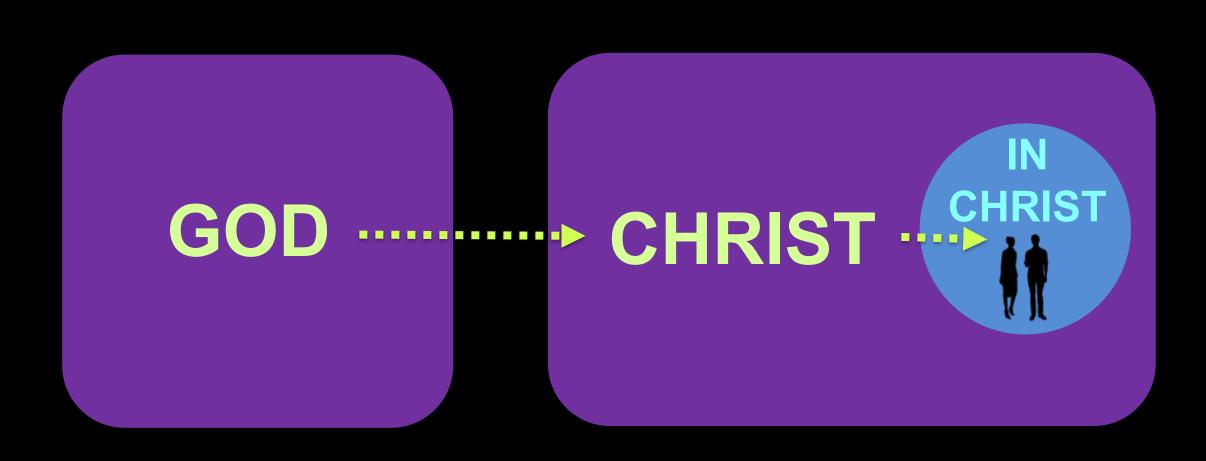
It's concealed from this world.



We are united and joined to Christ. That is the POSITIONAL truth upon which all Christian living is based.

Your position is in Christ, God sees you in all the perfections of His Son.

'God sees my Savior and then He sees me in the Beloved accepted and free.'



KNOWYOUR POSITION!

Know that you have died with Christ.

Know that you are raised with Christ.

Know that your life is hidden with Christ

POSITION with Christ PRACTICE with Christ

POSITION to PRACTICE

Who we are

What we do

POSITION PRACTICE

1. I know my position in Christ

1. I'm not concerned what I do

2. I don't know my position in Christ 2. I try to do what I think God wants

3. I know my position in Christ

3. Hive up it only by Christ's life in me

POSITION PRACTICE

1. I know my position in Christ

1. I'm not concerned what I do

2. I don't know my position in Christ 2. I try to do what I think God wants

3. I know my position in Christ

3. Hive up it only by Christ's life in me

POSITION PRACTICE

- 1. I know my position in Christ
- 1. I'm not concerned what I do

2. I don't know my position in Christ 2. I try to do what I think God wants

3. I know my position in Christ

3. Hive up it only by Christ's life in me

POSITION PRACTICE

1. I know my position in Christ

1. I'm not concerned what I do

2. I don't know my position in Christ 2. I try to do what I think God wants

3. I know my position in Christ

3. I live up it only by Christ's life in me

POSITION to PRACTICE

Chap 1

Chap 2

Chap 3

Chap 4

POSITION in Christ

PRACTICE with Christ

Romans 12:1 - I beseech you THEREFORE, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Ephesian 4:1 - I, THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

1 Thess 4:1 - FINALLY then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;

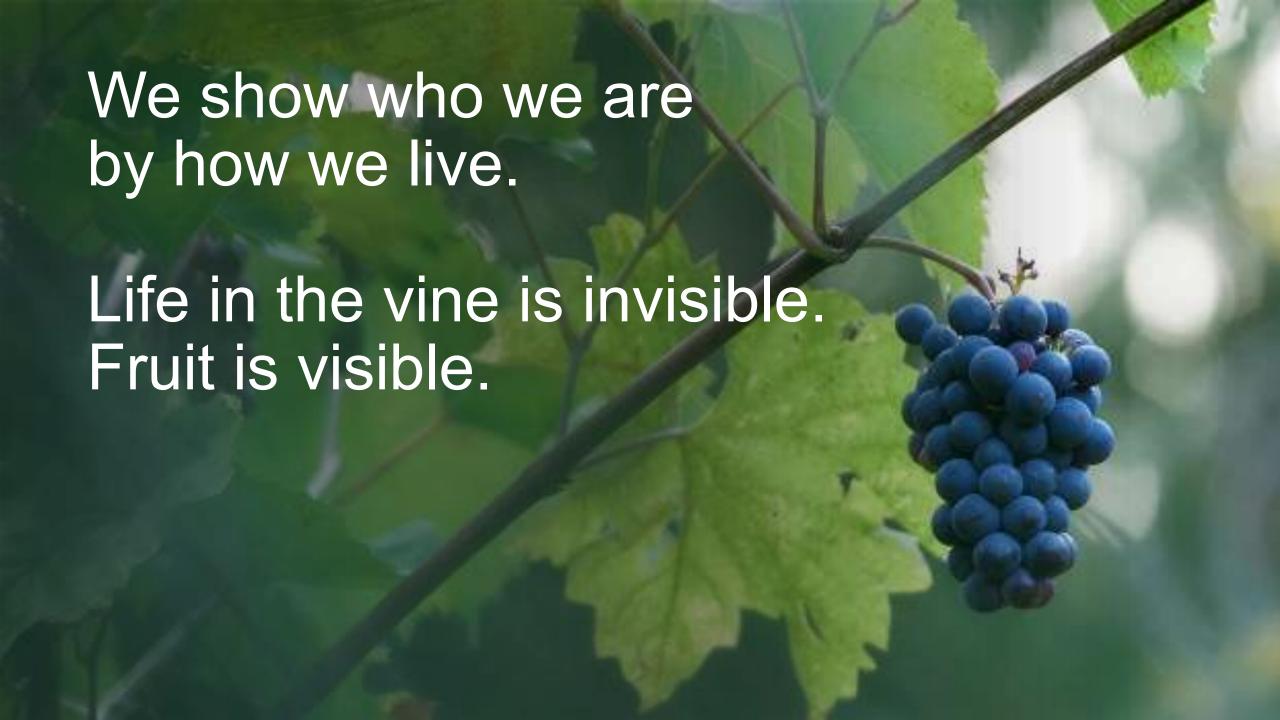
Galatians 5:1 - Stand fast THEREFORE in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

POSITION PRACTICE

Col 3:3

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

Col 3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.



A prince is taught to live as a King.

For that is what they are born to be.



2. PRACTICE with Christ

He do we become like Christ, if we already are His?





1. SEEK

Col 3:1 - If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God











SEEK those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God

A. You must seek - Command

SEEK those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God

- A. You must seek Command
- B. Seek first Priority

 Matthew 6:33 seek first the kingdom of God

SEEK those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God

- A. You must seek Command
- **B. Seek first** Priority

 Matthew 6:33 seek first the kingdom of God
- C. Keep on seeking Continue in the continuous tense, 'keep on seeking'.

PRACTICE with Christ

1. SEEK

2. SET

Col 3:2 - Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.





2. SET your mind

TRAINING. Learning it.
PRACTICE. Repeating it.
DISCIPLINE. Sticking to it.



POSITION with Christ PRACTICE with Christ GLORY with Christ

Col 3:4 - When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Here's your motivation:

Col 3:4 - When Christ who is our life appears,

He didn't just give us new life. Christ is our life!

Choose: Self-life or Christ-life

Col 3:4 - When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

HIDDEN - now APPEAR - then

Christ will appear

When will that happen?

Christ will appear

When will that happen?

Perhaps today.

Col 3:4 - When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.



Col 3:4 - When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Col 1:27 Christ in you the hope of glory

We NEVER get out of our POSITION. It is eternal.

1 Thessalonians 4

- 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep IN JESUS
- 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.
- 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead **IN CHRIST** will rise first.
- 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.
- 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Position becomes our Practice.



- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
- 3 And everyone who has this **hope in Him** purifies himself, just as He is pure.

IN CHRIST

YOUR SALVATION LIFE YOUR CHRIST-IN LIFE YOUR GLORIFIED LIFE



INCHRIST INCOLOSSIANS