



Living the Risen Life

John 21:1-19, Colossians 3:1-4

New Direction, Mindset, Identity, and Destiny

Big Idea: Because Christ is risen, believers now live with new priorities, a new identity, and a new hope.

In John 21:1-19 Jesus meets His disciples after His resurrection by the Sea of Galilee. He provides a miraculous catch of fish, and shares breakfast with them on the shore. There He restores Simon Peter, calling him again to love Him and shepherd His people. In these moments the risen Christ not only proved He was alive – He called His followers to live a new life – the risen life . . .

I. A New Direction [Colossians 3:1]

Setting Your Heart

II. A New Mindset [Colossians 3:2]

Setting Your Mind

III. A New Identity [Colossians 3:3]

- A. Your life is now secure in Christ.
- B. Your past and failures no longer define you.
- C. Your life is hidden in Christ.

IV. A New Destiny [Colossians 3:4]

Our Future Is Secure

Study What would practically change in your daily life if you truly lived as someone who has been raised with Christ?

Challenge This week, intentionally redirect your heart and mind toward Christ each day—through Scripture, prayer, and obedience—and ask God to shape your priorities around His kingdom rather than earthly concerns.

Prayer Thank God for the reality that your life is now hidden in Him. Ask Him to help you set your heart and mind on things above, and live in the identity He has given you, with the strength to walk each day in the hope of the glory to come.

[Colossians 3:1-4] If then you have been raised with Christ, [2:12] seek [set your heart on] the things that are above, [Romans 6:5] where Christ is, [Philippians 3:14] seated at the right hand of God. [Ephesians 1:20]

² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth [Matthew 16:23, Mark 16:19, Philippians 3:19-20]. ³ For you have died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. [2:20, Romans 6:2, 2 Corinthians 5:14]

⁴ When Christ who is your life [John 11:25] [some manuscripts have our] appears, [Galatian 2:20, Philippians 3:21, 1 Peter 1:1, 1:7, 1:13, 1 John 2:28, 3:2] then you will also appear with Him in glory. [1 Peter 1:13, 1 John 3:2]

[Proverbs 4:23 - NLT] Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

[Hebrews 12:1-2] Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 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.

[Romans 12:1-2] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

SECURITY [Ephesians 2:4-6] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved — ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, . . .

FORGIVENESS [2 Corinthians 5:17] “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

GRACE [and Mercy] [Lamentations 3:22-23] The steadfast love [H: *hesed*] of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; [we are never cut off because of our failures] ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

DYING TO LIVE [Galatians 2:20] I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

[1 John 3:2] Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.