

The Centrality of Christ—Colossians 3:1-4
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In this passage, Paul shifts from warning believers against a worldly sanctification that deprecates the cross work of Christ (2:20-23), to urging them to embrace a heavenly sanctification with Christ at its center (3:1-4). However, before we can appreciate the doctrine of sanctification, we must be convinced that “Christ *is* our life” (3:4), that at the center of our holiness is not a principle, but a Person. Paul calls our attention to this essential truth in *three amazing statements*:

1. We have been raised with Christ (v. 1).

2. We are hidden with Christ (v. 3).

3. We will appear with Christ (v. 4).