

# How to succeed at the Christian walk

A 2-PART STUDY IN  
COLOSSIANS 2 & 3



# recap of Part 1

# Two main approaches Christians tend to take...

**COL 2:20-23**



**COL 3:1-5**



Which one leads to true success and having joy in doing it?

## Colossians 2:20-23

crucifixion → death mentality

saying No to sin

conformed to human rules

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<b>Colossians 2:20-23</b>	<b>Colossians 3:1-5</b>
crucifixion → death mentality	resurrection → life mentality
saying No to sin	saying Yes to Christlikeness
conformed to human rules	transformed by Christ's Spirit
change is from the outside in	change is from inside out
from the mind and will	from the heart and identity

It is like trying to  
avoid ditches while  
driving

versus

keeping your eyes  
on the road...

with awareness of the  
ditches



But I say, **walk by the Spirit**,  
and you will not carry out  
the desire of the flesh.

(Gal 5:16)

Come to Me, all you who are weary and  
burdened, and I will give you rest. **Take My  
yoke on you and learn from Me**, because I am  
gentle and humble in heart, and you will find  
rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy to  
bear, and My load is not hard to carry."

(Matt 11:28-30)

# Put off AND put on...

- Proverbs 4:15, 25-27
- Titus 2:11-14
- Ephesians 4:22-24



How *can* we succeed at  
the Christian walk?

We live in the  
new identity we have  
and

let Christ develop His life  
in and through us

# Part 2

How *do* we live here below  
yet  
set our mind on things above?

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

# Our choices...

**A mind set below--  
vv5-9**

Self

Competition

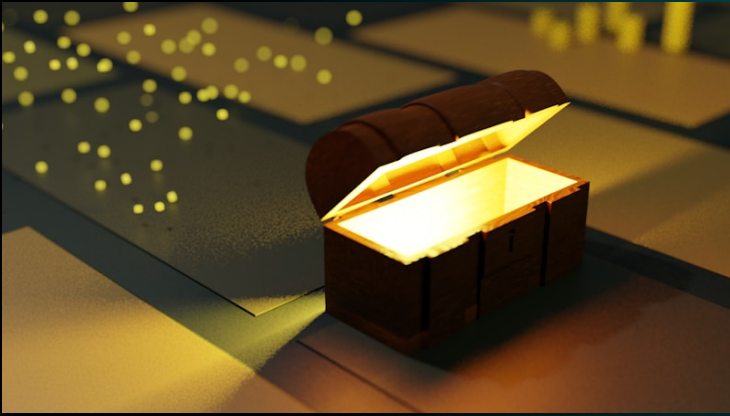
Judgement of others

Discontent (lusts)



# Our choices...

<b>A mind set below-- vv5-9</b>	<b>A mind set above-- vv12-17</b>
Self	Christ
Competition	Unity
Judgement of others	Love of others
Discontent (lusts)	Thankfulness



***“Where your treasure is,  
there your **heart** will be also”***

***(Matt 6:21)***

-vv12, 15, 16

-speech plus good & bad deeds Matt 12:34-35; 15:18-19

-forgiveness Matt 18:35

**“...where  
Christ is...”**



Destination locked  
in...

driving one section  
of road at a time.



# How to live here below with minds set above

## 1. Remember who Christ is

v1      v11 with 1:15-18      →      v15 with 2:19

## 2. Embrace fully our new identity in Christ

v3 with Eph 2:6      v4 with 1:27 & Phil 1:21      v10      v12

## 3. Live in resurrection mode, not just crucifixion mode

Rom 6:11-13   &   2 Cor 5:15, 17

## 4. Prioritize others and blessing them, to the glory of God

v4      v11      vv12-16



# John 15:1-8 "Abide in Christ"

Important !

We are not called  
to PRODUCE fruit

We are called to  
BEAR fruit

**Let Him flow &  
show**



# This is what Christianity is !

**John 14:6** proven by...

Deliberate choices

Daily repentance



**Col 3:2, 17 → thoughts, words, deeds  
from, through, and for Christ**