

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan**COLOSSIANS 3****Colossians 3**

"That person is so earthly-minded they are no heavenly good!" So, it is said by many over the years to refer to someone who is always talking about how we ought to live a spirit-filled life while not doing the basics of loving God, loving others, and making disciples. This is not true. Any person who truly has the **mind of Christ** and is thinking Biblical "heavenly" thoughts will develop a "proper" Biblical mindset that will be of greatest value to those on earth. In being heavenly-minded, we are fulfilling the Biblical commandment as stated in Colossians three.

"Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory."

(Colossians 3:1-4)

The reason I used the New Living Testament (NLT) in quoting the passage above is that it uses the proper word to translate the Greek conjunction "Ei." When this conjunction is used with the "Indicative mode" (the mode of reality) in a sentence, the question posed is assumed to be true! Since...! Not if...! Since we are saved, and presently in our position seated in the

heavenlies (see Ephesians one), then that is where our affection should be and not here on earth where everything is going to end one day in this temporal setting. We are commanded to do this. The word "Seek" in the text is an imperative and couched in the present tense. The thought that Paul is speaking of is inspired by God's Holy Spirit. We are ordered by our great Savior to continually, continuously look to the heavens where our affection, guidance, and direction are in this life. The word "affection" is not a "feeling word" but rather a thinking, volitional choice informed by the mind word. The Greek word is **φρονεῖτε, phroneite, (fron-eh'-tee)**. It is one of the "thinking, thought" words of the New Testament. It is a command to make a deliberate choice in your mind to set your thinking and thoughts to Jesus Christ, Who is seated in the heavenlies, from which He is coming from one day to take us to where He is. (See John 14:1-6)

The Apostle Paul then launches into a section instructing believers at Colosse and each of us to not live according to our own earthly, fleshly nature and its lust, but to be filled with God's Word, the **"Word of Christ"** fill our thinking. This is what I call "Scripture saturation," which means our first thoughts in every circumstance in life to "What does the Bible say as to this decision?" and "How should I then live...?"

Prayer and Action Steps

Father, thank You for giving us Your Word in writing so that we are able to read it, study it, and obey it. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit that lives in our hearts so You can internally guide us into all truth and enable us to live a life pleasing to You. Amen