

A man in silhouette stands on a street at sunset, looking up at a starry sky with a bright light source. The scene is dark, with the sun setting behind hills, casting a warm glow on the sky and the man's silhouette. The sky is filled with stars and a bright, glowing light source, possibly a star or a nebula, that illuminates the scene. The man is standing in the center of the street, looking up at the sky. The street is lined with buildings and utility poles, and the overall atmosphere is one of contemplation and awe.

SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE:

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

PRAYER

**V1: If raised in Christ,
seek things that are higher**

*"Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above, where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God."*

Reference Verses: Matthew 6:33, Ephesians 2:5-6

Ephesians 2:5-6

“even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

V2: Above, Not Below

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

Reference Verses: Mark 16:19, Romans 8:34, 1 Peter 3:22, Hebrews 12:2 and Ephesians 1:20

✦ **V3: Our Hidden Life in Christ**

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

Reference Verses: Romans 6:2, Colossians 2:20,
Romans 6:3-4, Romans 6:13, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-
5, Ephesians 5:5

Colossians 2:20

"If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—"

V4: With Christ in Glory

"When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

Reference Verses: John 11:25,
1 Corinthians 15:40-49

John 11:25

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

John 14:6

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

1 Corinthians 15:40-44

"There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. What is sown in dishonor is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body."

V5: Put to death your earthly ways

"Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."

Reference Verses: Romans 8:13, Galatians 5:24,
Romans 6:13, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5,
Ephesians 5:5

V6: The Wrath of God

"On account of these the wrath of God is coming."

Reference Verses: Romans 1:18, Ephesians 2:2,
Ephesians 5:6

Romans 1:18

"The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth."

Ephesians 5:6

"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience."

Ephesians 2:2

" And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience."

V7: You were once one of them

"In these you too once walked, when you were living in them."

Reference Verses: Romans 6:19, Romans 7:5, 1
Corinthians 6:11

Romans 6:19

"I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification."

Romans 7:5

"For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death."

1 Corinthians 6:11

"And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

V8: Put away all evil

"But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth."

Reference Verses: Hebrews 12:1-2, 1 Peter 2:1

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, 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."

V9: Tell the Truth

"Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices"

Reference Verses: Ephesians 4:20-24, Romans
12:2, Ephesians 2:8-10

Ephesians 4:20-25

" But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another."

V10: Put on the new self: Be renewed

"And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator."

Reference Verses: Romans 12:2,
2 Corinthians 4:16

Romans 12:2

"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."

2 Corinthians 4:16

"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day."

Ephesians 2:8-10

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

V11: Unity in Christ

"Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all."

Reference Verses: Galatians 3:28,
Ephesians 2:14

Galatians 3:28

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 2:14

"For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility."

PRAYER

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