# AND BUILT UP

A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, **rooted and built up in him** and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Colossians 2:6,7

### Colossians 3

- 1 ¶ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
- 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- 5 ¶ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.
- 8 ¶ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. 11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

- 12 ¶ Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
- 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

  14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.







Carl, Ruth, Janie, Cleo, Alfred, Martha, Louise March 16, 1946



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Colossians 2:6

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Colossians 3:2,3

"The life of Christians thus becomes part of the mystery, the secret plan of God, to be revealed to the world at the end of time; that life is not just hidden with Christ in God, it actually is Christ himself, their hope of glory."

N.T. Wright

# The character of the hidden life.

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An old man that is slain.

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"The old taboos put the wild animals of lust and hartred into cages: there they remain, alive and dangerous, a constant threat to their captor. Paul's solution is more drastic; the animals are to be killed. The old method of holiness attacked symptoms; the true method goes for the root."

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Colossians 3:1-4