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Dead to Our Old Life

Colossians 3:3a (NASB)

For you have **died** . . .

- Col. 2:20 also tells us we have died to our old life of sin
- Col. 2:12 tells us we were buried (baptism)
- These are theological truths Christians must believe
- We are either dead *in* sin or dead *to* sin
- Ephesians 2:5 – even when **we were dead** in our transgressions, [God] **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved),

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Hidden With Christ

Colossians 3:3b (NASB)

. . . and your life is **hidden with Christ** in God.

- The reality is presently hidden just as Christ is
- We seek the things of heaven though they are now hidden
- We do not presently see Him but **we believe in Him** (1Peter 1:8)
- “With Christ” implies the security of the believer

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Christ and His People Will Be Revealed

Colossians 3:4 (NASB)

When Christ, who is our life, is **revealed**, then you also will be **revealed with Him in glory**.

- "Revealed" is *phaneroo* which means "manifested"
- "When" is a temporal category, vss 1, 2 describe spatial categories (in heaven/on earth)
- The theme in this verse is "hidden/revealed"
- "Revealed" will display His eternal glory

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Implications and Applications

- We are to long for the revelation of Christ
- We are either dead to sin or dead in sin
- The future hope of all believers will be vindicated
- We must believe God's promise of future glory

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We Long for His Revelation

1John 3:2, 3 (NASB)

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that **when He appears, we will be like Him**, because we will see Him just as He is. And **everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself**, just as He is pure.

- Our Hope is in His future appearing and our glorification
- Eschatological hope motivates sanctification
- Hope is a fruit of the Spirit and a Christian virtue

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We Are Either Dead *to* Sin or Dead *in* Sin

Romans 6:11-13 (NASB)

Even so consider yourselves to be **dead to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body** so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

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Christ Bore Sins So We Can Have Hope

Hebrews 9:28 (NASB)

so Christ also, **having been offered once to bear the sins of many**, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, **to those who eagerly await Him**.

- Christ paid the penalty for sins, once for all
- His appearance will mean our eternal glorification
- Now we long for His soon return

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Believe the Promises of God

1Peter 1:4 (NASB)

to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you**,

1Peter 5:4 (NASB)

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, **you will receive the unfading crown of glory**.

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God Promises Future Glory

2Corinthians 4:17, 18 (NASB)

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an **eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison**, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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