

## **Description Of New Life In Christ**

### **COL 3:3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

1. "For you have died" - Once again Paul speaks of the spiritual dead they had experienced. (Col. 2:12).
  - a. They had died to the world. (Col. 2:20; 3:3, 5, 9).
  - b. They needed to be reminded of this fact since there was a constant danger of returning to their worldly ways and being alive to sin.
  - c. The old life was dead [inactive], but it was not annihilated.
  - d. Christians are constantly warned of the danger of loving the world. (Rom. 12:2; Jas. 1:27; 1 Jn. 2:15; 2 Cor. 6:14-17).
2. "and your life is hidden with Christ in God" - This is because they had become united with Christ in baptism.
  - a. They, as believers, had entrusted their spiritual lives to Christ who is heaven with God. "Hidden" is used with the idea of safe and protected.
  - b. They may be physically in jeopardy. (2 Tim. 3:12), but they did not have to fear those who killed the body. (Matt. 10:28).
  - c. They were spiritually safe as long as they abided in Christ. (Rom. 8:31-39; Lk. 21:16, 18).

### **COL 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.**

1. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed"
  - a. Christ is the focal point of the Christian.
  - b. The Christian lives to please Christ. (Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20; 1 Jn. 5:12),

PHI 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

GAL 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

1JO 5:12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

- c. "revealed" is speaking of the coming of Christ at the end of time.
2. "then you also will be revealed with Him in glory" - They would joyfully participate in His glorious return and His glorious return to heaven.
  - a. This is a reference to the Christian being raised with a glorious new spiritual body. (1 Cor. 15:49-58; 1 Jn. 3:1,2;