

**SERMON** **COL 3:1-4** **RISEN LIVING**  11-26-2017

The risen life then is a hidden life so wrapped up in Jesus that our hearts and minds are set on eternity by sharing with others the ONLY thing that will bring them into heaven- the gospel- by

trusting in Christ for forgiveness and for a righteousness that can’t be earned.

Risen living is characterized by 2 things from this passage:

**1. Our Position**

**2. Our Priorities**

**A. Doctrine: What God has done in Christ for you through the gospel… Colossians Chp 1-2**

1. You heard the gospel 1:5
2. God opened your eyes – you understood the gospel. 1:6
3. God gave you faith - you believed the gospel. 1:6
4. Paul prayer/God heart for you: Be filled with knowledge of His will in all SPIRITUAL wisdom and knowledge1:9
5. Paul prayer/God heart for you: Be strengthened with God’s power in all endurance, patience and joy 1:10
6. He HAS (past tense) qualified, delivered and transferred you to kingdom of His beloved son 1:12-13
7. You have redemption, forgiveness of all your sins, nailed your sin to the cross- past, present, future. 1:14, 2:14
8. Disarmed the power of sin over you. 2:15
9. He is Your shepherd, your head – guide, lead, encourage, protect you 1:18
10. Help you mature in Christ 1:28
11. Full of assurance in riches and treasures of Christ 2:2-3
12. Help you be firm in your faith 2:5
13. Keep you holy, present you blameless and above reproach 1:22
14. All your growth is from God- sanctifying you, making you more like Jesus. 2:19
15. He is Christ Jesus the LORD – You are filled in Him to Walk in Him. 2:6 YOU ARE COMPLETE IN HIM

**2. Heaven: “things that are above” - Eternity….**

FUTURE

1. New, real, magnificent city
2. Beautiful and filled with splendor
3. Where righteousness dwells – no sin
4. Perfect relationships, perfect community
5. Perfect and sweet reunions loved ones, all that was sad will become untrue
6. Perfect bodies- imperishable, powerful and glorious
7. Presence of God- not just see Him,
   1. but will then know all things
   2. storyline of your life will be crystal clear-
   3. worship
8. A place you want others to come to …..
   1. b/c heaven is an eternity in the presence of God
   2. b/c hell is an eternity absent the presence of God.

PRESENT

1. Holiness
2. Intercession
3. Power

**C. Ministry of the Holy Spirit: ”the Spirit”**

Romans 8:1-17

1. I am free from the power and penalty of sin. V2

2. I can keep His commandments without fear or condemnation. V4

3. I have a new nature born by the Spirit. V5-12

4. I can say no to sin. V13

5. I am led by the Spirit. V14

6. I have intimate access to the Father. V15

7. I have assurance that I am His. V16-17