

Set Your Affection

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Col 3:2 KJV: *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

Retaining a sound mind in the time of worldwide insanity seems an impossibility to most people including many Christians.

It is not only possible to live a godly quality of life in the time of worldwide traumatic upheaval, it is also possible to rest in the LOVE, peace, and joy of God's righteousness in Christ and Christ in us.

It is even possible to become a part of a force of change from God to bring about the redemption and restoration of the world to God's original design and purpose.

One key to living in victory in a desperate season of worldly tribulation is to truly grasp the reality that our life does not consist in things of this world. This world did not give us life, and it cannot take it away.

God made man in His image and breathed His life into him. Man failed in Adam and succumbed to the evil one and his ungodly ways. Christ Jesus has provided complete and full redemption and restoration to all who will turn to Him to receive God's provision of Spirit life now and in the life to come.

Eternal Life Now

We are spirit beings who live in a body and have a soul. Our spirit is designed to primarily relate to the heavenly realm. Our soul is designed to primarily relate to the earthly realm. Our body houses the spirit and the soul, and all three together are one person much like God is three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet the three are One God.

Man is the only created being with the ability to function in both the heavenly Spirit realm and the earthly soul realm. We also have the choice as to which realm will be dominant and rule in our lives on earth. As human beings we are ruled by the realm that we choose to love, whether the heavenly realm or the earthly realm.

A decision not to love God with our whole heart (spirit and soul) causes us to remain as fallen mankind living after Adam. Living after Adam is to love earthly natural life and the things of the fallen world.

To love God is to abide in and be ruled by the heavenly Spirit realm of life that is eternal and far above the natural earthly fallen life. Eternal life is not just quantity of life, but it is a greatly superior quality life now and in the life to come.

Life of the Spirit ruling in our lives sets us apart and we are no longer ruled by natural life.

The heavenly eternal life on earth is the kingdom of God life of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit that is not subject to the circumstances of this world. It is life above the natural earthly realm and is unaffected by the evil of the fallen world. It is the life that can release God's redemption and restoration into the fallen world – the life of a world changer – the life of Christ in us. It is living in the victory of peace and joy in the midst of a crumbling upside down world system of darkness.

Care and Feeding of Spirit Life

The abundant life of peace in the Spirit does not come from human strength but from godly wisdom. The words of God's wisdom written in the Bible give us the way to life in abundant peace that is unrelated to conditions in this world. If we will value these words as vital to life in the times of troubling transitions that are before us now, we will experience perfect peace and unlimited power in Christ. We will pour life out through Christ in us to the maturing Sons of God, thus bringing forth His kingdom.

Spirit life exists in our relationship with God through being in Christ and is brought to life in the world by Christ in us all by the Holy Spirit. The time is past when people could survive apart from the reality of relationship through the Holy Ghost.

Spirit life must be fed to remain strong. It is fed by what is imparted into us through our focus of love and affection toward God and the things that are from heaven. A life focused on the evil things going on in this world is a life of stress and fear that leads toward sickness and premature death – even a “living death” of hopelessness while we yet live.

Our focus, our hearts, and minds must be set upon heavenly things, things that are above; the things of God in Christ by the Spirit must enlighten our souls and become our life of abiding in His presence.

Those who exercise their God-given ability to choose to receive only that which comes from God into their thinking will live above the clamor of destructive forces of every form of painful fear and anger.

With the power of choice that has been given to us, we can set the affection of our minds on thing of God and not on the things of this world. Thereby we can endure and maintain a sound mind in a time of worldwide insanity.

*Philippians 4:6-9 – **Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.***

What we choose to allow to come into our soul through what we choose to look upon, what we choose to hear, what we allow our mind to think upon becomes seeds of reality in our hearts that will produce the reality of our lives and will either enhance or limit our potential in this life now and in the future.

What flows through our lives now into the world affects the world with the seeds from the fruit of our lives.

The seeds of word pictures, thoughts, and feelings that we received and retained into our heart will be planted into others around us and into the world. The fruit of our life contains the seeds to plant the same fruit in others and into the world. This is true whether the seed is good or bad; it will produce fruit after its kind.

The world is governed by the collective release of what is received and reproduced in the hearts and lives of mankind on earth.

Our current world is being formed by mass media, video games, movies, music, godless educational systems, published written material, and verbal communications. One can

accurately project the future of a people or nation by observing what is being fed into the hearts of the people through the media that feed the souls of people and forms what they think and believe which forms who they are and how they function in this life.

These powerful systems have so been used by the enemy to corrupt the souls of people that the world is more grossly corrupted with evil on a broader scale than ever before. These same systems could have been used to produce a worldwide loving and powerful godly culture greater than ever known before on planet earth.

If godless mass media news is planted into our minds consistently we will probably never know the peace of God that surpasses understanding. If our eyes and ears are focused on that which is violent, evil, lustful, or otherwise ungodly, whether fact or fantasy, our minds will be fed by it, and the peace of God will not guard our hearts and minds in desperate times. In fact, we would probably add to the darkness and turmoil in the world.

Colossians 3:1-2 (NKJV) – If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Our endurance in God during the suffering of persecution opens the way for God to fully judge evil in the world while at the same time giving us rest in His presence and the glory of His power. God is glorified as the Lord is being revealed in His people in this Day. If you can receive it, we have come to this place in time as written two millennia ago.

Not only shall we endure, but we shall abide in the victory of a world made righteous in the love and power of God in Christ in His purified Bride of many Sons of God shining forth in His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

*2 Thessalonians 1:4-10 – so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for **your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer**; since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.*

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25)

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