

"Keep Your Head In The Clouds"

Colossians 3:1-4

This is a transitional point in the book, as Paul draws together previously-mentioned themes and moves to practical applications. His aim switches from living free of controlling teachers to living out our union with Christ.

Being United to Christ means . . .

PAST --"**you have been raised**"; also 2:12, Eph. 2:6
if is assumed to be the case, recall 2:12 "you were raised"
--"**for you have died**"; also 2:20, Rom. 6:8

Pretty hard to fathom! Not physical yet not just metaphorical.
This is "positional truth" that gives the reason for commands.
Death severed our link w/old order. Raising linked w/new order.

PRESENT --"**your life is hidden**"
Also tough to grasp, Gal. 2:19,20, Phil. 1:21, 2 Cor. 4:10, 5:17.
Hidden implies secretive, safety, invisibility (revealing in vs. 4).

FUTURE --"**you also will be revealed**"
Our positional relationship w/Christ will be transparent when
Christ returns (1 Cor. 13:12, 1 Jn. 3:2, Rom. 6:5)

Being United With Christ means you should . . .

Keep seeking things above

Compare to false teachers heavenly visions / earthly dictums.
Contrast of spheres (things above / things on the earth) is much
akin to spirit vs. the flesh (Gal. 5:17, Rom. 8:5f.). *To seek
things above*--Mtt. 6:33, 2 Cor. 4:18 = ???

Set your mind on things above

Keeping one's thoughts directed upward (Phil. 4:8, Rom. 12:1, 2
Cor. 10:5) requires us to do what???