

# How to live in a place that isn't home

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<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.



<sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.



<sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



<sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.



On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.



<sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.



<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.



<sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.



<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,



if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.



<sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.



<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

And be thankful.





## Two choices of where to set your mind:

Above or below. Christ or earth.





# Consequences of setting your mind one place versus the other:

Above = renewal. Below = decay.





## How to set your mind in the right place:

- Set your minds on things that are above (v.2)
- Put to death therefore what is earthly in you (v.5)
- Put away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk (v.8)
- Put off the old self (v.9)



### How to set your mind in the right place:

- Put on the new self (v.10)
- Put on compassionate, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience (v.12)
- Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you (v.13)
- Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts (v.15)







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