

“ The Essence of True Spirituality”, Pt. 1 **(Colossians 3:1-4)**

- I. THE SALUTATION TO THE COLOSSIANS (1:1-2)**
- II. THE PRAYERS OF PAUL AND TIMOTHY FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)**
- III. THE PRE-EMINENCE OF CHRIST'S POSITION AND WORK (1:15-23)**
- IV. THE PROPAGATION OF CHRIST'S WORK (1:23c-2:3)**
- V. THE PROBLEM AND PROTECTION FROM FALSE TEACHING (2:4-23)**
- VI. THE PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION OF CHRIST'S POSITION AND WORK (3:1-4:6)**

* What comes to mind when you hear the phrase “be all you can be”?

A. Review of How the Believer in Christ is NOT Spiritual (chap 2)

1. Warning #1 – You are not spiritual through LEGALISM (2:16-17)

* Beware of _____

* The answer:

2. Warning #2 – You are not spiritual through MYSTICISM (2:18-19)

* Beware of _____

* The answer:

3. Warning #3 – You are not spiritual through ASCETICISM (2:20-23)

* Beware of _____

* The delusion:

B. The FOUNDATION of how the Believer in Christ is Spiritual (3:1-4)

1. Some Observations to note:

* The CENTER of these 4 verses is _____

* The CONCERN of these is _____ and your _____ of what you possess in Christ

* The COMMANDS in these verses is address your _____

2. The BASIS of True Spirituality is your _____ in or _____ with _____

a. You are _____ in Christ (Col 2:9-10)

b. You have been _____ into Christ (Col 2:11-15)

c. Your identification with Christ's Death means you are _____ from your obligation to _____ sin (Romans 6:7)

d. Your identification with Christ's Resurrection means you are able to walk in _____ (Romans 6:4-5, 8-10)

3. The COMMANDS related to true spirituality are addressed to the _____

* The "if" in verse 1 does not convey _____

a. The first command is to _____ those _____ which are _____

* "seek" -

* "things above" -

b. You are to seek those things where _____

* What is significant about the right hand of God?

c. The second command is to _____ your _____ on things above

* This is not an appeal to your _____ but rather your _____

* What do you think about?