YOUR NEW LIFE IS JESUS CHRIST! (Colossians 3)

"When <u>Christ who is our life</u> appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory." Col. 3:4

• How can Christians thrive in our present world culture and circumstances?

I. YOU ARE NOW ALIVE WITH JESUS CHRIST, THEREFORE SEEK HIM AND SEEK HIS WILL IN ALL AREAS OF YOUR LIFE (3:1-4:6)

A. YOUR NEW LIFE AND DIRECTION (3:1-4)

2. GOD'S IMPERATIVES for Your New Eternal Life in Christ (3:1-2)

- a. Command #1: You, the new creation in Christ, "SEEK those things which are above..."
 - What does this involve?
- b. Command #2: You, the new creation in Christ, "SET YOUR MIND on things above"

• What is the negative counterpart to this imperative?

3. NEW LIFE MOTIVATIONS for "Seek" and "Set" (3:3-4)

a. Motivation #1: Fact - "You died" in ______ to the things of this planet.

b. Motivation #2: Fact - "Your life is hidden with Christ in God." (3:3)

c. Motivation #3: Fact - "When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with *Him in glory.*" (3:4)

B. YOUR NEW LIFE PRIORITY APPLICATIONS (3:5-4:6)

"SEEK those things above" associated with your New Life _____ in Christ. (3:5-8)

"SEEK" those things above" associated with the ______ on earth. (3:9-17)

"SEEK" those things above" associated with your _____. (3:18-21)

"SEEK" those things above" associated with your ______ and _____. (3:22-4:6)

• How is this the grace Christian life with all these imperatives?