# The Art Of Christian Living!

Colossians 3:1-7

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<u>Colossians 1:27</u>, <u>To them</u> God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, <u>which is Christ in you</u>, <u>the hope of glory</u>.

#### What Does "Christ in you, the hope of glory" Mean?

Colossians 3:1, Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now 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, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

#### Christ In You Means...

#### 1) Your **HEART** Is In The **RIGHT PLACE**

(Colossians 3:1; Romans 10:9-10; Jeremiah 29:11-13)

<u>Matthew 6:24</u>, "<u>No one can serve two masters</u>. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other…"

### 2) Your MIND Is Set On The RIGHT THINGS

(Colossians 3:2)

Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally,

brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

<sup>9</sup>Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

## 3) Your <u>LIFESTYLE</u> Reflects A <u>HEAVENLY NATURE</u>

(Colossians 3:3-6; Romans 6:1-4; Romans 7:21-25)

Galatians 2:20, I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Psalm 51:10, Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

# 4) Your <u>RELATIONSHIPS</u> Draw <u>OTHERS TO CHRIST</u> (Colossians 3:7; Colossians 4:2-6)

<u>Matthew 11:19</u>, The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, '<u>Here is a glutton and a drunkard</u>, <u>a friend of tax</u> collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."