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1 **COLOSSIANS**  
***Jesus is Everything!***  
**1 Thing At A Time**  
**Col, 3: 1-4**

INTRO 2

Finish these sayings for me:

Which came first; the chicken or the \_\_\_\_\_?

Don't put the cart before the \_\_\_\_\_.

The hurrier I go the \_\_\_\_\_.

What you don't have in your head you have to have in your \_\_\_\_\_.

First things \_\_\_\_\_.

If you build a boat in the basement make sure you can get it \_\_\_\_\_.

All these have to do with taking things in order and not rushing the process. Paul presents the practical application of the truth to the Colossians. It is no different for us. We need to take one thing at a time if we are to enjoy what God has destined for us.

[pray]

3 **SEEK [v1]**

4 [v1] the *if* is not a question. It means ***for as much as*** – It is directed as a statement of Faith in the finished work of Christ ***Rom. 4:25 Does your faith rest in what Jesus has done for you? Is He your personal Savior?***

5 ***Risen*** –[*sunegairo* – soon egg I' ro] – unity in arousal. In [2:12], Paul take the words for **bury** and **risen** and adds another word ***sun*** –[*soon*] which means a union with; forming two new words that mean we shared in His death and His resurrection. Once more we are reminded that there is no life apart from Christ ***Eph. 2:1*** (5A)

6 **Are you in Christ? 2 Cor. 13:5**

7 This passage challenges us to know - and we can know for sure through the witness of the Holy Spirit. **Rom.8:1,14-16**

8 Paul tells you to seek.-To set your will upon. This is not a casual matter. No weekend spiritual warrior, but an all out pursuit of *those things above* **Matt.6:19-21; 2 Cor.4:16-18** (9)

All that is around us will burn and decay. Jesus is the only one that continues and all that He blesses will last.

*Where Christ sits* – This is a subtle reminder that what we seek is a finished work.

10 On the Cross, Jesus paid a full price for a complete redemption for all who would believe **Heb.10:12-14**

11 *At the right hand* – Though it may go without saying, I'm saying it anyway – this is the position of favor, privilege, and power. It is the place you are destined to hold **Rev.3:21**

12 **SET [v2-3]**

13 [v2] *Set your affection* – A doubling of the Greek word. Paul is not stuttering, he does this for emphasis. Let the “set of your mind” be on the eternal, not on the temporary; for this world is in the death grip of the old system. **Rom12:1-2**

14 **How do you do this? How do you “set your affection”? Rom6:2-4**

[Know, reckon, yield, obey] Paul reminds of our Standing in Christ. Dead to the penalty, power, presence of sin.

Why should we **set ourselves** in this way? Why is this so important that Paul would be compelled to emphasize the resurrection of Christ – the greatest display of power in the Universe?

[v3] BECAUSE you are *Dead* – it means to die off, be separate from. If you are in Christ then you are dead to the old, for there is no old – it is cut off. There is only one way and that is in Christ. The fact is, that there was never any other way but Christ!

**John 14:6**

15 *Your life is hid with Christ* – It is not seen from the surface but it is known by faith. ***"I cannot see the anchor but I feel its pull."***

**2 Cor. 5:14-15, 17**

16 *In God* - We have a Father that promises to us that we have His gift through His Son Jesus **Titus 1:2**  
The God who gave His Son for you has also purposed you for the skies. He wants to and will do what He promised. **Eph. 2:10**

17 Setting your will upon Christ is not a "set it and forget it" event. It is a process that relies on the Holy Spirit to do what only He can do **Phil 2:12-13**  
He is more than able to do what we can never do but He requires your willing heart.

18 **SOON [v4]**

19 *When Christ* – Now there's a good question! All we have is the promise of Jesus. **Rev. 22:20**

20 *Who is our life* – Make no mistake, Jesus is not just an addition to your human endeavor to excel, He is very life **1 John 5:11-12**

21 *Shall appear* – Don't ever forget Jesus made a promise **John 14:3**

And when He does appear you will be different.

22 What was promised on the inside by the presence of the Holy Spirit within **Eph. 1:13-14**

Will be reveal on the outside **1 John 3:2** – (23)

24 *Appear with Him in glory* – The final removal of sin from our being and the eternal company of the Son of God. **2 Cor. 5:6-9**

*But let us one thing at a time*, for that is the rule.  
Jesus is the one who gives us peace, freedom, and  
ultimate victory. You must seek Him now, set your  
affection on Him above all, for soon He will return.