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Jesus Over Everything

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Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

- YOU HAVE DIED TO YOUR OLD LIFE

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17

For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:7,11

- YOU WERE RAISED TO NEW LIFE

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17

- YOU ARE HIDDEN IN CHRIST

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me,

John 10:27-28

- YOU WILL BE PHYSICALLY GLORIFIED

But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

Philippians 3:21

We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing.

2 Corinthians 5:2

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THE DAILY PROCESS OF PUTTING ON THE NEW LIFE

1. CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK

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Colossians 3:1-2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2

2. CHOOSE TO LIVE BY CONVICTION

The longest journey you will ever take is the 18 inches from your head to your heart
- Andrew Bennett

You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him... Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Colossians 3:7-12

So now, my sons, listen to me. Never stray from what I am about to say: Stay away from her! Don't go near the door of her house!

Proverbs 5:7-8

3. COMMIT TO LIVE IN COMMUNITY

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:13-14

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Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble... A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10,12

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

Colossians 3:15