

Thriving In Turbulent Times

Don't Be Distracted, Focus on Christ!

Colossians 3:1-4

When our lives get Turned Upside Down...It's easy to get Distracted.

Turbulent Times should Reinforce our Passion TOWARD things that have Eternal Value.

Today, Paul shares FOUR TRUTHS that help us "Set Our Minds On Things ABOVE"

1. FOCUS ON YOUR IDENTITY WITH CHRIST.

- We Were CRUCIFIED WITH Christ. (Galatians 2:20)
- We Were BURIED Together WITH Christ. (Romans 6:4)
- We Were RAISED Together WITH Christ. (Colossians 3:1)
- We Are SEATED Together WITH Christ. (Romans 6:5)

2. FOCUS ON YOUR AUTHORITY WITH CHRIST.

- Mental Images Matter...
- When we FOCUS our Attention on the Power & Authority of our Savior, OUR faith swells.
- You may NOT Know what kind of Turbulent Times are Coming but you CAN Remain Focused on the ONE who DOES...

3. FOCUS ON YOUR SECURITY WITH CHRIST. (v.3)

- Can you think of a MORE Secure Place to be than "With Christ in God?"
- Never Forget, You Are SAFE & SECURE when you're WITH Jesus. (John 10:28-29)
- The Greatest Confidence we have in our Christian life is Understanding that WE are SECURE because of what JESUS has DONE for us.

4. FOCUS ON YOUR DESTINY WITH CHRIST. (v.4)

- Our DESTINY is to "Appear WITH Him in Glory."
- Imagine having a body Impervious to Sickness, Brokenness or Death!

****HOW CAN I STAY FOCUSED ON CHRIST?***

- 1.) Being INSISTENT On Godly Priorities. (Matthew 6:33)
- 2.) Stay INTERESTED In God's Word. (Luke 10:41-42)
- 3.) Properly INVEST Your Treasure. (Matthew 6:19-21)

- **No matter how Woke & Backwards our Culture may Become, Never, Never Lose your God-Given Conviction.**