

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.” *Colossians 3:1-4 KJV*



The test of a true believer is their inner desire to please God and the abhorrence of evil in themselves. If you still desire earthly things over Heavenly, you do not truly know God! I am not talking about a lack of sin for we will have sin with us until we see Christ, because of our body which is “sold under sin.” Even the Apostle struggled for he wrote, “For we know that the Law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the Law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the Law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my [body], warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the Law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.” Notice his concluding thought; a constant conflict between the Spirit and body, but acknowledging that our deliverance is ultimately through Jesus Christ. Our affections must be trained on that which is to come not that which is present. It is a learning process of faith as it obeys and finds God true to His Word, thereby gaining confidence and Peace. To set your affections requires conscious choice. “LET this mind be in you.” You must decide. “What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the Law, but under Grace? GOD FORBID. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto Righteousness?” The desires you allow, determine your deeds; whether they be of your flesh or of the Spirit. “And hereby WE DO KNOW that we know Him, IF we keep His Commandments.”

Desire not that which perishes,
For it will not bring peacefulness,
Desire instead the Heavenly,
For it will last eternally. –CGP

We will sin until Father changes our bodies into that like His. “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for we shall see Him as He is.” Christ is our Blessed Hope! The best is yet to come!

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; [believers] shall not all sleep, but WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trump: for the Trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’” *1 Corinthians 15:51-54 KJV*