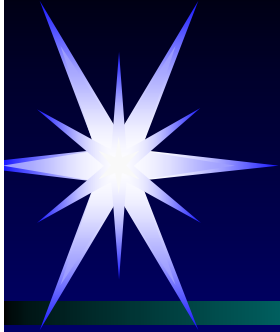


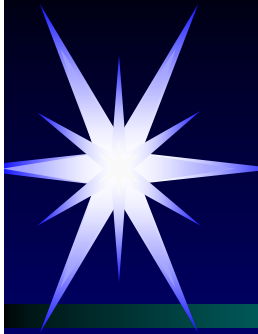
Maturity 3

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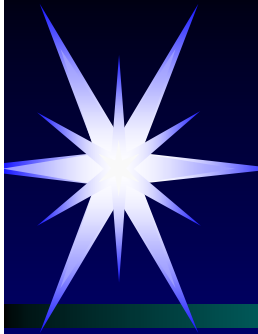
QUESTION

- What do you think about when you are not thinking about anything in particular?



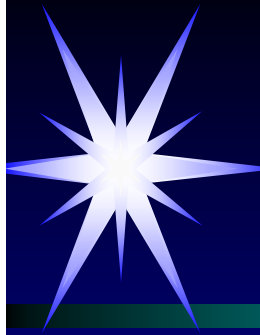
He tells Us in Col. 3:1-4

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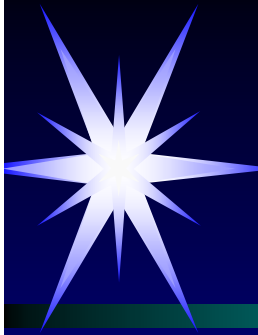
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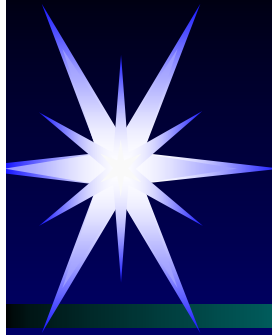
Raised With Christ - When?

- In baptism (Col. 2:11-13; Rom. 6:1-7)
- As the result, he tells them to
 - Consider themselves dead to sin (Rom. 6:11)
 - Not let sin reign in their mortal body (Rom. 6:12)
 - Present themselves to God as being alive (Rom. 6:13)



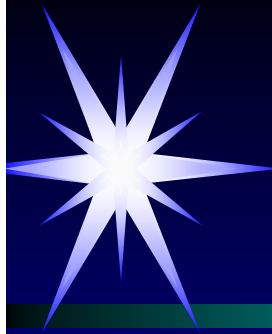
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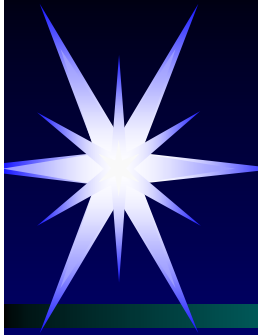
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- Has to do with what we desire.
 - Jesus taught: “Where our treasure is – that is where our heart is! (Matt. 6:19-21)”
 - To lay up treasures on earth (our reason for existing) is wrong!
 - Can’t take it with us
 - Takes our energy from spiritual things
 - Two masters destroys



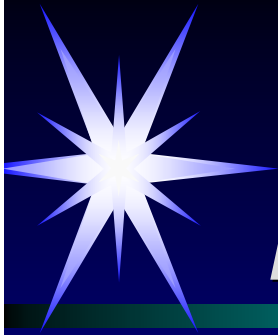
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- C. S. Lewis said: “Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in.’ Aim at earth and you will get neither.”



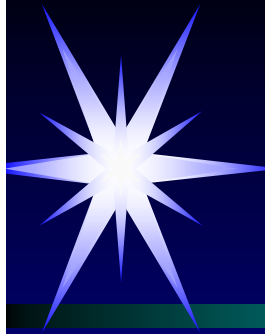
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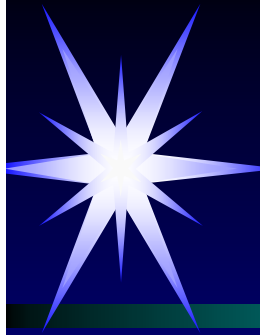
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- Has to do with *what we think*
 - What goes in our mind transforms the whole of our life (Phil. 4:8, 6-7; Rom. 12:2; Heb. 5:14)
 - Feed our minds on Jesus (Jno. 6:51-58)
 - Paul says, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (Col. 3:16)



Paul

- Reminds us that we are dead to sin and alive in Christ
- He challenges us to:
 - Seek (desire) those things above
 - Set our minds (think) on Jesus



What if you say?

- “I’ve lost my love for Him and I don’t know how to get it back?”
 - Come back to His word, praise Him in the company of His people.
 - Never has any one sought for Him who did not find Him.