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- (1) If you then have risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God.
- (2) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
- (3) Because you are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- (4) When Christ, *Who is* our life, shall appear, then you shall also appear with Him in glory.^a
- (5) Put to death therefore the parts of you which are worldly; fornication {sex outside of marriage},^b uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil desire, and covetousness {greedy; lusting for things that belongs to others}, which is idolatry:
- (6) For these things' sake the wrath {anger; judgment} of God comes on the children of disobedience:
- (7) In which you also walked some time, when you lived in them.
- (8) But now you also put off all these; anger, wrath {anger; judgment}, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
- (9) Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds;
- (10) And have put on the new *man*, who is renewed in knowledge after the image of the One Who created him:
- (11) Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian {uncivilized}, Scythian, slave *nor* free: but Christ is all, and in all.
- (12) Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, compassions, kindness, humbleness of mind, humility, patience;
- (13) Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if any man has a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also you *do* {likewise}.
- (14) And above all these things *put on* charity,^c which is the bond of perfectness.
- (15) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you are called in one body; and be thankful.

(16) Let the word of Christ live in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing {encouraging} one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

(17) And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

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3:4a – when Christ returns {at Armageddon} we will return with Him to live on this present earth for 1000 years
– I Thes. 3:13; 4:14 – see Revelation 20.

3:5b - See Mat. 5:32

3:14c – charity – love – agape- see note on I Cor. 13:1