IT IS WRITTEN

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SET YOUR AFFECTIONS ON THINGS ABOVE

Coll. 3:2 Set your affections on things above and not on things of the Earth. WHY? Because ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God. To whom was Paul speaking? To the Collossian brethern only? No but to the general church everywhere in every land. But if you will note there was a condition, and that was IF YE BE RISEN WITH CHRIST. Here we would like to pause for a moment. How do we die? Rom. 6:1, WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN? SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN, THAT GRACE MAY ABOUND, GOD FORBID.—How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein. SO WE HAVE IT, we are dead to sin, or we die to sin. Knowing this Paul says, THAT YOUR OLD MAN CRUCIFIED WITH HIM, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we SHOULD NOT SERVE SIN. Here if ye note, the scriptures said SHOULD NOT and that it doesn't, say CAN NOT. Let us note also that Paul said that we KNOW and understand that we are dead to sin. To those who teach infant baptism, this verse will tear them asunder, that Paul said that we KNOW that our body of sin has been crucified,—A child doesn't know: therefore a child couldn't be baptised with the knowledge of his sins being forgiven. When Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.—On the condition, that we mortify our members which are upon the earth (or which is ever present) FORNICATION, here if we will note that Paul names those things which will prove as a great barrier in the day of judgment. Uncleaness inordinate effection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness which is idolatry.—Of the which he that is guilty of these things is in danger of the wrath of God, because they will be termed, CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE.

But in the new man, that is the one that is risen with Christ, PUT OFF ANGER, WRATH, MALICE, BLASPHEMY, FILTHY COMMUNICATION OUT OF YOUR MOUTH. Paul said, Phill. 1:27—Only let your conversation be as that which becometh the gospel of Christ. So we can see, we will be judged also with and by our conversation while in this life. But Paul reaches farther and adds Col. 3:9—LIE NOT ONE TO ANOTHER, SEEING

YE HAVE PUT OFF THE OLD MAN WITH HIS DEEDS, and have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him. The truth then, we should carry, one to another; and then renew our minds. But how renew our minds? In knowledge Coll. 3:12—Put on therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind meekness, longsuffering.—Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. These if you will note are duties which are found in children of God, and with out these something is wrong, for these are the commandments of God. AND LET THE PEACE OF GOD RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, to which ye are called in one body and BE YE THANKFUL.

Yours in Christ,
Coy Garrison

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(SOWING)

Gal. 6:7 Be not deceived God is not Mocked for whatsoever A man soweth that shall he also Reap, For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. Now we see that there is two ways that we can sow, one is to the spirit and the other is to the flesh, now which one of those ways do you want to sow? One leads to life and the other to A SPIRITUAL DEATH, now we know that we all die in the flesh, or that we must put off this old fleshley body as we find in Heb. 9:27 then we must appear before the Judgment seat of Christ, to receive the things done in this life, whether it be good or bad and if it has been good then to that home in heaven and if bad then to that everlasting punishment. Which shall it be? There is six things God Hates, Prov. 6:17-19. A proud look, A lying tongue and hands that shed innocent BLOOD, feet that be swift in running to Mischief, A false witness, and he that soweth discord among the brethren. Now this is sowing to the flesh also, Gal. 5:19 Adultery, fornication, uncleaness, lasciviouness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; all of those things is sowing to the flesh, and is not of God. A man doesn't have to do all of these things to be lost, any one, or more is enough, so let us be careful, why not sow to the spirit, and live? And have Eternal Life, Gal. 6:7, for the fruit of the SPIRIT is love, joy, peace, longsuffering gentleness, goodness, temperance, meekness, against such there is no law, Gal. 5:22, but many are not doing those things they had rather have their works in darkness, thinking that they will be hid, but not so for God knows the thoughts and the intents of the heart, and you can't hide anything from him, for Paul said in Gal. 5:25, if we live in the spirit let us also walk in the spirit and let us not be desirous of vain glory provoking one another, enving one another, and in the 13, V. for brethern ye have been called unto liberty only use liberty for an occasion to the flesh but by love serve one another. For Paul said in the 13 Ch. of 1 Cor. 31 V, but covet earnestly the best gifts;

and yet shew I unto you A more excellent way. And as Peter put it in 2, 1:5-14 if you do these things you shall never fall. What is the more excellent way Paul was going to show those things that Peter was talking about is the more excellent way, for Peter said if you do these things you shall never fall. And the last thing that he mentioned was charity, or love, and if we love one another we will not fulfill the Lust of the flesh. For James said in 1:14-15, that every man is tempted when he is drawn away after his own lust and enticed so when lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin and when sin is finished it bringeth forth death. So let us do as James directed in 1:25 look into the perfect law of liberty and continue therein.

Yours in the one faith,
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Dear Bro. Garrison:

Enclosing check for IT IS WRITTEN, May God bless you in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone is well at the church at La Habra and wish you the same.

Yours in Christ,
Stanley Niemozyk
737 S. Findlay,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Thank you Bro. Niemozyk for your kind words of encouragement and also for the contribution toward IT IS WRITTEN.—C. G.

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THE EDITORIAL

To the Brotherhood:

It is to my sorrow that Bro. Atchley had to give up his part in the publishing of IT IS WRITTEN, and I would like to say thanks to him for his great part in the carrying on of the paper. Bro. Atchley is a fine christian man with his wife beside him. May he fast recover to the extent that he will again be strong in health.

The purpose of IT IS WRITTEN is not to divide the brotherhood but rather to help make it strong, by the locating of the churches, and other brethern who will be content to keep and establish the entire truth of the Gospel. If every church in every locality will help in this particular work then I believe the result will be for good and that the Church will become more stable, rooted and grounded in love. If this can be accomplished, then this publication will be greatly encouraged. May the church keep this in mind.

—C. G.

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Dear Brethern,

We are doing our best to start up IT IS WRITTEN again and to do all the good we can with it, so all that is interested in this work we would appreciate it if you will send us the addresses of all the Churches that you know of, and also anyone that would like to see get the paper we are putting out this issue and sending to as many as we have the address of, we appreciate your support of IT IS WRITTEN and ask that you send all contribution to Bro. Coy Garrison, 533 S. Center, St. Grand Prairie, Texas or to Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, Rt. 1, Box 51 and we will do all we can to get it out and do our bit in the spread of the Gospel.

Yours in Christ,

Lloyd Treat
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P. S. We are putting out this Issue of IT IS WRITTEN on our own finance except a contribution from Bro. Stanley Niemozyke and again we want to thank all for their support of IT IS WRITTEN; and appreciate all the articles and support so keep up the good work,

Yours in Christ,

Lloyd Treat