

11-1-2026 Weekly Message

This Week's Meditation: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: Colossians 3:1-6

Scripture Title: **If You then be risen with Christ, Seek those Things which are Above!**

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. "(Col. 3:1-2)

God lifted up the suffering Apostle Paul up to the third heaven so that he could see God seated on the throne and Christ seated at his right hand. He testified to the church members of Colossae. While testifying about what he saw, he spoke as if it were someone else's testimony:

"I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

³ And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

⁴ How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. "(2 Corinthians 12:2-4)

As he was pulled up to the third heaven where God's throne was, he saw with his own eyes how vast, long, high, and deep the kingdom of God was, and he personally experienced how mysterious the Christ he believed in was, telling all saved Christians to seek what is above. He testified to the Ephesian church believers about his knowledge of the mysterious Christ:

"That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

¹⁷ That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁸ May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

¹⁹ And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." (Ephesians 3:16-19)

He said that through Jesus Christ, the purpose was to let everyone know what the mysterious fellowship that had been hidden since the beginning of the world was in God, who created all things through Jesus Christ, so that through the church, the various wisdoms of God would be made known to the rulers and authorities in heaven. He also testified that God's various wisdoms are according to the eternal purpose God has planned in Christ Jesus our Lord (Ephesians 3:9-11)

That's right! Christians who have received life through Christ's resurrection are no longer earthly but heavenly beings, so we are told to seek what is above.

The Apostle Paul spoke about knowing what belongs to heaven:

"If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

³ How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

⁴ Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)(Ephesians 3:2-4)

The Apostle Paul testified to the believers in Colossae about the mystery of Christ:

"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:" (Colossians 1:26-27)

Through Christ dwelling within him, the Apostle Paul came to know the knowledge found in Christ's mystery and testified to the church what he had realized.

When God told Job, who had not yet been saved through Christ, about the things in the heavens, he had no choice but to confess that he was an evil being:

" Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

⁵ Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

⁶ Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

⁷ When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸ Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?..... Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

¹⁷ Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

¹⁸ Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all...Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

²³ Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

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Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? If you have understanding, make it clear. Do you know who measured it?

What did you fix the foundations on, and who laid the cornerstones? When did the morning stars sing together, and all the sons of God shouted with joy? When the seawater poured out as if bursting out of the womb, who blocked the sea with gates?.... Have you ever entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in the depths? Have the gates of death opened to you? Or have you seen the gates of the shadow of death? Have you known the width of the earth? If you have known it all, proclaim it... .Have you entered the snow panoracle? Or have you seen the hail panoracle? These are what I have kept for times of tribulation, for days of battle and war... . Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

³³ Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? "(Job 38:4-8,16-18,22-23,31-32)

Therefore, the apostle testified that those who have received life through Christ can know through the word what God has prepared for heaven through the indwelling Spirit of Christ.

Regarding this, he said it is knowledge found in the mystery of Christ.

Therefore, on the day of the rapture, when Christ, our life, appears, we will appear with Christ in glory. Amen! Hallelujah!