

Set Your Heart

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1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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Christians want things above -
heaven

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2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

We still want food, shelter, clothing, etc.

But our **PRIMARY** focus is above.

Earth will pass away

- **2 Peter 3:10-12** 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

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- **Psalm 102:25-26** 25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 26 They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed.
- **Isaiah 34:4** All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree.

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- **Isaiah 51:6** Lift up your eyes to the heavens, And look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, The earth will grow old like a garment, And those who dwell in it will die in like manner; But My salvation will be forever, And My righteousness will not be abolished.
- **Matthew 24:35** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Earthly riches pass away

- **Proverbs 23:5** Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.
- **Matthew 6:19** Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal

Earthly things lose appeal

- Toys for a small child quickly lose their interest and pleasure
- Children go from rattles – teddy bear – tricycle – bicycle – car - - in a short time
- Adults do the same. Cars, houses, boats, TV sets, computers, cell phones, etc.

We are not long for earth

- Even if things and this world were eternal - - we are not immortal
- **1 Timothy 6:7** For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.
- **Why do we spend our life seeking things to leave behind?**

Our real home is above

- **Songs we sing:**
 - This world is not my home
 - I'm just a passing through
 - Here we are but straying pilgrims
- **Hebrews 13:14** For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

Our Inheritance

- **Ephesians 1:11** In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will

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- **1 Peter 1:3-4** 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you

Our Treasure is above

- **Matthew 6:20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.
- **Is your treasure here or there?**

The Redeemed are above

- Able, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Enoch, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel
- Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Timothy, Titus
- Brothers and sisters we have known

Our real home is above

- **Colossians 3:2**

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