

**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**August 26th, 2018**  
**Col. 3:3-4**

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- **RECAP:** Last week, we looked at the idea of focusing on Christ. How we, as believers, need to keep our focus on things above, and not on things below.
  
- **“For you have died,”**
  - Notice that once again see this life and death language! Your identity has changed as now a saved believer in Christ, adopted into the royal family of God, with a new heart and spiritual life you didn’t have before.
  - **Col. 2:11-14.** Note a few things about this text: Firstly, you were “circumcised,” namely, your old, sinful, unclean heart was cleaned. Second, you have spiritually been buried in baptism with Christ, then raised to new life. Third, you were “raised” from the dead, that is, God “raised” you from that state, making you a new person.
  
- **“and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”**
  - Note the identifiers Paul puts here in the text. First we are identified as those that have “died” to God. The second way we are identified is as a people whose “life” is “hidden” with Christ in God.
    - The second word commonly used for “life” in the GNT is the word used here, which is “zoas.” The ancient Greeks understood that there is a quality of life, a joy, fulfillment, or purpose, that makes “Life” worth seeking after.
    - The word for “hidden” is “krupto,” which means to “hide, conceal, or keep secret.” To give you an idea, it’s the same word used in **Matt. 5:14** when Christ says “a city on a hill cannot be hidden,” or also in **Matt. 11:25**, when Christ prays, “Father, I am glad you hid these truths from the wise and revealed them to babes.”
  - Does this mean that you are the one it is hidden from? Yes and no. It is “hidden” to the unbelieving world around you, that does not understand it, acknowledge it, or want it.
  - Also realize there is a sense in which this Life’s ultimate fulfillment isn’t yet shown to us in completeness. The text also says you will not experience perfect, eternal Life forever until it is revealed to you in the Kingdom of God.
  - Finally, since it is hidden with Christ, your Savior, no one can take it, or remove it from you.
  
- **“When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”**
  - When Christ is “revealed,” that is, to the entire world in His return, the “Life” will be revealed as a Person to fulfill and bring about Life for His church, the people of God.
  - So while it is hidden now, and we may not enjoy all of the eternal, joyful Life that God has promised us, we have faith and cling to the promise of Christ. **1<sup>st</sup> John 5:1-5.**
  
- **Conclusion: Let your life be found in Christ. Seek after that eternal fulfillment in Christ. And look forward to the day that Life will be fully revealed to the world.**