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Colossians 3:1 -4I

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
(BSV)

Philippians 3:18 *For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ.*

Since you have been raised up to be with Christ, you must look for the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on things above, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life-you, too, will be revealed with him in glory.
(NJB)

1. *Paul speaks often in terms of “light” and “darkness”, see 1:12-13 – hear it in many versions.*
 - a. *Compare John 8:12 with I John 1:6-7*
 - b. *See Isaiah 9:1:2 and Eph 5:11-14.*
2. *Paul’s central reality is found in what Christ created in the event of the cross:*
 - a. *1:20-22; 2:13-15; today’s scripture.*
 - b. *The cross event and the resurrection is the gospel*
 - i. *The historic event*
 - ii. *The transformative cross*
 - iii. *Resurrection living – the mystery.*
 - iv. *The apocalyptic cross*