# THE DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN

## COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

1. **FOUR GENERAL TERMS EMPLOYED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BY WAY OF DESCRIPTION (3:1-4)**
   1. An Assumption With Two Applications (3:1-2)
      1. Something Should Be Sought From The Heart (3:1b)
      2. Something Should Be Settled In the Mind (3:2)
   2. An Expansion On What A Christian Is (3:3-4)
      1. *For Ye Are Dead* (3:3a)
      2. *Your Life Is Hid With Christ In God* (3:3b)
      3. *Then Shall Ye Also Appear With Him In Glory* (3:4)
   3. A Series Of Expressions In Three Time Zones
      1. Two Are Stated With Reference To The Past Tense (3:1,3)
      2. One Is Stated In The Present (3:3)
      3. One Is Stated With Reference To The Future (3:4)
2. **FOCUS ON THE PAST EXPERIENCE OF OUR DEATH WITH CHRIST (3:3)**
   1. A Christian Is Someone, Who In Most Cases, Can Remember The Precise Day In Time He/She Died With Christ
   2. In What Sense Did We Die To Sin?
      1. Certainly Not To Sin's Temptation
      2. Certainly Not To The Possibility Of Sinning
      3. Certainly In The Sense That Sin Should Not Be Lord Over Us
   3. In What Sense Did We Die To The Law?
      1. Before A Man Comes To Christ The Law Is Also His Lord
      2. The Law Irritates & Aggravates The Sin Nature So That A Man Actually Sins More Than Before He Knew The Law
      3. A Christian Is Dead To The Law In the Sense That He Is No Longer Under The Lordship Of Law Which Only Aggravates His Sin Nature, But Is Under A New Husband Which Treats The Christian Differently