



Wednesday, April 15, 2026

WOW – A Word on Wednesday!!
ELEVATION (Raised with Christ)

Introduction: There are any number of directions a person can look when trying to figure how to live his or her life. Some people look forward, focusing on their goals and plans and what lies ahead. Other people look backward, always analysing their past decisions and choices. Some people look down on other people in hopes of feeling better about themselves – while others look around to see what everyone else is doing. But God gives us a better option in our passage this evening! God says, Look Up! Elevate! Set your hearts and minds on things above.

1. Two commands for those who have been raised with Christ:

- a. Set your hearts on things above (*a new direction*).
 - *Matthew 6:19* – What you store you cannot share
 - *Ephesians 2:6* – Spiritually you have been raised with Christ

 - To ‘set your heart’ means to seek something
 - The things above refers to heavenly things Matthew 6:33
 - The things of God rather than the things of man
 - To set your heart on things above where Jesus is seated – means that Jesus is Lord.
 - When you died with Christ, you cut off your connection to this world.

- b. Set your mind on things above (*a new focus*).
 - “Set your mind” = to think on it constantly and carefully. Isaiah 26:3
 - Setting your mind on things above filters your thinking. 2 Corinthians 10:5
 - When you set your mind on things above it will revolutionize your thinking. Isaiah 26:3
 - Your mind begins to think godly not garbage. Philippians 4:8
“Where a man’s treasure is”
 - You begin to view people around you differently. Philippians 2:5
Things on Earth – full of anxieties, transient and uncertain

2. Three reasons why you should do these things:

- a. You died with Christ (the past) Galatians 2:20
 - Christ not only died for you, but you died with Him.
 - We are dead and alive at the same time.
 - i. *Dead to sin and alive in Christ.*

- b. Your life is now hidden with Christ in God (the present)
- To be hidden with Christ means that you are safe and secure.
 - No one can take you away from the Father.
 - When you die physically, your body is hidden out of sight, but when you die with Christ you are seated in the Heavenly realm.
 - To be hidden means you are covered:
 - i. Your sins, your sorrows, your pains.*

John 10:28

- c. When Christ appears, you will appear with Him in glory (the future).
- Don't worry (on temporal things)
 - Don't wander (in places or with people without purpose)
 - God is coming back to receive us as His own
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