

## Col 1:9-10 “knowledge...so that”

The riches of the gospel is reason to

- 1:4-5 embrace it
- 2:2-4 hold to it
- 1:10; 3:1 change one’s life to acc. with it

This cause-effect ...

- 3:1, “Therefore...”
- 1:9-10; 2:6; 3:1, 15

*frames all interpretation of the letter*

Col 2:13 “were *dead*” ... made *alive*...with Him”

Col 2:20 “have *died* with C...why, *as if*...*living*?”

- Different “death”

  - 2:13, “*dead in your trans.*”;

  - 2:20 - “*died with Christ*”

- Different “living”

  - 2:13, “made *alive with Him*”

  - 2:20 - NOT to so “*live*”

Col 3:3 “*have died* and your *life*” (3:1)

Col 3:5,7 “body *as dead* ... were *living*”

Col 2:13 “*dead* in your transgressions” ...  
“*made alive* with Christ”

- Eph 2:1,5,6
- Lk 15:31,32
- Col 1:20-22

*Cmprd to the materialistic and prideful appeal of world religions...where is this “life”...“I don’t see it”*

**Col 2:3-4; 3:3-4! (4:10,18)**

**Col 2:20** “have *died* ... to (from NKJV,ASV) the elementary principles of the world”

“*died with Christ*” - Conn. with Christ leads to this “death” or separation from “man-made religion” **vv20-23**

**2:6-10** - Know. & apprec. of the gos. of Chr. will stand as barrier to entice. & entangle. in other religions, thus Paul’s prayer (**1:9-10**) & purpose of the letter (**1:28-29**)

**Col 3:5-10** “consider...your...body *as dead to* ...”  
“when you *were living in*..” “*laid aside* the old  
self...*put on* the new self”

**3:12-4:6** - the “new self” ... the new “living”  
in conn. with Christ - “Chr” & pronouns that  
refer to him: **28 ch1**; **19 ch2**; **16 ch3**; **5 ch4**  
(2/3 of ch=personal remarks)

*The whole exhortation then is CHRIST-CENTERED*

## specific applications of “new life”:

- 3:12-14 love
- 3:15 peace of Christ rule
- 3:16-17 worship in thank. & praise tog.
- 3:18-21 family responsibilities
- 3:22-4:1 social responsibilities
- 4:2-4 alert prayer
- 4:5-6 opportunity with “outsiders”

## Col 1:22b-23,28-29

Aim, purpose of this gospel and its effect in life