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“Indulging in the Excellencies of Christ” - Colossians 3 :1-4

I. The Conditional Statement: v.1a; v.3

This is our past and permanent position in Christ
(1 Pet.1:3; Gal.2:20; 2 Cor.5:17; Rom.6:4)

II. The Comfort of the Coming Savior: v.4

This is our future, eternal presence with Christ
(1 Thess.4:13-17; 1 John 3:2; 1 Cor.13:12)

II. The Command to Seek, Set, and Savor: v.1b-2

This is our present need to passionately pursue Christ
(2 Pet.1:3-4; Matt.6:3; Song of Sol.3:1-4; 1 Pet.1:8-9)

No such thing as *“too heavenly minded to be any earthly good.”* The fact is, we must live in the heavens to accomplish any good on earth for the glory of God.

We are missing the mark when we are going about our duty to Christ without delighting in Christ.

John Piper, *“To make people feel good about themselves when they were made to feel good about seeing God is like taking someone to the Alps and locking them in a room full of mirrors.”*

John Piper, *“We were made to know and treasure the glory of God above all things; and when we trade that treasure for images, everything is disordered. The sun of God’s glory was made to shine at the center of the solar system of our soul. And when it does, all the planets in our life are held in their proper orbit. But when the sun is displaced, everything flies apart. The healing of the soul begins by restoring the glory of God to its flaming, all-attractive place at the center... Because there is greater healing for the soul in beholding splendor than there is in beholding self”*

We must see God accurately, set our affections upon Him, and savor Him supremely to serve Him properly.

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever (by enjoying Him forever).

Practical ways to Seek, Set, and Savor:

- Read, study, meditate, and memorize scripture
- Pray for eyes that see, ears that hear, and a heart that hungers for Christ
- Be faithful to the corporate worship and fellowship of the church
- Partake regularly in the Lord’s Supper (remember, reflect, repent)