

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

### **Colossians 3:1-4<sup>v</sup>**

Brothers and sisters: So if 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 hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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### **<sup>v</sup> About the Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

This reading points toward the implications of Christ's resurrection for himself and for the believer. Jesus is now "seated at the right hand of God," that is, he has been vindicated, returned to his heavenly glory, and enthroned as King. The believer now shares in his risen life.

In earlier letters Paul emphasizes that through baptism the believer participates in Jesus' death and that union with him in resurrection is a future hope (Romans 6:4-5). Here Paul presents baptism as an experience of being both buried with Christ and raised with him. But the resurrection life is not yet completely the believer's own. It is still in part hidden, to be revealed fully only at Christ's coming. To attain to the fully risen life requires moral commitment, the practical guidelines for which the rest of the letter, especially 3:5-13, makes clear.