*[Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2013.4" \t "_blank)* [Hebrews 13:4](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2013.4" \t "_blank)

*But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.* Ephesians 5:3

***8****But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.****9****Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices****10****and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.* Colossians 3:8-10

* **…Who I Want To BECOME – What My Goal?**

***11****Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.* ***12****Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.****13****Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.****14****And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.* Colossians 3:11-14

***35****“That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sistersfrom your heart.”* Matt 18:35

***15****Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.****16****Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.****17****And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* Colossians 3:15-17

**LIFE ESSENTIALS: *I HAVE A CHOICE TO DECIDE…***

**Colossians 3:1-17**

**Date Written**: 60-62 AD **Roman Emperor:** Nero

**Prison Epistles:** Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, Philippians

**Gnosticism:** 2 False Premises:

* Gnostics assert that matter is inherently evil and spirit is good. They believed anything done in the body, even the grossest sin, has no meaning because real life exists in the spirit realm only.
* Gnostics claim to possess a “higher truth” to achieve **salvation.** They saw themselves as a privileged class elevated above everybody else.

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* **…Who Has My HEART And Mind?**

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.****2****Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.* Colossians 3:1-2

**Key:** Since I’ve Been Raised With Christ – I Will Give Jesus My Heart.

***3****For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.* ***4****When Christ, who is yourlife, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.* Colossians 3:3-4

**Key:** Since I Died With Christ – I Commit To Honor God in my body.

***19****Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;****20****you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.* 1 Cor 6:19-20

* **…How I Will LIVE – The Commands I Live By.**

***5****Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.****6****Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.****7****You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.* Colossians 3:5-7

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