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Resurrection Living  
Colossians 3:1-4

Eric Johns

Paul has described well what we have been set free *from*...  
Now he will go on to describe what we are set free *for*...

**Paul's main point:** We have been set free for resurrection living!

**1. We have been raised with Christ in the past. (3:1,2)**

- a. We have died to sin and self.
- b. We have been raised to a new kind of living.
- c. Earthly duties should be heavenly directed.

**2. We are hidden with Christ in the present. (3:3)**

- a. "Hidden" implies both concealment and safety!

**3. We will be raised with Christ in the future. (3:4)**

- a. What is now hidden, will be revealed.

C.S. Lewis: "*Jesus did not come to make nice people... but new men!*"

**For Further Study:**

“*Living the Resurrection*” by Eugene Peterson

“*Rediscovering Holiness*” by J.I. Packer

“*The Cost of Discipleship*” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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*Cell Group Questions...*

1. What were some “strange” rules that your family had while you were growing up? Why did you find them strange? Were they difficult for you to keep?
2. Wayne Rice a former Youth Speaker used to say in his parenting seminar: “*Rules without relationship equals rebellion.*” Do you agree or disagree? How might this relate to our Christian faith?
3. What phrase do you see repeated in verse 1-4 ? Hint: *It has to do with Christ...* Why is this significant?
4. Pastor Eric says the NIV title for this section “Rules for Holy Living” is a poor fit? Do you agree or disagree? What would you title it?
5. Which phrase in verse 1-4 do you find most encouraging?