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 with Christ, seek those together with Christ, seek the things   
 things which are above, above, where Christ is, sitting on » fe.   
 where Christ sitteth on the the right hand of God.   
 right hand of God. \* Set mind on the things above, Set your   
 your affection on things the things on the earth.   
 above, not on things on the died, and your ‘life is hidden For with fe,   
 earth. 3 For ye are dead, Christ in God. 2.60   
 and your life is hid with fwho is our life, is manifested, then ¢1Jet   
 Christ in God. 4 When 4¢When Christ, a!   
 Christ, who is our life, Oy   
 shall appear, then shall ye shall ye also with him be mani- \*\*\*\* in 2.   
 also appear with him in fested &in glory. hn xi.   
 glory. § Mortify therefore 5h Make dead &1,Cor.zv,$   
 h Rom. viii.13. v.24,   
   
 inference, see ch. ii. 20) ye were raised to be manifested hereafter: that such is   
 up together with Christ (not as A. V. ‘are the sense, the next verse seems plainly to   
 risen ? the allusion, as above, ch. ii. shew) with Christ (who is also Himself   
 13, is to a definite time, your baptism. hidden at present from us, who wait for   
 And it is to keep this in view, His revelation [1 Cor.i.7. 2 Thess. i. 7.   
 that we may not make the mistake so com- 1 Pet. i. 7, 13; iv. 13], which be   
 monly made, of interpreting this being also ours, see ver. 4 and Rom. viii. 19)   
 raised in an ethical sense, and thereby in God (with Christ who is “in the   
 stultifying the sentence—for if the par- bosom of the Father ;”—it is in Him,   
 ticipation were an ethical one, what need asin a great depth, that all things con-   
 to exhort them to its ethical realization ? cealed are hidden, and He brings them   
 The participation is an objective one, out as seems good to Him).   
 brought about by that faith which was 4.) When Christ is manifested (shall   
 the condition of their baptismal admission emerge from his present state of hidden-   
 into Him. This faith the Apostle exhorts ness, and be personally revealed), who is   
 them to energize in the ethical realization our (no emphasis—our applies to Chris-   
 of this resurrection state), the things tians generally—see on “ ye also” below)   
 above (heavenly, spiritual things : life (Christ 18 personally Himself that   
 Matt. vi. 33; Gal. iv. 26; Vhil. iii. 20), life, we possess it only by union with   
 where Christ is (if are united to Him, Him and His resurrection: sce John xiv.   
 you will be tending to Him; and He is in 19), then shall ye also (also takes out the   
 heaven), sitting on the right hand of God special from the general—ye, as well as   
 (see Eph. i. Here, as every where, when and among, other Christians) with Him   
 the present state of Christ is spoken of, the be manifested in glory (see on the whole,   
 Ascension is taken for granted). the parallel 1 John iii. 2. Though the   
 2.) Set your mind on (or, care for) the completed life of the resurrection seems   
 things above (extending to the whole re- so plainly pointed out by this last verse as   
 gion of their thought and desirc), not the the sense to be given to “our life,” this   
 things on the earth (compare Phil. iii. has not been seen by many Commentators,   
 19: i.e. matters belonging to this present who hold it to be ethical; hidden, inas-   
 mortal state—earthly pleasure, pelf, and much as inward and spiritual, Rom. ii, 29,   
 pride). 8.] For ye died (ch. ii. and ideal: or, inasmuch as it is unseen by   
 ‘are dead,’ though allowable, is uot so the world. The root of the mistake has   
 good as mercly asserting a state, whereas becn the want of a snfficiently   
 the other recalls fact of state having sive view of that resurrection life of ours   
 been entered on. That being made par- which is now hidden with Christ. It in-   
 takers with Christ’s death, cut you loose cludes in itself spiritual, ethical,   
 from the things on the earth: see Rom. corporeal: and the realization of it as far   
 vi. 4—7), and your life (that resurrectiou as possible, is the sum of the Chris-   
 life, is “your real and true life.” tian’s most earnest endeavours: but the   
 ‘The only real life of the Christian is his life itself, its full manifestation, is   
 resurrection life and with Christ. Com- perfection of body, soul, and spirit, in   
 pare Rom, viii. is hidden (“is not which we shall be manifested with Him at   
 yet manifested,’ 1 John iii. is laid up, His appearing. Theodoret says well: «Yor