

God's Expectations for the Elect

**Part 1: Seek Those Things Which
Are Above**

SEEK THOSE THING ABOVE

Condition:

If You Were Raised With Christ

- Not to cast doubt, but to call attention to past actions – Col. 2:20
- This resurrection happened at baptism – 2:12
 - Brings new, heavenly life – Eph. 2:5-6
 - Requires a “walk” in newness of life – Rom. 6:4

Expectation:

Seek Those Things Above

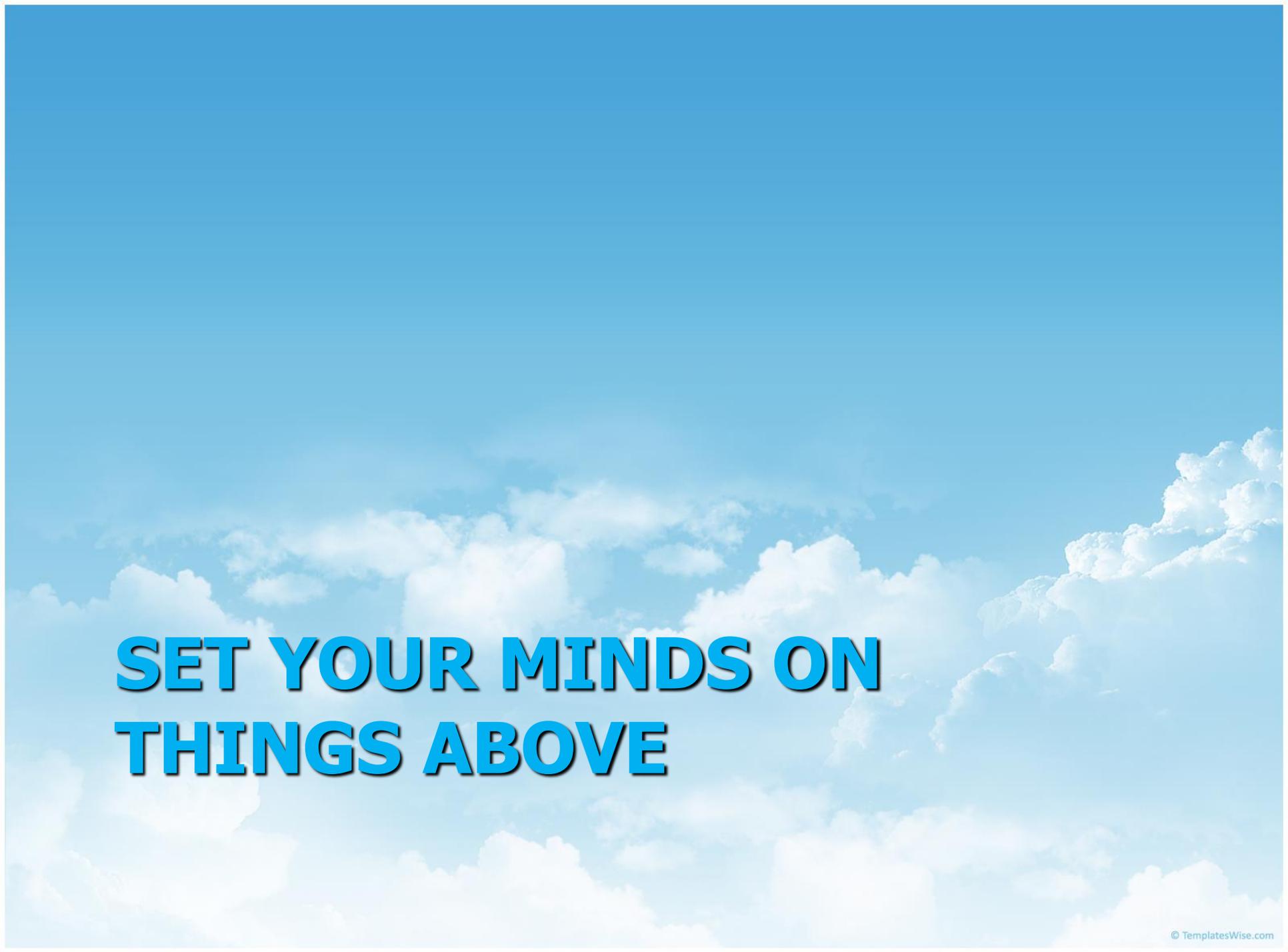
- *Seek* implies great effort to know and obtain these things... use...

- Old
- Our

**Our seeking will
only be as strong
as our desire!**

- We must have Christ sit.

- In Him we are complete, have all spiritual blessing, and eternal life!
- Christ's place of honor and sovereign ruler over all things affects our life – Eph. 2:6: Rev. 3:21

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**SET YOUR MINDS ON
THINGS ABOVE**

Expectation:

Setting Your Mind on Things Above

- “Set your mind” means to “be minded,” focused – Rom. 12:3; Phil. 2:5; Phil. 3:18-19
- God expects us to *delight* in heavenly things.
 - Earthly things that perish cannot raise our mode of living – Col. 2:20-23
 - Only heavenly things raise our standard of living!
- We must raise our focus above earthly things! – Rom. 2:7

Seeking and setting our minds on things above:

REASONS

Reason 1:

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- Paul reminds them of their entrance into Christ through baptism – 3:3; Rom. 6:5-8
- Our *life* is hidden with Christ in God.
 - Not once saved, always saved.
 - Source of Christian's life is *hidden* in Christ – 3:4; Gal. 2:20
 - Christian's life is *protected* in Christ – Heb. 7:25

Reason 2:

Glory When Christ Returns

- Christ is “our life” now – Jn. 1:4; 11:25; 1 Jn. 5:12
- The world that rejects us today will know of our life in Christ when He returns!
 - The world will bow before Him – Phil. 2:9-11
 - Our glory will be manifested – 1 Jn. 3:1-2
 - It will all be worth the toil – Rom. 8:18; 1 Jn. 3:3

Conclusion

- God has great expectations for the elect.
 - Seek the things above where Christ sits
 - Set our minds on things above
 - Do these because we are raised with Christ to live spiritually so as to be glorified with Christ.
- Examine your heart and life!