*Northwest Bible Church - March 9, 2008 - Worship Service - Alan Conner*

**Col. 3:1-4**

*The Heavenly Perspective*

Intro

**I. THE BELIEVER'S REALITY (3:1).**

 The meaning of "raised up with Christ":

 1) Our spiritual position.

 2) Newness of life now.

**II. THE BELIEVER'S RESPONSIBILITY (3:1-4).**

A. Keep seeking the things above where Christ is (v. 1).

 "Seeking" -

 "The things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" -

 B. Set your mind on the things above not the things below (v. 2).

 "Set your mind" = (present tense)

How do we do this in the midst of all the busyness of our life?

 1) Think much upon the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

 2) Think much upon the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

3) Think much upon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

 4) Think much upon the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

C. Reasons for this heavenly perspective (vv. 3-4).

 1) Reason #1 (v. 3) - you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

2) Reason #2 (v. 4) - when Christ who is our life is revealed, then we too shall be revealed in glory.

 "who is our life" -

 "when Christ is revealed, we will be revealed"

Conclusion: FLY HIGHER