

# Seeking What is Above

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If then, you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on things that are on the earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



## Big Picture

As we prioritize our pursuits for the new year, would we make it a priority to first seek after the things above



1. Asking "What" as we look back and ahead
2. Asking "Why" as we look heavenward
3. Asking "How" as we look forward



## Asking "What"

We all seek things in the sense that we pursue something

We all set our mind on something because it is our nature to do so



## Asking "What"

Seeking and Setting our minds both convey the reality that someone or something is always occupying the throne of our hearts



## Asking "What"

What did you set your mind to and seek after this past year?

What will you set your mind to and seek after in the new year?



## Asking "What"

Where does "seeking the things above" rank on your list of priorities?



## Asking "Why"

Tell me why



## Asking "Why"

The "now what" question applies every time



## Asking "Why"

Two things:

1) Jesus is there, seated at the right hand of God

2) The resurrection and promise of our future glory because of Jesus



## Asking "Why"

Jesus is there, seated at the right hand of God  
"Herein, indeed, is the depth of his love to be contemplated, that whereas his holy soul hates every sin (it is a burden, an abomination, a new wound to him), and his poor spouse is sinful (believers are full of sins, failings, and infirmities)..."



## Asking "Why"

Jesus is there, seated at the right hand of God  
he hides all, covers all, bears with all, rather than he will lose them; by his power preserving them from such sins as a remedy is not provided for in the covenant of grace. Oh, the world of sinful follies that our dear Lord Jesus bears with on this account!



## Asking "Why"

Jesus is there, seated at the right hand of God  
Are not our own souls astonished with the thoughts of it? Infinite patience, infinite forbearance, infinite love, infinite grace, infinite mercy, are all set on work for this end, to answer this his valuation of us" – *Communion with the Triune God, John Owen*



## Asking "Why"

The resurrection and promise of future glory because of Jesus

"For is we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" – Romans 6:5



## Asking "Why"

The resurrection and promise of future glory because of Jesus

Our life is hidden in the sense that the new life we have in Jesus is secure



## Asking "How"

We seek after the things above by looking to the person of Jesus who reflects all the heavenly realities in himself



## Asking "How"

- 1) Be regularly engaged in the Word



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- 1) Be regularly engaged in the Word
- 2) Be regularly engaged in the life of the Church



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- 1) Be regularly engaged in the Word
- 2) Be regularly engaged in the life of the Church
- 3) Be regularly engaged in the practice of prayer



## Concluding Thoughts

