

1. Since a believer's core identity is rooted in future glory, we must seek the things that are in heaven (3:1-4)
  - At salvation, we participated in the benefits of Christ's resurrection through being raised from spiritual death to new life.
  - Doing this means we'll be focused on Christ.
  - This requires shifting our focus from the earthly to the heavenly.
  - Since our identity is in Christ, our old identity in the world has been severed.
  - We will one day share in His glory.
  
2. If we seek heavenly things, our behavior will be transformed to line up with what the Bible teaches (3:5-4:1)
  - Put to death the things that belong to your sinful nature (3:5-7)
  - Put away the things that characterized your old self (3:8-11)
  - Put on things that should characterize one who is chosen by God (3:12-4:1)
    - ✓ Loving behavior toward fellow believers (3:12-15)
    - ✓ Making sure God's Word is so deeply rooted in you that you can instruct and encourage fellow believers (3:16)
    - ✓ Doing everything with gratitude in Jesus' name (3:17)
    - ✓ Accepting the role(s) God calls you to play (3:18-4:1)