



**THE BIG PICTURE:**  
**WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE**  
**IN RECOVERY?**  
**COLOSSIANS 3:1-17**  
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**The PAST** - What has already taken place. It's behind You.

**PRESENT REALITY:** The Current Truth about you. How it is.

**PRESENT RESPONSIBILITY:** What You're Called to Do. Your Part.

**The FUTURE:** What's coming next. What's going to happen for sure.

**Colossians 3 (NIV)**

**3** Since, then, you **have been raised with Christ**, **set your hearts** on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**<sup>2</sup> Set your minds** on things above, **not on earthly things**.

**<sup>3</sup> For you died**, and **your life is now hidden with Christ in God**.

**<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life**, appears, then you also **will appear with him in glory**.

**<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature:** sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

**<sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming**.

**<sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways**, in the **life you once lived**.

**<sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things** as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

<sup>9</sup> **Do not lie to each other**, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

<sup>10</sup> and **have put on the new self**, which **is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator**. *Romans 12:2 & 8:29*

<sup>11</sup> **Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, **as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.**

<sup>13</sup> **Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**

<sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues **put on love**, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, since as members of one body you were called to peace. **And be thankful.**

<sup>16</sup> **Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom** through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

<sup>17</sup> **And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all** in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God** the Father through him.

## **THE BIG PICTURE OF MY LIFE IN RECOVERY**

- 1. Realize who you are in Jesus Christ. You are "IN" Him and He in You.**
- 2. Remember all He has done for you. It's done, finished, completed!**
- 3. Relish the power and immensity of His Grace. It doesn't make sense.**
- 4. Rest in His promises that HE is enough. It is a GIFT given you.**
- 5. Recommit daily to live surrendered to Him. Talk to Him OFTEN.**
- 6. Respond by living a life of gratitude through obedience. DO IT...**