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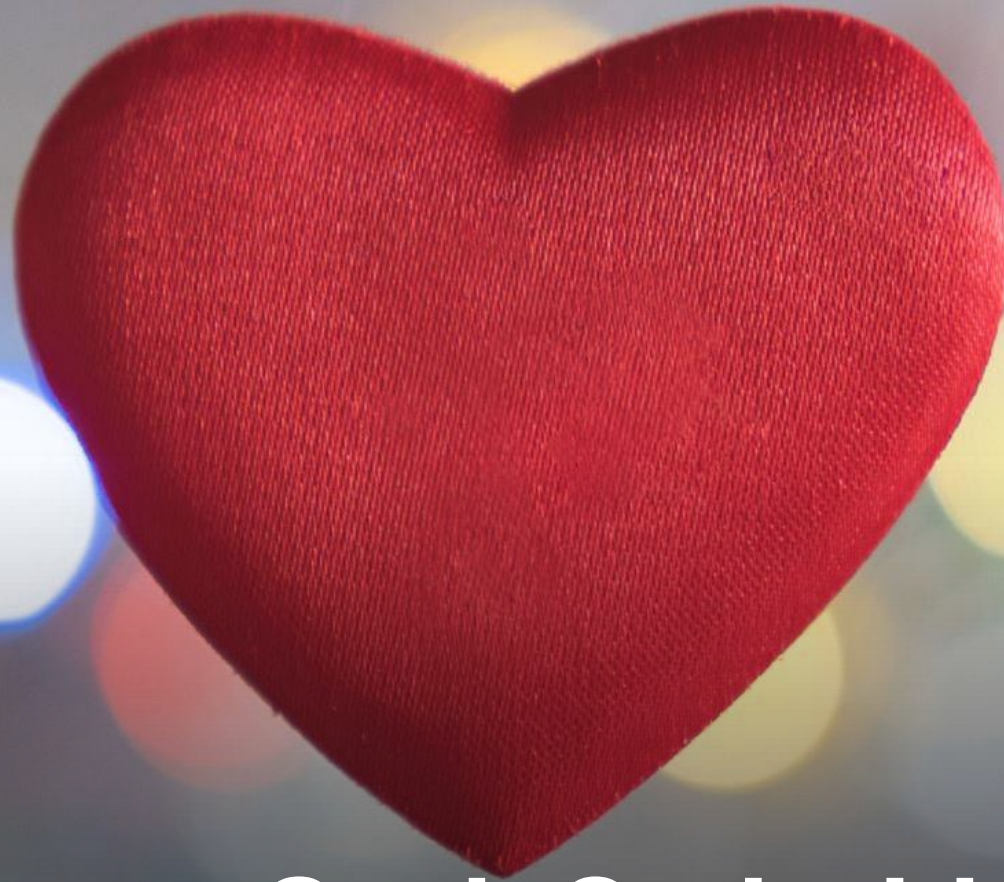
The secret of the Christian life

How to passionately and personally pursue Christ

Colossians 3:1-4

**The REQUIREMENTS
to pursue God.**





**1. You must Seek God with all
your heart**

"Seek the things which are above"v1

2. You must saturate your mind God

"Set your mind on things above" v2



The REASONS for pursuing God



1. What Christ has done for you in the PAST.

You have
died with
Christ. V 3

You have
risen with
Christ. v1

2. What Christ is doing for you in the PRESENT.

- **Christ is SITTING at God's right hand.** V2 "

- Refers to his ministry as Great High Priest (Heb 10:10-14)
- Refers to his ministry as the Sovereign King (Acts 2:34)

- **Christ is HIDING us in God.** V3

- We are identified with Christ. (1 Cor 6:17)
- We are hidden from the world. (1 Cor 2:14)
- We are protected by God. (Eph 1:14; Rom 8:28)

- **Christ is MOTIVATING us for God.** V4 "Christ who is our life"





3. What Christ will do for you in the **FUTURE.**

- Christ will **RETURN** to us. "When Christ who is our life **APPEARS**" (Titus 2:13)
- Christ will **TAKE** us with him. "then you also will appear with him" (1 Thess 4:17)
- Christ will **TRANSFORM** us to be like him. "in glory" (1 Jn 3:2)

The RESULTS of pursuing God



How will a passionate, personal pursuit of God affect your life?

- Clarify Perspective. Col 3:4
- Alleviate Panic. Mt 6:31-33
- Produce Peace. Is 26:3-4
- Improve Prayer. Mt 6:9, 10
- Offer spiritual progression.
Rom 12:1,2; 2 Cor 3:18

