

SCCC – DEAD AND ALIVE

S – Scriptures

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” Colossians 3: 1

C – Consideration

According to this letter in the previous chapter, we were dead in our sins, but God made us alive with Christ. He forgave our iniquities, gave us the power to fulfill Christ’s commands, and disarmed spiritual rulers; triumphed over them by the cross. With all this spiritual provision that Christ had conquered for us, Paul calls our attention to move our thinking, into a new direction, “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” Then, in what seems like a paradox, he said, “For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” We were dead and now we are alive he said, then, we were alive, but now we are dead. He explained in other letters that we were spiritually dead, as God warned Adam and Eve before the fall, “but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned, However, through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.” The first Adam killed me, the second Adam, which is Christ, vivified me; therefore, I should be dead to sin and alive to God.

C – Commitment

It seems very difficult to follow these instructions. We are living in this world, with so many problems, exposed to a daily bombardment of all kinds of information, dealing with family issues, social struggles, corruption, injustice, and so on. How can we live on earth and think of heaven? In verse five of chapter three, the Apostle wrote, “Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.” I have to keep in mind that one of the worst enemies is my sinful nature that always seeks to control my thoughts; therefore I must kill these craving evils, replacing my mind with truth about my final destiny “When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

C – Call

Lord, I pray for a deeper understanding of the reality I have to face to die for sin and to live for Christ. Also help me to keep in mind the things from above - that I should work not for what is perishable, but for what is eternal, as Jesus had told us to do. In His name, I pray. Amen.