

Colossians 3:4-6

3:4 – “When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

3752 [e]	3588 [e]	5547 [e]	5319 [e]	3588 [e]	2222 [e]	4771 [e]	5119 [e]	2532 [e]	
hotan	ho	Christos	phanerōthē	hē	zōē	hymōn	tote	kai	
4	ὅταν	ὁ	Χριστὸς	φανερωθῆ	, ἡ	ζωὴ	ὑμῶν*	, τότε	καὶ
When	-	Christ	may be revealed	the	life	of you	then	also	
Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	V-ASP-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	PPro-G2P	Adv	Conj	

4771 [e]	4862 [e]	846 [e]	5319 [e]	1722 [e]	1391 [e]
hymeis	syn	autō	phanerōthēsesthe	en	doxē
ὑμεῖς	σὺν	αὐτῷ	φανερωθήσεσθε	ἐν	δόξῃ .
you	with	Him	will appear	in	glory
PPro-N2P	Prep	PPro-DM3S	V-FIP-2P	Prep	N-DFS

1. “appears” – *phanerōthe* – “to make visible”, “to make clear”. Used to say “make clear”, “make visible”, “manifest”.
 - a. 1 John 3:2 uses *phaneroo* which means “become manifest” - “Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when **he appears** (or, “it appears”) we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”
 - b. Other Greek words used of Christ’s return and appearing:
 - i. *Parousia* = “coming”
 - ii. *Epiphaneia* = “manifestation”, “appearance” epiphany”
 - iii. *Apokalypsis* = “revelation”
 - iv. *Phaneroo* = (used here) “appears”
 - c. Romans 8:19 – “For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.”
 - i. “revealing” here is *apokalypsin* meaning “an uncovering”, “a revealing”
2. This is the final phase of salvation where the life of Christ manifests in us in glorification

3:5 – “Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”

3499 [e]	3767 [e]	3588 [e]	3196 [e]	3588 [e]	1909 [e]	3588 [e]	1093 [e]	4202 [e]	167 [e]
Nekrōsate	oun	ta	melē	ta	epi	tēs	gēs	porneian	akatharsian
5 Νεκρώσατε	οὖν	τὰ	μέλη	τὰ	ἐπὶ	τῆς	γῆς	: πορνείαν ,	ἀκαθαρσίαν ,
Put to death	therefore	the	members	which [are]	upon	the	earth	sexual immorality	impurity
V-AMA-2P	Conj	Art-ANP	N-ANP	Art-ANP	Prep	Art-GFS	N-GFS	N-AFS	N-AFS

3806 [e]	1939 [e]	2556 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	4124 [e]	3748 [e]	1510 [e]	1495 [e]
pathos	epithymian	kakēn	kai	tēn	pleonexian	hētis	estin	eidōlōlatrīa
πάθος ,	ἐπιθυμίαν	κακῆν ,	καὶ	τὴν	πλεονεξίαν ,	ἣτις	ἐστὶν	εἰδωλολατρία ,
passion	desire	evil	and	-	covetousness	which	is	idolatry
N-ANS	N-AFS	Adj-AFS	Conj	Art-AFS	N-AFS	RelPro-NFS	V-PIA-3S	N-NFS

1. “Put to death” the “earthly”
 - a. Aorist – action in the present or the future
 - b. Imperative – command
 - c. Active – the subject does this action. In this case “you” or “you all”
 - d. Second Person Pronoun Plural– “You” and “You all”
2. Five of the eleven vices (5 of first 5) that Paul lists deal with sexual sin.
 - a. “sexual immorality – *porneia* - any sex outside of marriage. Associated with idol worship in the OT (Isaiah 47:10; Jer. 3:9; Ezek.23:8; Mic. 1:7;
 - b. “impurity, in the OT this was manifest in two ways:
 - i. Ceremonially impure concerning ritual worship;
 - ii. sexual immorality. Paul uses impurity to refer to sexual immorality in Rom. 1:24; 2 Cor. 12:21; Gal.5:19
 - c. “passion” – *pathos* - here it refers to lust and uncontrolled shameful passions. Paul uses this to refer to the behavior of “the pagans who do not know God in 1 Thes. 4:5 and Rom. 1:26.
 - d. “evil desire” or “covetousness” - *epithumian kaken* - used to refer to:
 - i. general sinful desires (Rom. 6:12; 7:8; 13:14; Gal. 5:16)
 - ii. illicit sexual desires (Rom. 1:24; 1 Thes. 4:5)
 - e. “greed” or “covetousness” - *pleonexian, pleion* = from “more” and *echein* which means “to have” and “desire to have more”.
 - i. This could lead to the next statement – “which is idolatry” –
 1. in this case to have more spiritual insight and more revelation than what the Lord gave.
 2. Thus, in context, mysticism is idolatry.
 3. Or, if it stays with the theme of sexual sin, to want more sex in illicit ways is idolatry. ...
 4. “which is idolatry” –
 - a. anything that interferes with our relationship with God, his Spirit, the life and it’s source of power “is idolatry” because it gets in the way of allowing God’s nature and our new life to flow, grow and show.
 - b. this first list of six vices ends with a description for the 6th vice just as the second list of six also ends with a description of the 6th (11th) vice

3:6 – “On account of these the wrath of God is coming.”

1223 [e]	3739 [e]	2064 [e]	3588 [e]	3709 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1909 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	3588 [e]	543 [e]	
di'	ha	erchetai	hē	orgē	tou	Theou	epi	tous	huious	tēs	apeitheias	
6 δι'	ἅ	ἔρχεται	ἡ	ὀργὴ	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	ἐπὶ	τοὺς	υἱοὺς	τῆς	ἀπειθείας	,
because of	which things	is coming	the	wrath	-	of God	on	the	sons	of	disobedience	
Prep	RelPro-ANP	V-PIM/P-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Prep	Art-AMP	N-AMP	Art-GFS	N-GFS	