

The “Undivided” Life

~ An A-B-C Summary ~

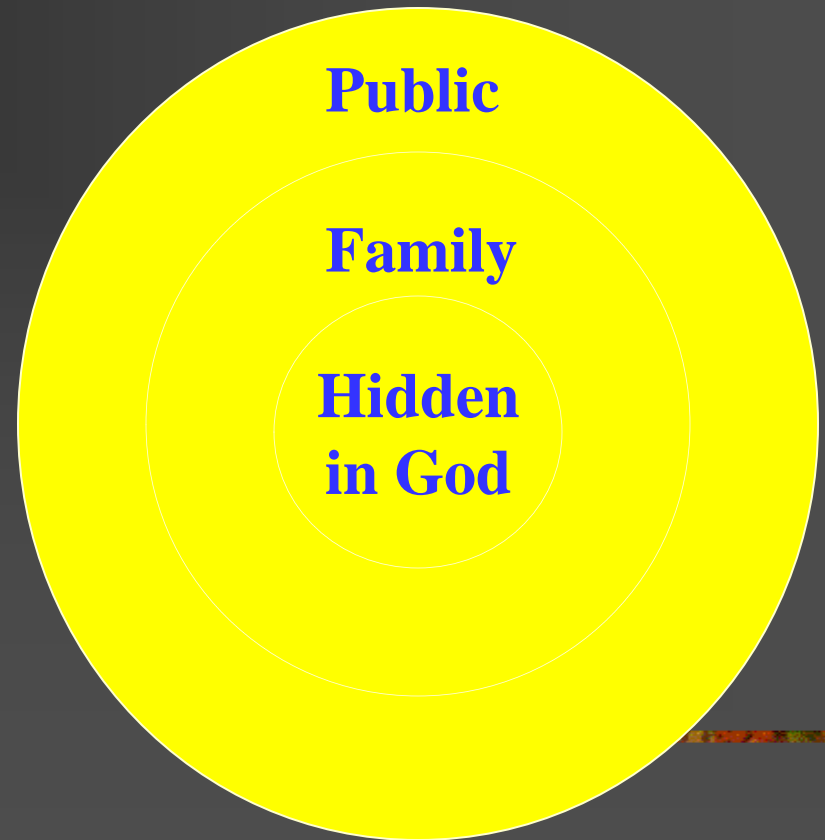
Colossians 4:2-6

3 Areas of the Human Being

The “Divided” Life



The Christ (“Undivided”) Life



The A-B-C of an “Undivided” Life

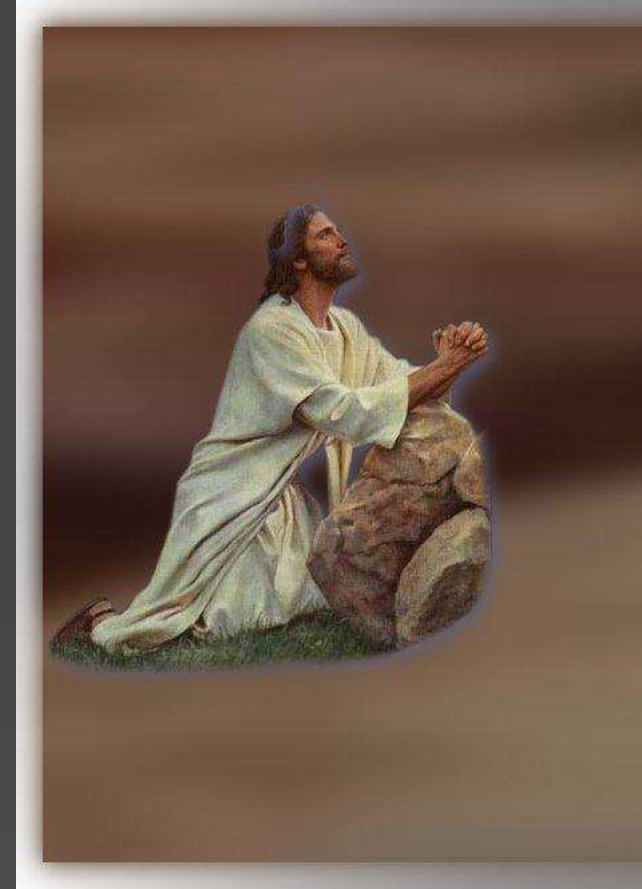
- **A**ttitude

- **B**ehavior

- **C**onversation

Attitude

- Colossians 4:2-4
- Devotion to prayer
 - Acts 1:14 – God tests our seriousness and hunger
 - To Jesus, prayer was release!
- Thankfulness at all times
 - I Thessalonians 5:16-18 – it is God's Will
 - Jesus gave thanks even for the cup of suffering!



Behavior

- Colossians 4:5
 - Toward people:
 - The “Luke 6” Principle (Luke 6:30-38)
 - If you want to know how to treat people, put God in your shoes, and yourself in theirs.
 - Toward earthly things:
 - If you want to know how to treat any earthly thing or work, picture God doing it.
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Conversation

- Colossians 4:6
- Seasoned with grace
- Without any careless word
- The purity of God's words (Psalm 12:6)
- Words that don't fail (I Samuel 3:19)



The “Undivided” Life Challenge

(Colossians 3, The Message)

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it! Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ – that's where the action is. See things from His perspective.

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Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life – even though invisible to spectators – is with Christ in God. He is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too – the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

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And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God. It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

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So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

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*Let every detail in your lives –
attitude, behavior, conversation
– be done in the name of the
Master, Jesus, thanking God the
Father every step of the way.*

“The Fool”

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”



- ~ Jim Elliot in his journal at the age of 21
- ~ 6 years later he would be martyred