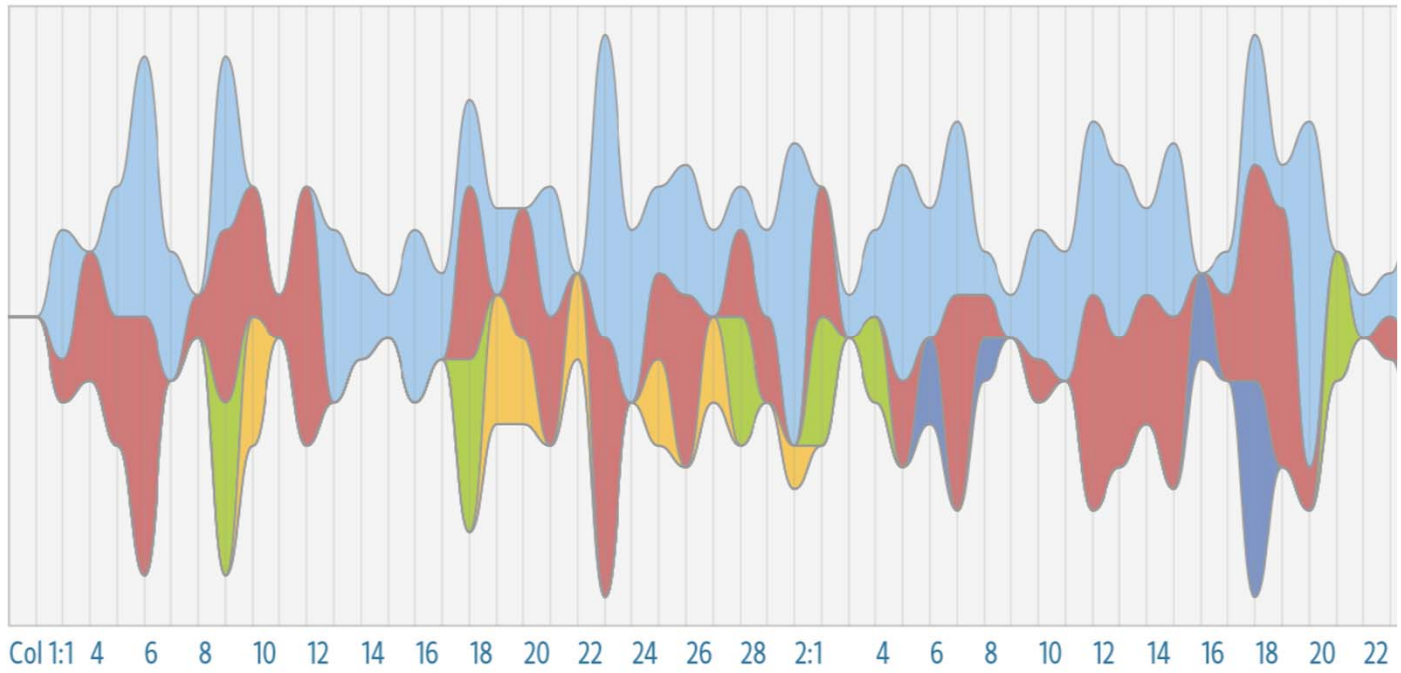


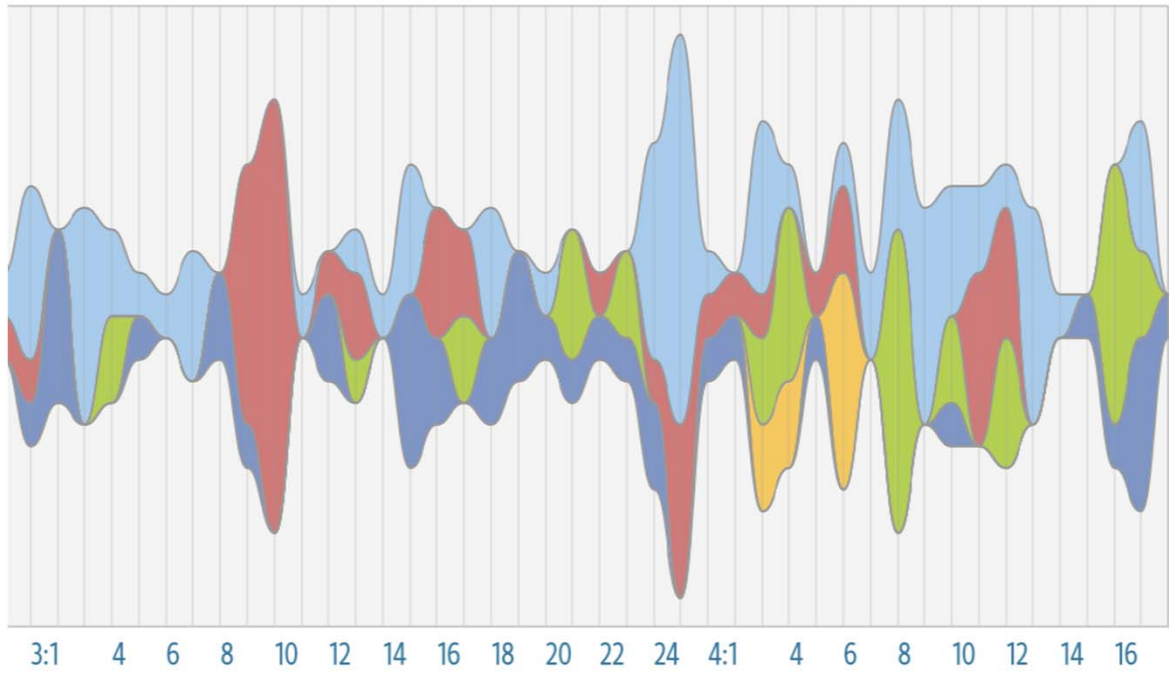
# **Spiritual Reality & Spiritual Mentality**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

Chapters 1-2



Chapters 3-4



Mood

- indicative
- participle
- subjunctive
- infinitive
- imperative



**Spiritual Mentality**  
“seek the things that are above”

**Spiritual Reality**  
“you have been raised with Christ”

## Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> If then **you have been raised with Christ**, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For **you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God**. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then **you also will appear with him in glory**.

# Identification with Christ

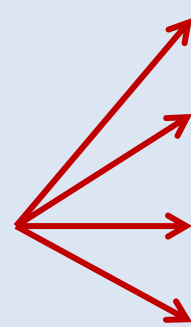
**Christ**

- Died
- Was raised
- Was seated
- Will appear

# Identification with Christ

**Christ**

**Believer  
(in/with Christ)**

- 
- Died
  - Was raised
  - Was seated
  - Will appear

# Identification with Christ

<b>Aspect of Identification with Christ</b>	<b>Other New Testament References</b>
Death (v. 3)	Rom. 6:2-3, 6-7, 11; Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:20
Resurrection (v. 1)	Rom. 6:4-5, 8, 11, 13; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:12
Seating (implied by v. 1?)	Eph. 2:6
Appearing (v. 4)	1 John 3:2

## Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, **seek the things that are above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> **Set your minds on things that are above**, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

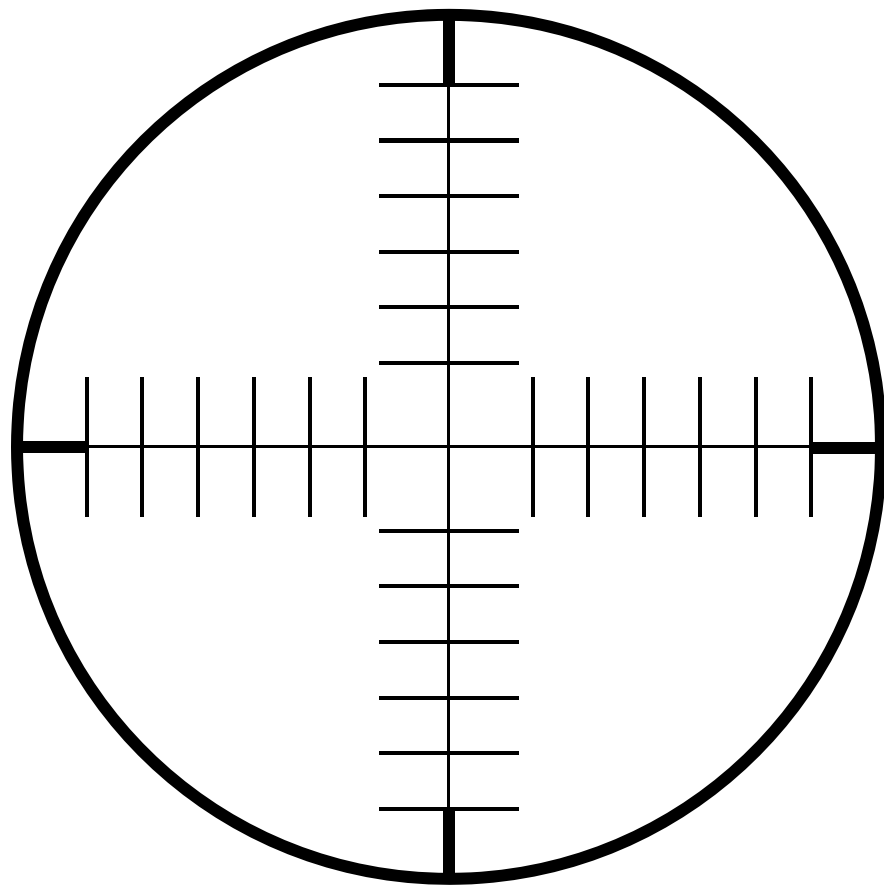


# Things Sought in the NT

God's\_approval personal\_fame  
things\_of\_material\_value  
change\_in\_marital\_status God's\_glory  
personal\_wellbeing\_and\_interests use\_of\_spiritual\_gifts\_for\_the\_church's\_benefit  
self\_righteousness others'\_wellbeing\_and\_interests  
God's\_will miraculous\_signs God's\_blessings others'\_approval  
intellectual\_proof Christ's\_interests  
self\_preservation

# Things Focused on in the NT

others' spiritual or physical welfare  
unity with other Christians  
a religious leader's teaching  
immature things  
man's interests  
the flesh  
earthly, sensual, destructive things  
a day set apart for the Lord  
progressive spiritual growth  
personal greatness/superiority  
the Spirit



# Things That Are above

- Recognition of Christ's authority (v. 1)
- Contrast with "things that are on earth" (v. 2)
  - Examples of "things that are on earth" are mentioned in verse 5.
- Association with heaven
  - John 8:23
  - Galatians 4:26
  - Philippians 3:14