"Setting Our Minds On Things Above"

Colossians 3:1-4

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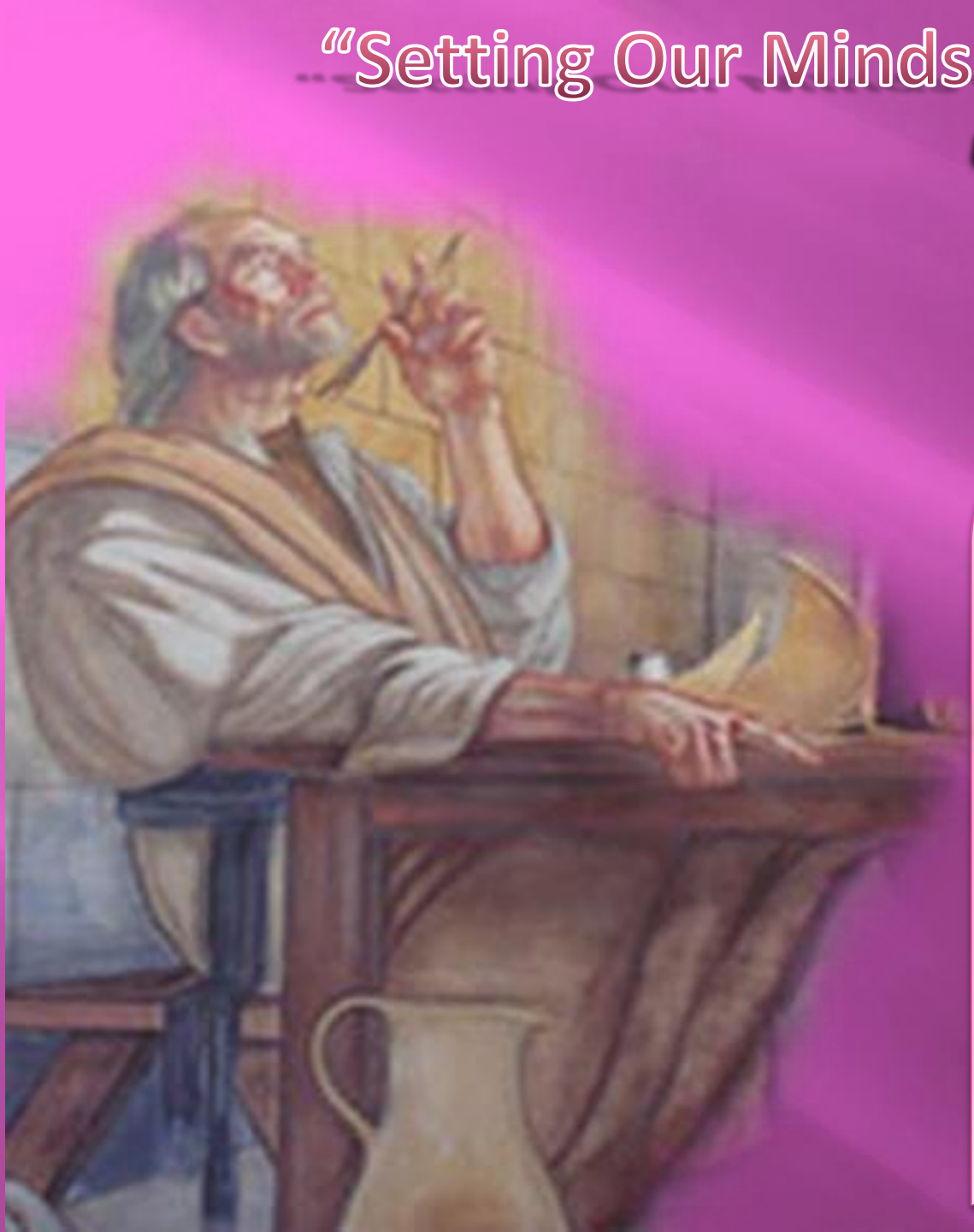

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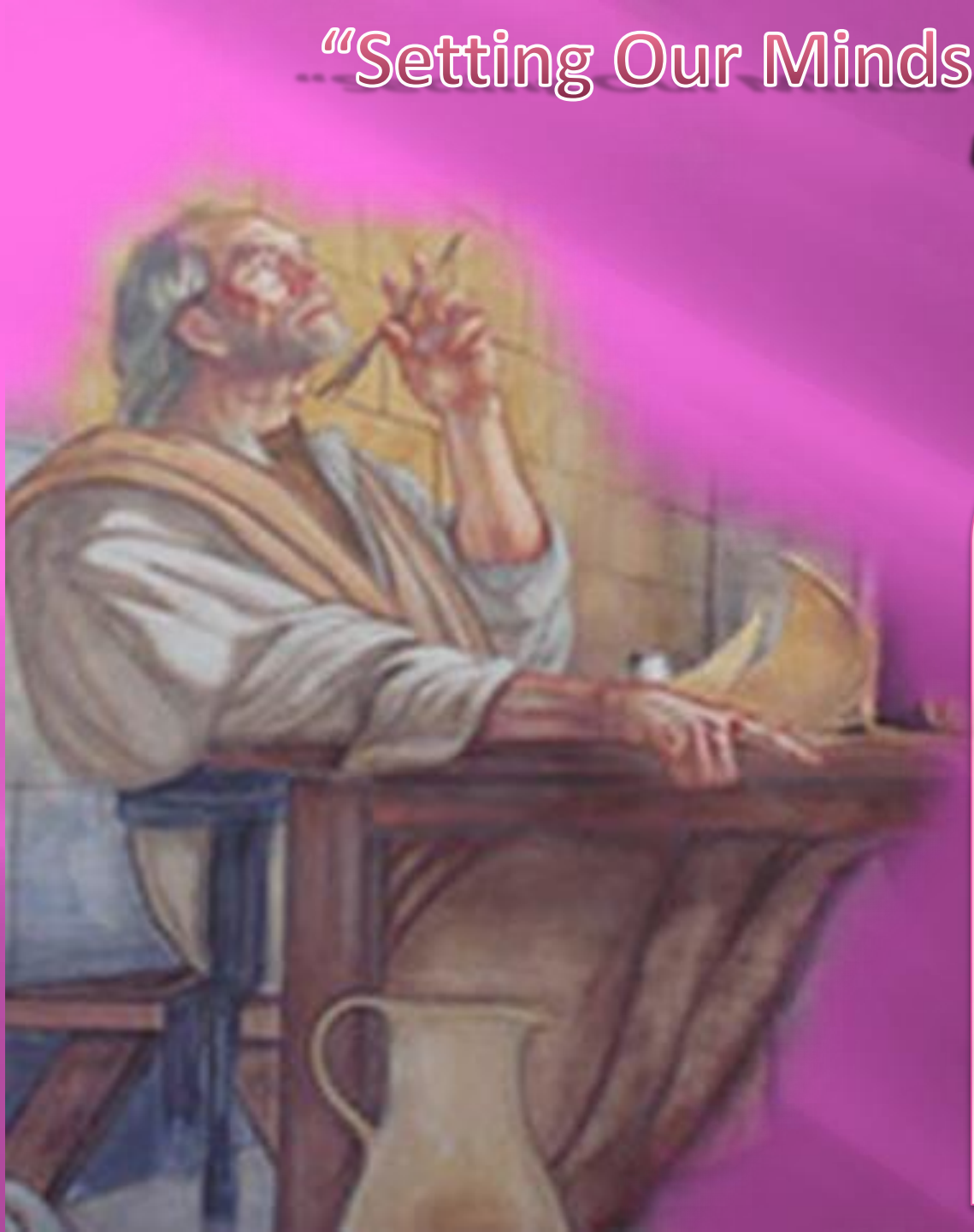

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- **"If then you were" –** *First class conditional clause* **– i.e.** ***"Since you have been"***
- **"Raised with Christ"** *– A reference to what occurred when they were baptized –*
- **The Christian has been made spiritually alive with Christ –** (*Eph 2:5,6*)

Seek Heavenly Things – (1)

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[1] If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

- **More than seeking to discover – Rather a seeking to obtain –** *(Mat 6:33)*
- **In Accordance With Our Citizenship –** *(Phil. 3:20)*
- **Seeking Things That Are Extremely Valuable –** *(Mat 13:44,45)*
- **Seeking Things That Last Forever –** *(2 Cor. 4:17,18)*
- **Seeking A FAR Better Place –** *(Heb. 11:13-16)*

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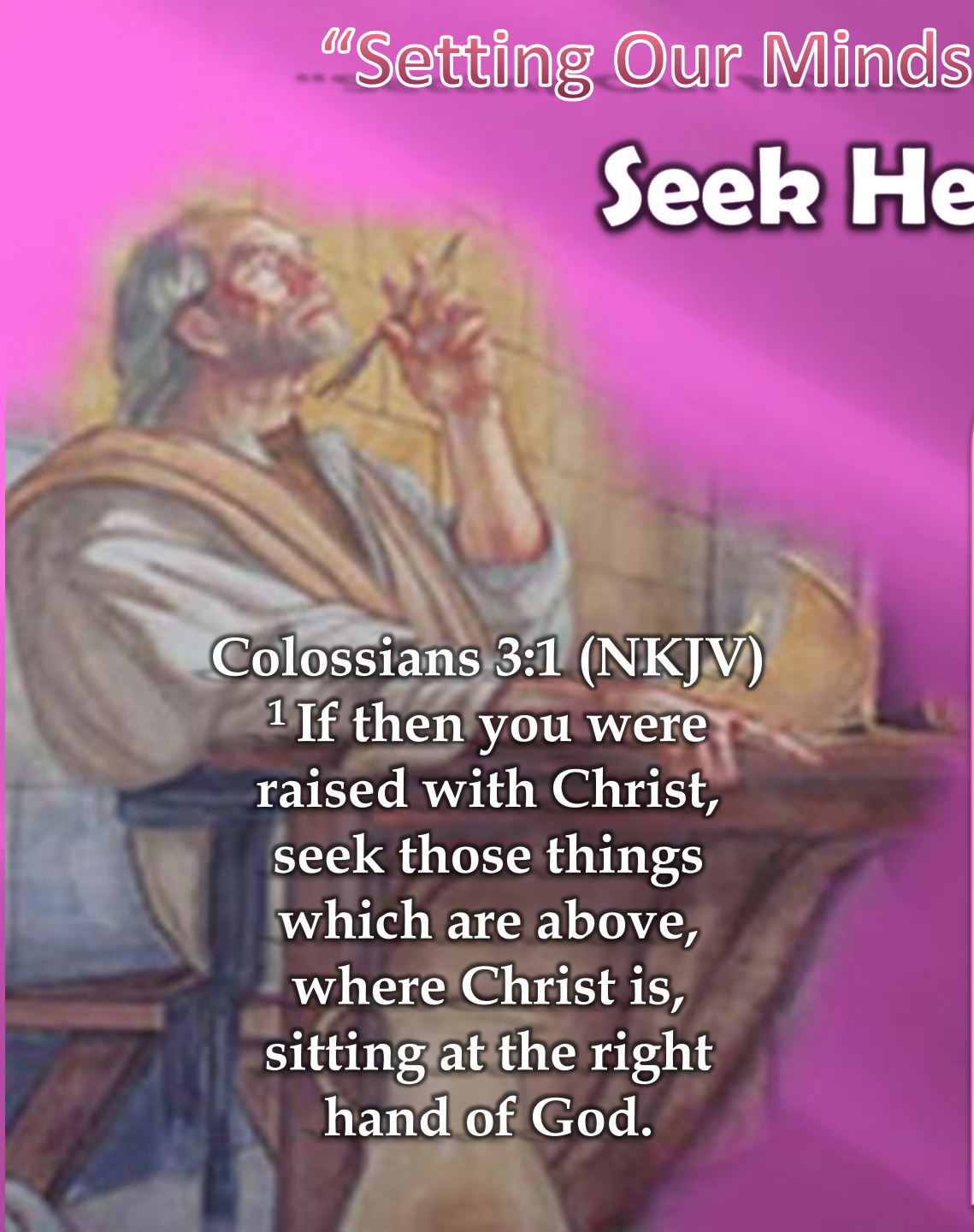

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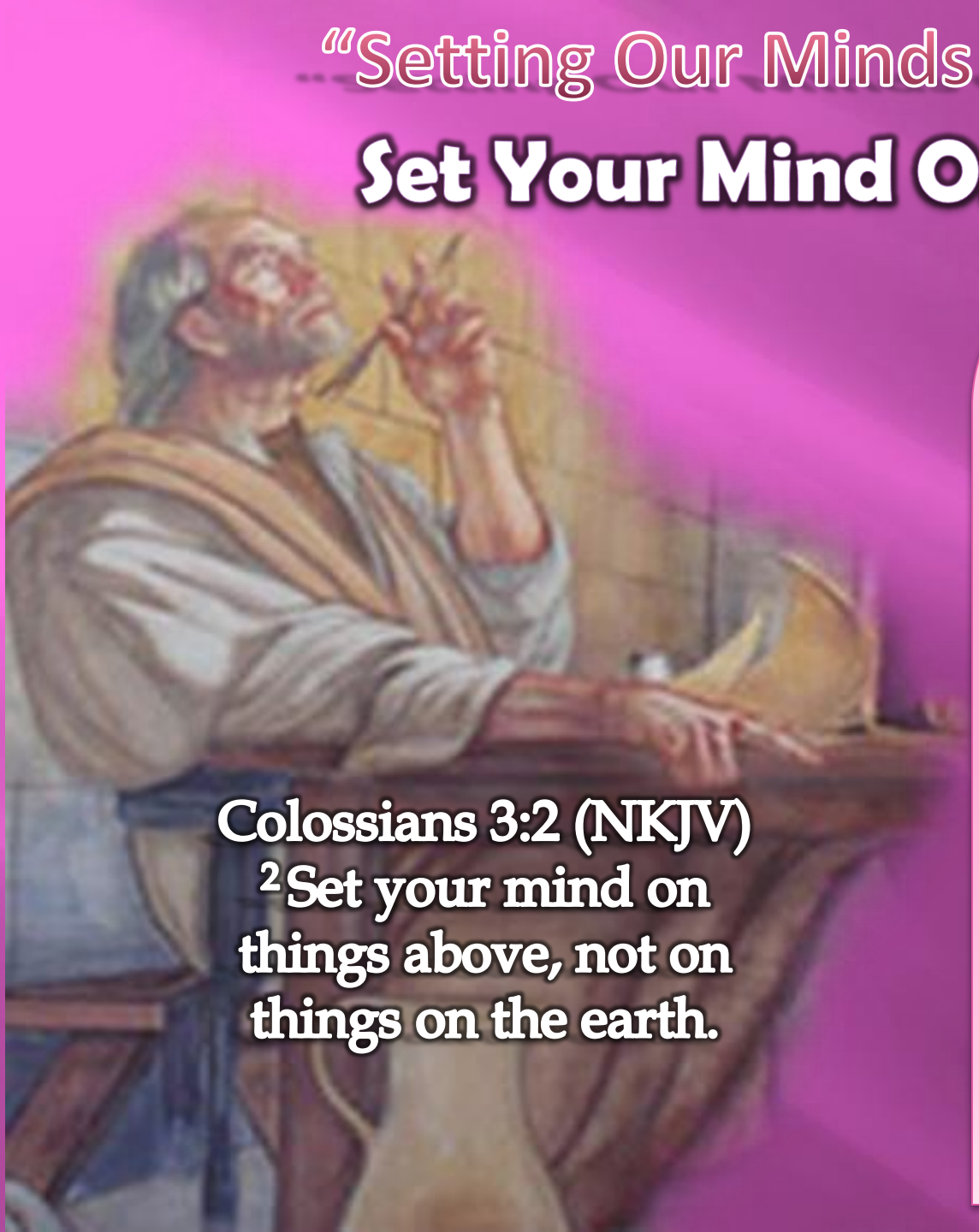
- **Jesus has been given a place of supreme honor and authority –** *(Ps. 110:1; Mat 22:44; Act 2:34; Eph 1:20; 1 Pet 3:22)*
- **We Are To Seek The Spreading of The Reign of Jesus In The World –** *(Mat 6:33; Acts 28:31)*
- **We Are Reigning With Christ NOW, And Will Be With Him In Glory Forever –** *(Eph 2:6; Rev 3:21; 22:5)*

Set Your Mind On Heavenly Things – (2)



Colossians 3:2 (NKJV)
2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

- **"Set" – Denotes Free Will And Personal Responsibility –** *(Josh 24:15; Ps 119:112 ; Rom 6:16)*
- **Our Values & Loves Must Be Set Upon Things That Are Spiritual –** *(Mat 6:19-23)*
- **Accomplished Through Knowledge –** *(Rom 12:1,2)*
- **We cannot Serve God & Love The World At The Same Time –** *(Mat 6:24; Rom 8:7,8; 1 John 2:15-17)*

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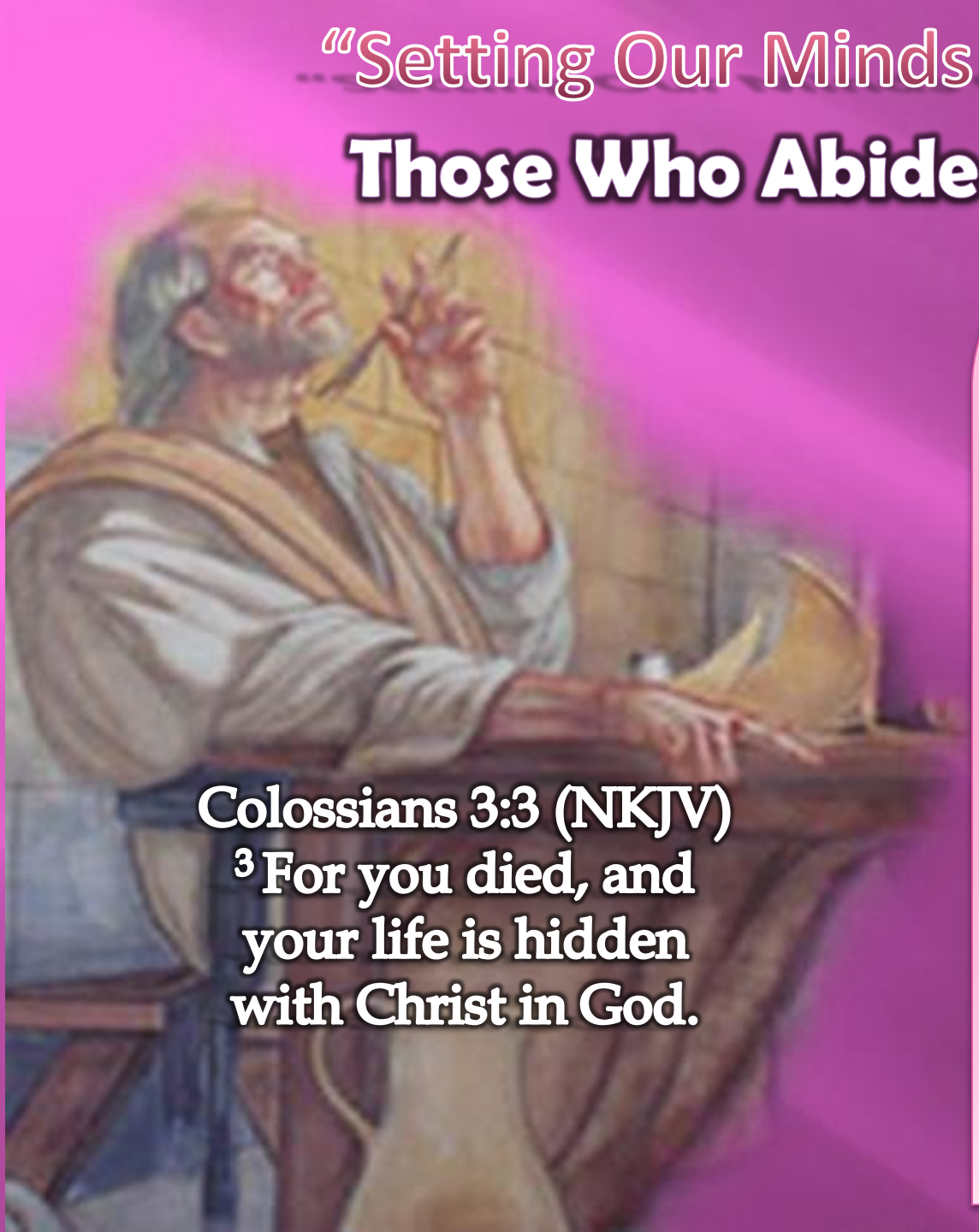

Colossians 3:3 (NKJV)
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- **"For You Died" –** *I.E. – You Were Separated From Sin – (Col. 2:11-13)*
- **"Your Life" –** *I.E. – Now by forgiveness You are spiritual alive – (Rom 6:3-11)*
- **The Term Hidden Is From The Greek - κρύπτω (kryptō) - -** *hide, conceal, cover (pass. often hide oneself); keep secret* **– Barclay Newman: NT Greek-English Dictionary - See "Hid" In - Mat 13:44; 25:18, 25; Heb 11:23**

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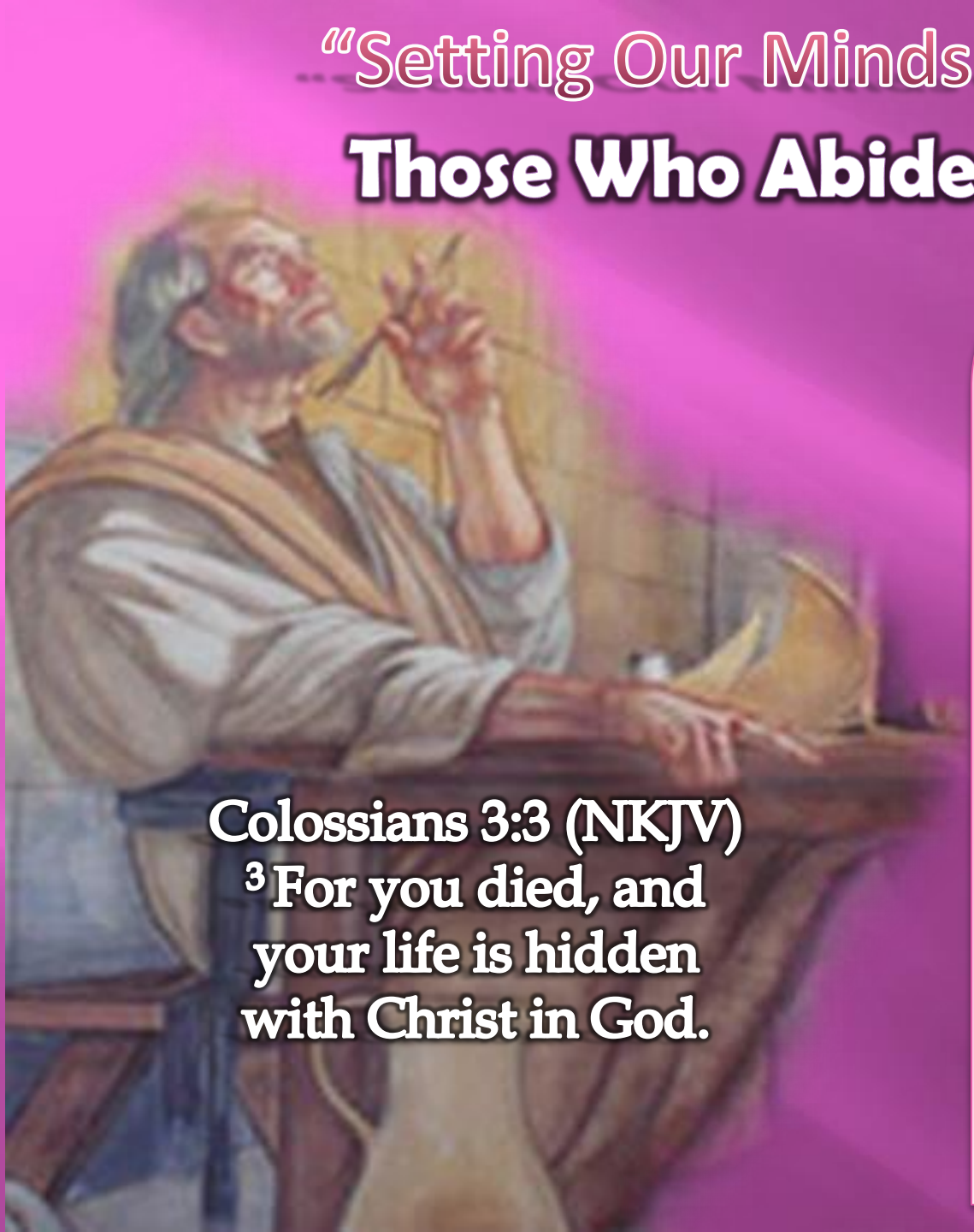

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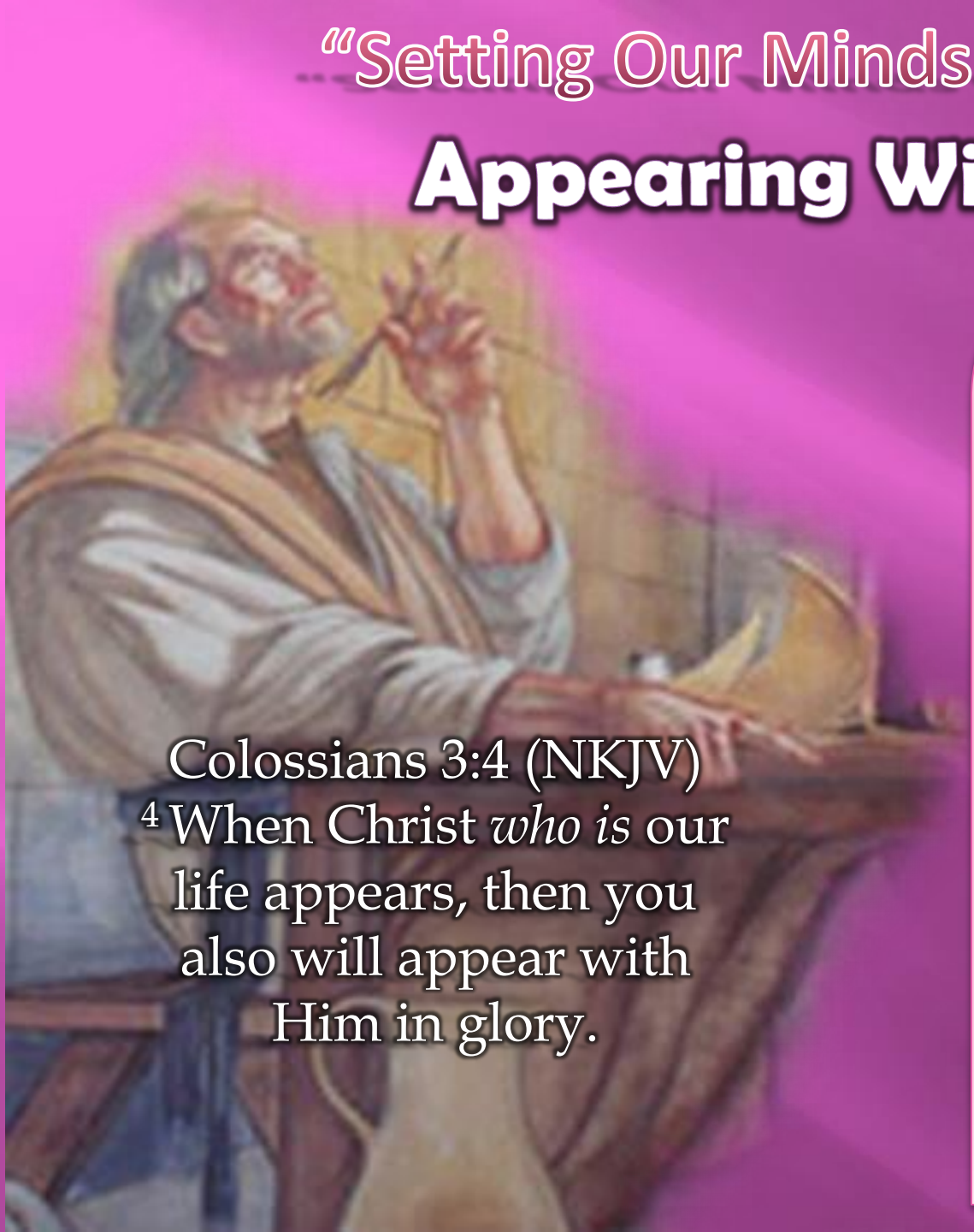
- **The Christian Is Secure In Christ -** *(John 10:27–29; Rom 8:35–39; 2 Tim 1:12)*
- **Being Secure In Christ Does Not Mean – "*Once Saved Always Saved*!"** *– (Heb 3:12, 10:29)*
- **It Means That As Long As We Abide In Christ We Are Secure! –** *(John 15:1-10; 2 Pet 2:20-22; 1 Cor 10:1-13)*
- **We are Kept Secure Through Faith–** *(1 Pet 1:5; Rev 2:10)*

Appearing With Christ In Glory – (4)



Colossians 3:4 (NKJV)
4 When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

- **The Source of Our Current Spiritual Life Is Jesus Christ –** *(1 John 5:12; John 14:6; Gal 2:20)*
- **"Shall appear" -** *In the day when Jesus shall come to judge the world. (Mat 25:31; 1 Tim 6:14; 2 Pet 3:9-14)*
- **When Jesus Appears – Faithful Christians Will Be Glorified With Him** – *(Rom 8:17,18; Phil 3:20–21; 2 Thes 1:7-11; 2 Tim 4:8; 1 Pet 5:4; 1 John 3:2)*

The Risen Life - (vv. 3:1-4)

- Are You Seeking Heavenly Things – (1)
- Are You Focusing On Heavenly Things – (2)
- Are You Abiding Faithfully In Christ – (3)
- Will You Appear With Christ In Glory – (4)