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Matthew 16:25 (NIV) ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

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Romans 6:1-3,6-7 (NIV) ¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

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⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- ⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

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Romans 6:4-5 (NIV) ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

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⁵ If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

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C. He has taken off the old self. 3:9

Colossians 3:9 (NIV) ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

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D. He has put on the new self. 3:10

Colossians 3:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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Galatians 3:26-27 (NIV) ²⁶ You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,
²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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1 Corinthians 6:11 (NIV) ¹¹ ...But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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II. The Believers Practices

A. He is to set his heart on things above. 3:1-2

Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV) ¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

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Galatians 5:16 (NIV) ¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

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2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV) ³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish

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strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

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“Victory is not you overcoming sin; Victory is Jesus overcoming you.”

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