# *Guarding Your Mind – 5*
# *Possessing A Determined Mind*
# *Colossians 3:1-4*

***Christians must Endure the same Unpredictable & Perilous times as NON-Christians do.***

***Our MINDS are to be FOCUSED on HEAVEN NOT on Earth…***

***HOW do I keep my MIND Centered on things ABOVE?***

## 1. REMAIN FOCUSED ON YOUR IDENTITY (v.1a)

- ***What it Means to Identify with Christ:***
- *We Were **CRUCIFIED With Christ.** (Galatians 2:20)*
- *We Were **BURIED With Christ.** (Romans 6:4)*
- *We Were **RAISED With Christ.** (Colossians 3:1)*
- *We Are **SEATED With Christ.** (Ephesians 2:6)*

## 2. REMAIN FOCUSED ON YOUR AUTHORITY (v.1b)

- ***Christ is Seated** at **His Place of Authority & WE are IN HIM**, guess where **WE Are?***
- ***Everything** that happens on earth is **Under His Authority**…*
- We may not know but ***Jesus DOES Know & we can TRUST Him!***

## 3. REMAIN FOCUSED ON YOUR SECURITY. (v.3)

- ***Authority LEADS to Security** esp. when you're **IN HIM. (v.3)***
- ***The SAFETY of This Life.** (John 10:28-29)*
- ***The SECRET of This Life.***

## 4. REMAIN FOCUSED ON YOUR DESTINY. (v.4)

- We will ***Appear** with Him in the **FUTURE**.*
- Christians will be ***Raptured PRIOR** to the Great Tribulation **That's Coming.** (1 Thess. 4:17)*
- We ***MUST Keep our MINDS Focused** on **What's Coming Not What's Happening.***

## 5. REMAIN FOCUSED ON CHRIST.

- ***Above All**, we must **Keep our Eyes on the Prize**, **JESUS**…**HOW?***
- ***By Your INSISTENCE On Priorities.** (Matthew 6:33)*
- ***By Your INTEREST In God's Word.** (Luke 10:39-42)*
- ***By Your INVESTMENT of Your Treasure.** (Matt 6:19-20)*
- ***WHERE** is **Your Heart & Mind Focused?***