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Ed Charles and his friends went to see Jackie Robinson play baseball


Shouldn't we want to be with Christ as long as we can?

## Raised with Christ, vs. 1-2

- We have heavenly aims
- Raised, Rom. 6:1-6, Col. 2:12
- Forget the past, press forward, Phil. 3:12-14
- Danger in looking back
- Set your mind


## Hidden with Christ, vs. 3

- We have heavenly assurance
- Do you remember dying?
- 2 Tim. 1:12: Rom. 8:35-39; 1 John 5:13

Colossians 3:1-3

## Appearing with Christ, vs. 4

- We make our heavenly arrival
- 1 Thess. 4:17; Phil. 1:19-23
- Faithful living requires change, Col. 3:5-11


## With Christ

- If raised with Christ, we have heavenly aims
- If hidden with Christ in God, we have heavenly assurance
- Are you ready to appear with Christ when He comes again?


## Notes for stories in sermon

In the spring of 1946 young Ed Charles and his friends saw Jackie Robinson play baseball for the first time. "When the game was over, we kids followed Jackie as he walked with his teammates to the train station, and when the train pulled out, we ran down the tracks listening for the sounds as far as we could. When we couldn't hear them any longer, we put our ears to the tracks to feel the vibrations of the train carrying Jackie Robinson. We wanted to be part of him as long as we could."

On August 7th, 1954 during the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver, B.C. Roger Bannister and John Landy met for the first time for the 1 mile run. Both men had beaten the 4 minute mark previously. Bannister was the first man to break the 4 minute mile and Landy was the current record holder. As 35,000 fans looked on, no one knew what would take place on that historic day. It would later be known as the "miracle mile." With only 90 yards to go, John Landy glanced over his left shoulder. At that instant, Bannister streaked by on Landy's right to win in a time of $3: 58: 8$. Landy's second place finish of 3:59.6 marked the first time the 4 minute mile had been broken by two runners in the same race.

