If You've Been Raised With Christ

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INTRODUCTION

- If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- The Christian life is a continual quest, day in and day out. And Christ is our example to follow and our goal to pursue.
- The new life in Christ requires an entirely new mental orientation.

1 Seek the Things Which Are Above

James 3:13–17; Colossians 1:15–23

- You have to set your mind on things above. You have to be holy, totally, entirely different from the world and from the person that you were before.
- When he says to seek, that means that we have to go out looking for it. It means that we can't be waiting for it to come up to us.
- You have to seek those opportunities to serve. You have to seek people that you can help. You have to seek ways to spread the gospel.
- We must seek the things that are above. Why? Because that's where Christ is.

2 Set Your Minds on Things That Are Above

Philippians 4:8; Galatians 5:22–24; Colossians 3:17

- Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there's anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
- If I'm going to set my mind on the things that are above, I have to think about Christ and all that I do.
- The more we think about heaven, the more we will want to go there. The more we think about and study and read about Christ, the more Christ-like we will be.

3 Not on Things That Are on the Earth

Ephesians 4:11–14; Ephesians 4:17–24; Matthew 6:19–21

- We're not to be immature in our thinking.
- You cannot continue on in your life being a child. You're not going to make it to heaven if you keep being a child.
- When you learn Christ, you learned not to be that man anymore. You put him away, you put him to death.
- That's laying up treasures in this world. That's not laying up treasures in heaven.

4 For You Have Died

Colossians 3:5–10; Colossians 3:12–14

- It's the word that you have died permanently. You have died once for all, and you cannot come back.
- That is the kind of death that we ought to have to this old man. He ought to have been put to death in such a way that he can never return.
- That's what our Gentile self needs to be when we put on Christ. It needs to be dead to us.
- Put to death, therefore what is earthly in you. Sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- Something has to take the place of that old man, and it's the new man in Christ.

5 Your Life Is Hidden With Christ in God

Colossians 3:15–16

- If he is our head, and we are his body, we must act and think as he thinks.
- It gives us a sense of security, and when we trust and have faith in him and follow him, he is going to protect us.
- My life no longer exists. I now exist for Him. And He lives in me.

6 You Will Also Appear With Him in Glory

Colossians 3:4

- The believer shares in Christ's life and glory when he comes again.
- We may have difficulties and trials in this life, but eternally, we are looking to glory.
- Paul's argument for the Christian putting on the new man is the glory that we will share.

THE CHALLENGE

Is that what you want in your life? Is that what your goal is? To be with him in glory.

MY NOTES