

If Then You Were Raised With Christ

Intro.-

1. **Col. 3:1-4:1**
2. What does it mean to be risen with Christ? **Col. 2:11-12**
3. This lesson calls our attn. to the responsibilities of those risen with Christ.

I. Seek & Set Your Mind (Affection) on Things Above

- A. **Col. 3:1-2** – not on things of this earth
- B. **Matt. 6:19-24, 31-34** – seek FIRST the Kingdom of God
- C. **Phil. 4:8-9** – what are we thinking about?
- D. **Matt. 9:57-62** – no one that puts his hand to the plow, and looks back, is fit for the kingdom of God” – **Phil. 3:12-14**
- E. Why are we to do this? – **Col. 3:3-4**

II. Put to Death Your Earthly Members

- A. **Col. 3:5** – put to death your members which are on the earth...
- B. Mortify (KJV)! “Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry” (NASB)
- C. **Col. 3:6** – “for b/c of these things, the wrath of God is coming”

III. Put off the Old Man

- A. **Col. 3:8-9** – put off... b/c you have put off the old man
- B. Compare this to what Paul told the Ephesians (**Eph. 4:20-31**)
- C. Spent enough of our past life doing these things – **1 Pt. 4:1-5**
- D. **Col. 3:9** – “do not lie to one another”
- E. **Rev. 21:8** – lying is no small sin, notice what it is grouped with

IV. Put on the New Man

- A. **Col. 3:9b-11** – must first put off the old man
- B. Renewed in knowledge – **Rom. 12:1-2**
- C. **Col. 3:12-14** – Characteristics of the new man
- D. Above all put on love -- **1 Cor. 13:1-8**
- E. **Col. 3:15** - Let the peace of God rule your hearts... be thankful (**Phil. 4:6-7** – peace comes by prayer and thanksgiving)

V. Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You Richly

- A. **Col. 3:16**
- B. “...in all wisdom” Be filled with the word – Study (**2 Tim. 2:15**)
- C. **1 Tim. 4:12-16** – meditate on these things, give self to them
- D. “Teaching and Admonishing one another” – no special singing groups – all must sing
- E. “In psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” – we can’t just sing anything
- F. “Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

VI. Do All in the Name of the Lord

- A. **Col. 3:17** – Whatever you do in word or deed

- B. Goes back to our singular focus being on spiritual things and serving God – Everything we do should be to glorify God and help us get to heaven.
- C. Song “Do All in The Name of The Lord”

Conclusion-

1. Have you been risen with Christ?
2. If not, why delay any longer?
3. Is so, have you been fulfilling your responsibilities to: (list points)?
4. If not, why not repent and come confessing your sins this evening.