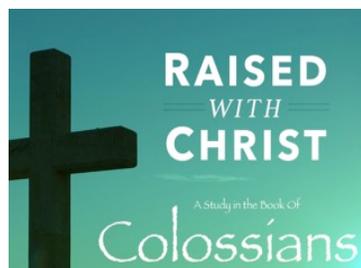


“Raised with Christ!”



Part 10: “Well done, good and faithful servant!”

Colossians 4:7-18

Introduction: Perhaps the clearest evidence of being “*raised with Christ*” is your attitude toward God’s Word and your response to God’s call to serve Christ.

Colossians 3:16-17, 24: “You are serving the Lord Christ !” (vs. 24).

See where God is at work and join Him!!

Servants of Jesus Christ will be engaged in the work of God’s kingdom in every area of their lives.

I. Faithful servants of Christ share testimonies and encouragement with others ...

Colossians 4:7-9: “ ... that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts ... ” (vs. 8).

Ephesians 6:21-22: “Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything ... ” (vs. 21).

Hebrews 10:21-25: “ ... And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works ... encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near!” (vss. 24-25).

The one true Church will never be without conflict and enemies and deserters until Jesus comes!

Revelation 12:11: We must conquer our enemies of temptation and discouragement “by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony .”

II. Faithful servants of Christ endure much for the cause of Christ ...

II Timothy 4:9-18: “The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom ” (vs. 18).

II Timothy 1:8: “Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share in suffering for the Gospel by the power of God!”

Philippians 1:27-29: “For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake” (vs. 29).

People today want opinions but you who believe have truth to share!

II Timothy 3:12-15: “Indeed, all who desire to lead a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted ... ” (vs. 12).

III. Faithful servants of Christ persevere for the glory of God!

Revelation 1:5-6 ... We who believe in Jesus are all “ priests ,” called to serve the King and to bring Him the offering of our lives .

When you serve others , whether in your family, in the Church or at work, you are serving Christ .

Not only do people want something for nothing ... they believe they deserve it, that they are entitled to it.

Luke 17:7-10: “So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants, we have only done what was our duty ’ ” (vs. 10).

Colossians 4:12: “Epaphras ... a servant of Christ Jesus ... always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.”

Hebrews 6:9-12: “ ... in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things ... so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises ” (vss. 9,12).

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Colossians 1:11-12: “May you be strengthened with all power ... for all endurance and patience ... with JOY ...!” (vs. 11).