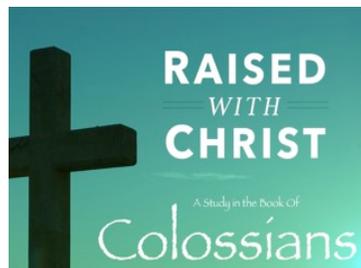


“Raised with Christ!”

Part 6: “PERFECT in Christ!”

Colossians 3:1-4



Introduction: You can know that YOU have been “*raised with Christ*” ... such certainty begins in your mind and is confirmed in your heart.

How you “walk” through this life is dependent on whether you know where you are going!

Being “*raised with Christ*” by the power of His Spirit through His Word is the only way to enter the “*narrow gate!*” (Matt. 7:13-14)

When you know who you are and where you’re going it’s easier to live as one who has been raised with Christ!

I Corinthians 3:11: “No one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ!”

I. Seek the things that are ABOVE, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God ...

“**Seeking**” is an action that requires you to actively pursue things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of the Father.

Those who “*have been raised with Christ*” have Jesus, the Christ, their Head, SEATED at the right hand of the Father!

Psalm 110:1: “The LORD says to my Lord, ‘Sit down at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’”

I Corinthians 15:25: “For He (Christ) must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.”

Daniel 7:13-14: “... to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom ...”

Jeremiah 29:11-13: “... You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart” (vs. 13).

“*Seeking the things that are above*” means seeking WHO is above and WHAT is above: God’s kingdom and glory – His PERFECTION!!

Philippians 1:21-24: “For to ME to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ... My desire is to depart and be with Christ!” (vss. 21, 23).

II. Set your minds on things above, not on things that are on earth!

Hebrews 11:13-16: “... they desire a better country, a heavenly one.”

Hebrews 11:39-40: “God had provided something better for us, that apart from US they should not be made perfect” (vs. 40).

To fulfill God’s purpose for your life you need to do as Jesus did: “Set your mind on things above, not things on the earth.”

Romans 12:2: “... be transformed by the renewal of your mind ...”

I Corinthians 2:11-16: “But WE have the mind of Christ!” (vs. 16).

Philippians 4:4-9: “... think about THESE things ...” (vs. 8).

Psalm 145:1-7: “One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts!” (vs. 4).

III. Your life is hidden with Christ in God ... you are already there!!!

As you live in this world the reality of your life is in Christ ... in heaven.

Your life will never be “complete” in this world because what is to come is the REAL world. THIS is not your final destination!

God calls you to seek Him and to set your mind on things above because that is how you begin to find the hope, peace and joy of life in His presence.

Psalm 27:4-8, 13-14: “One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD ...” (vs. 4).

John 17:20,24: “Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given me, may be with me, where I am, to see my glory” (vs. 24).

I John 3:1-3: “... we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is!” (vs. 2).