

# **“If Then You Were Raised With Christ”**

**Col. 3:1-17**

## **Introduction:**

- A. Paul tells who have died with Christ and raised with him. (2:12,13 cf. Rom. 6:4)
- B. Paul appeals to those who have died with Christ and were raised with him.
  - 1. If died with him should reject self-imposed religion of this world. (2:20-23)
  - 2. If raised with him then we should make take some special action: Seek, put, let.

## **Discussion:**

### **I. “If Then You Were Raised With Christ,” *Seek Things Above.* (vs. 1,2)**

- A. Where our King is now. (3:1).
  - 1. Our citizenship is there. (Phil. 3:20-21).
  - 2. Our authority comes from there. (3:17).
- B. Where our ultimate goal is now.
  - 1. Choice of education — 1st its effect on goal, then other considerations.
  - 2. Choice of vocation — 1st its effect on goal, then pay, working conditions, etc.
  - 3. Choice of mates — 1st its effect on goal, then looks, charm, etc.
  - 4. Guidance for our children — 1st its effect on goal, then other matters.

### **II. “If Then You Were Raised With Christ,” *Put ...***

- A. To Death Earthly Sins. (v.5).
  - 1. Things that are glorified on earth — Entertainment, philosophy, etc.
  - 2. Things that are objects of God's wrath. (v. 6).
- B. Off The Old Man with his deeds. (vs. 8,9).
  - 1. The old man had a filthy heart — “Anger, wrath, malice...”
  - 2. The old man had a filthy mouth — “Blasphemy, language, lying. (cf. Mt. 12:34).
- C. On The New Man with His deeds. (vs. 10-14).
  - 1. The new man has right attitude toward God. (vs. 10,17).
    - a. Word of God.
    - b. Worship of God.
    - c. Work of God.
  - 2. The new man has right attitude toward others. (11-14)
    - a. Treats all right, regardless of station in life. (v. 11).
    - b. Treats all right, from a converted heart (vs. 12,13) — Not merely from social or political expediency.

### **III. “If Then You Were Raised With Christ,” *Let ...***

- A. “The peace of God rule (umpire) in your hearts”. (v. 15)
  - 1. Peace that only Christ can give. (John 14:27; 16:33)
    - a. World gives peace that is fragile, uncertain, often unholy.
    - b. Lord gives peace that is pure, sure and steadfast.
  - 2. Peace that passes understanding. (Phil. 4:6-9).
  - 3. Peace that come from faith in Him. (John 14:1).
- B. “The Word of Christ dwell in you richly...” (v. 16).
  - 1. Enables on to teach and admonish.
  - 2. Encourages one to sing — not play instrument.
  - 3. Enables one to do all things in name of Christ. (v. 17).

## **Conclusion:**

- A. If you have not been scripturally baptized, you are still dead to sin, not risen.
- B. If you have been raised, then make the effort to live accordingly.