

Raised With Christ

Col. 3:1-17

Introduction:

- A. The world calls today “Easter”
 - 1. One two great “holy days” in the “Christian Calendar” first adopted by the Catholic church.
 - 2. “Easter” once in King James Version (Act 12:4) – “Passover” every other time (28).
 - 3. Every Lord’s day should be an observance of His resurrection – not just once a year.
- B. The life of a faithful Christian is a celebration of the Resurrection.
 - 1. It begins with our the spiritual death, burial and resurrection (2:12, 13; Rom. 6:4; cf. 1 Pet 3:21)
 - 2. It continues with a lifestyle reflecting our resurrection with Christ
 - 3. “If ye then be risen with Christ – Seek, Put, Let.

Discussion:

I. “If Ye Then Be Risen with Christ,” *Seek Things Above.* (vs. 1-4)

- A. By seeking things above we show our faith in His resurrection.
 - 1. We recognize that He is at God’s right hand (v. 1)
 - 2. We recognize His authority from there (3:17).
 - 3. We recognize that our citizenship is there (Phil. 3:20-21)
- B. By setting our affection on things above, we make life’s choices accordingly.
 - 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 Ye Then Be Risen with Christ,” *Put ...*

- A. To Death Earthly Sins. (v.5-7).
- 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).

III. “If Ye Then Be Risen 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.