

44. RESURRECTED WITH CHRIST

Romans 6:4-5,8

4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

Ephesians 2:1-5

1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

We have been resurrected, made alive from the dead with Christ. This means we have been given new life to live. We have been given the zoe-life of God, the eternal, abundant life to live in. This is the new creation life. We have a new way of living which is an expression of the life and nature of God in us. It is a life that expresses the grace (virtues, character), truth (purity, integrity, holiness) and power of God.

45. RAISED UP WITH CHRIST

Ephesians 2:6-7

6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Separated from the present age/world, this system of evil and rebellion against God. Hence, we can live free from the corruption (moral depravation) that is in the world because of lust (2 Peter 1:3-4). We are in this world but not of it. Hence we do not conform to the ungodliness in the world (Romans 12:1-2). God calls us to set our affections on things above where our life is in Christ (Colossians 3:1-3).

Colossians 3:1-3

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

46. SEATED WITH CHRIST

Ephesians 2:6

And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Positioned to rule and reign. God could have not given us any better or higher place in the spiritual realm. He made us sit together with Jesus Christ at His own right hand. We must learn to walk in authority and dominion that is ours in the spiritual realm. Exercise your authority.

47. KNOW, CONSIDER, YIELD

Crucified with Christ—The body of sin was destroyed. Sin has no dominion over you.

Buried with Christ—Separated from the past life. You have been separated from the past life, so put away your former lifestyle.

Resurrected with Christ—Given new life.

Raised up into the heavens with Christ—Separated from the present age/world.

Seated with Christ—Positioned to rule and reign.

Three key words used in Romans 6 instructing us what to do with this truth of identification with Christ: Know, Reckon (Consider), Yield (Present).

Know

Romans 6:6

“Know”—know the truth. You have been crucified, buried, raised.

Consider

Romans 6:11-12

“Reckon”—accept the truth. Accept it as a fact.

Consider it to be true Think and act aligned to this truth. Do not allow sin to reign to in your body. Do not yield yourself as an instrument to unrighteousness. Live as someone who is separated from this present age and as one whose life is hid in God. Walk in the authority and dominion that is ours in the spiritual realm.

Ephesians 4: 21–25

21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another.

Yield

Romans 6:13,16,19

“Yield”—give yourself to the Lord, present yourself, surrender. Make yourself completely available to God so that you are His instrument (weapon) of righteousness, resulting in holiness and all other aspects of the life we have in Christ.

Finally, in Romans 8, the apostle Paul teaches us about the Spirit of life who empowers us to live in the truth of identification. We consider this next.