

## RAISEN WITH CHRIST

There is within Christianity a great deal of emphasis placed upon the crucifixion of Jesus Christ but very little upon His resurrection.

Mel Gibson's movie, "The Passion," reflects this point in that the entire movie dealt with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and having only a veiled blurb at the very end on His resurrection.

In spite of the fact that Easter is celebrated internationally as the resurrection of Jesus Christ, little or no emphasis will be placed on its importance to either the gospel message or the Christian Way of Life (CWL) doctrines.

Paul addressed a similar problem in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century (AD). "Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, **by which also you are saved**, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, and that **He was buried**, and that **He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.**" (1 Cor.15:1-4)

While the resurrection of Jesus Christ is essential in the gospel of grace salvation, it is also an essential doctrine in the Christian way of life (CWL).

- "And if (1cc / true) Christ has **not** been raised, then **our preaching** is vain, **your faith** also is vain." (1 Cor.15:14)
- "And if (1cc) Christ has **not** been raised, **your faith** is worthless; you are still in **your sins**." (1 Cor.15:17)
- "Then those also who have **fallen asleep in Christ have perished.**" (1 Cor.15:18)

One of the great doctrines associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ is POSITIONAL TRUTH.

There are three categories in the doctrine of positional truth (2 Cor.5: 21) RAPT- in us; CPT- in Him; EPT- might become).

- **RAPT** (retroactive positional truth) every believer was identified with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (2 Cor.5: 17-21).
- **CPT** (current positional truth) every believer is identified with the exalted position "in Christ" (Col.3: 1-3).
- **EPT** (experiential positional truth) Every believer is identified with the filling and walking ministry of indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6: 19; Eph.5: 18; Gal.5: 16).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the basis of the doctrine of positional truth and our lesson – RAISEN WITH CHRIST.

Our lesson passage teaches these three categories of positional truth.

"If (1cc / True) then you (all believers) have been raised up (sunegairo / a.p.ind 2pl) (aorist: at the point of salvation; passive: by God's grace; indicative: principle of basic doctrine) with Christ, keep seeking (zeteo / p.a.impv 2pl / command / EPT) the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind (phroneo / p.a.impv 2pl / EPT) on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died (RAPT) and your life is hidden with Christ in God (CPT) (secured eternally)." (Col.3: 1-3) NAS

There are three important positional spheres of influence upon the Believer in the Christian Way of Life (CWL).

- The world
- The flesh
- In Christ.

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**(Natural man)**

**(Regenerated man)**

**(Spiritual man)**

**(Transformed man)**

**Have you risen with Christ? Would you like to be risen with Christ?**

**To be "risen with Christ" simply believe The Gospel, that Jesus Christ died for YOUR sins, was buried and was raised on the third day.**