

# People of the Resurrected King

Part 4 of the *Raised to Life* series

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Bible Text: Colossian 3:1-17 NIV

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ...*  
Colossians 3:1

Jesus not only died *for us* he was raised to life *for us*.

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

*Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.*

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit,*

*singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:1-17

Because of the resurrection...

- I can set my heart and mind on Him who is life-giving rather than on everything else that is life-taking.
- I am being transformed into the image of Jesus.
- I am part of a family and no longer have to do life alone.
- I can live a life of love because the one who is love lives in me.
- I can have a heart that is ruled by the peace of Christ rather than by fear & turmoil.
- I no longer have to question what my purpose in life is.

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## Next Steps

**If you made a decision today to put your faith & trust in Jesus, or would like to get baptized, or are interested in volunteering, fill out a connection card and check the appropriate box.**

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- As Christians, we get that Jesus died *for us* but rarely get that he was also raised to life *for us*, how does knowing his resurrection was *for you* change things?
- Read through Colossians 3:1-10. Are there any of these areas that tend to pull your attention away from Jesus?
- If you had to pick one area of your life for Jesus to transform, what would that be?
- How has being part of this group made your life better?
- In light of what you've just talked about, pray that Christ will work in your lives.