“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).
      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.