

## **THE DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN - PART II**

### **COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

#### **I. A CHRISTIAN IS ONE WHO HAS DIED WITH CHRIST (3:3a)**

- A. The Reign Of Sin Has Been Snapped In The Life As The Inevitable Dominating Force
- B. The Reign Of The Law As A Legal Master Has Been Replaced By A New, More Gracious Master

#### **II. A CHRISTIAN IS ONE WHO WAS RAISED WITH CHRIST (3:1a)**

- A. There Are Three Usages Of The Term "Resurrection" In The N.T.
  - 1. The Past Bodily Resurrection Of Christ
  - 2. The Future Bodily Resurrections Of Both Believers & Unbelievers In Various Dispensations
  - 3. The Spiritual Resurrection Of Believers
- B. Explanation Of The Meaning Of "Risen, With Christ"
  - 1. Resurrection Is The Reception Of Life After Death
  - 2. Resurrection In This Sense Is Equivalent To A New Birth

#### **III. A CHRISTIAN IS ONE WHO CURRENTLY ENJOYS A LIFE THAT IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD (3:3b)**

- A. This Is Actually An Explanation Of What It Means To Have Been Raised With Christ
- B. This Is A Statement With Four Parts
  - 1. The Source Of The Life
  - 2. The Nature Of The Life
  - 3. The Present Possession Of The Life
  - 4. The Invisibility Of The Life

#### **IV. A CHRISTIAN IS ONE WHO WILL BE MANIFEST WITH CHRIST (3:4)**