

# Jesus Beings: Life in Him (Pt. 3)

With new life in Christ comes new realities, praise God!

## Raised to New Life

Colossians 3:1

New Living Translation

Living the New Life

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### ***How were we raised to new life?***

Colossians 1:19-22

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19 For God in all his fullness

was pleased to live in Christ,

20 and through him God reconciled

everything to himself.

He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth

by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

21 This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. 22 Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

## New Life, New Sights, New Realities

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1 Corinthians 6:17

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17 But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Romans 6:6

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6 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.

### ***Heavenly People***

1 Corinthians 15:45-58

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45 The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person."<sup>[a]</sup> But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit. 46 What comes first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. 47 Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth, while Christ, the second man, came from heaven. 48 Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man. 49 Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like<sup>[b]</sup> the heavenly man.

50 What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.

51 But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! 52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. 53 For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

54 Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die,<sup>[c]</sup> this Scripture will be fulfilled:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.[d]  
55 O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?[e]”

56 For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. 57  
But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

58 So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work  
enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever  
useless.

### **Think on These Things**

Romans 12:2

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2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you  
into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know  
God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Philippians 4:8

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8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what  
is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think  
about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Colossians 3:2-3

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2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

### ***Why and how?***

3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. (Jesus  
Being)

## **Shared Life or Shared Death**

Colossians 3:4

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4 And when Christ, who is your[a] life (*Jesus Being*), is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

Revelation 20:10-15

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10 Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Final Judgment

11 And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. 12 I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave[a] gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. 14 Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. 15 And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

## **Now is the Time!**

Colossians 3:5

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5 So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. 6 Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.[b] 7 You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. 8 But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. 9 Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. 10 Put on your

new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. 11 In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile,[c] circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized,[d] slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. 13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. 17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

#### Instructions for Christian Households

18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

20 Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.

22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. 23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.[e] 25 But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites.