

Personal/Small Group Study

Week of July 27, 2025 A.D.

Christian, You Have Been Raised with Christ

Christ died for your sins so that you do not need to die for your sins. Christ was resurrected so that you may live a resurrected life. Death. Resurrection. These are the bookends of our faith in Christ. We have died to sin. We have been resurrected to a new life in Christ. Both are essential to our salvation which we receive by faith alone in Christ alone.

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

1. If Jesus has not been bodily resurrected from the dead, can any person experience eternal forgiveness from God? If Jesus has not been bodily resurrected, can any person experience eternal life?
2. Is there any lasting benefit to receiving forgiveness from God if the forgiven sinner does not receive the gift of eternal life?
3. Can a person experience a father/child relationship with God: (a) if that person does not ask God to forgive them of their sins? or (b) if Jesus has not been bodily resurrected from the dead?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

4. Read verse 14. Why is the faith of a Christian "useless" if Christ has not been raised from the dead?
5. Read verse 17. Why is a Christian still "dead in your sins" if Christ has not been raised from the dead?

Read Colossians 3:1-4

6. What are the daily activities in which you practice for the purpose of taking care of your physical body? What are the daily activities in which you practice for the purpose of taking care of your mind and/or your soul and/or your spiritual life?
7. How can you discern the desires and thoughts that control a person's (a) heart? and (b) mind? What course of action would you prescribe for a person who sincerely wants to set his or her (a) heart "on things above"? and (b) mind "on things above"?
8. Please identify some of the routine thoughts and actions which you expect to dominate a life which "is now hidden with Christ in God". Is a "life which is now hidden with Christ in God" required or optional for a person who has received from God the gift of eternal life? Is your life hidden with Christ in God?

Read Colossians 1:15-18

9. Do you agree with this statement: "Every person who has ever lived on planet Earth has been created by God and for the purposes of God."
10. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "God has given the Bible to mankind so that each of us can know and fulfill His intended purposes for our lives."
11. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "If I want to understand the reasons for my existence and the rules of conduct by which I am to live, I should study, learn, and do what the Bible says to do."
12. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Without God, without the Bible, and without my personal fellowship with the Holy Spirit, life makes no sense."

Conclusion: Every person has been created by God and for God. The purpose and the reason for my life is to please God (a) by entering into a personal relationship with Him by faith in Jesus alone for salvation and (b) by obeying His commands as expressed in the Bible. "You think about that!" Amen.