

## COLOSSIANS 5

1. How have we Christians already been raised with Christ?

-The Lord Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead have given us a place in heaven that waits for us.

2. How have we Christians died?

-We have died with Christ on the cross so that we do not have to die in eternal hell.

-We have also died to trying to show God how good and wonderful we are so that God must save us.

3. What does it mean that our lives are now hidden in Christ?

-That people would no longer see us, but rather only see Christ in our lives.

4. When will Christ appear in glory?

-It will be when Christ returns to earth, and when we return to earth with Him.

5. Even though sin is no longer our chief or king, what does the Word of God encourage us to do?

-To remain hidden with Christ and one with Christ, as the Lord Jesus alone is more powerful than sin.

6. Why should there be no separation among Christians in the Church of Christ?

-Because the Lord Jesus Christ is in us all.

-Because the Jesus who is in you is the same Jesus who is in all of us Christians.

Let's read Colossians 3:12-13

12-Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

13-Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

-We do not choose God.

-It is God alone who chooses us.

-We do not make ourselves holy.

-It is God alone who makes us holy.

-It is God alone who dearly loves all of His children.

-From where do we get compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience?

-From God alone, not us.

-We may have a little compassion and kindness on our own, but our God has all that we need.

-We may have a little humility, gentleness, and patience,

but our God has all that we need.

-This is the reason why we should clothe ourselves with all that God has for us, and not to rely on ourselves.

-God also desires that Christians should forgive one another.

-According to the Word of God, how should we forgive one another?

-As the Lord has forgiven us.

-For every Christian, God has sent all of our past sins, current sins, and future sins to the cross.

-As our sins arrive at the cross, it is the blood and death of the Lord Jesus which pays for every one of our sins.

-If others sin and hurt us, we find it difficult to forgive them of their sin against us.

-Yet, if we fail to forgive them of their sin against us, then we continue to be hurt by that same sin.

-The reason why God wants us to forgive others of their sin against us is so that we can be free from that sin.

-If we do not have enough strength to forgive others, we must call of God because His strength in us is enough to

forgive the sin of another.

Let's read Colossians 3:14

14-And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

-While our human love is not perfect, the love of Christ in us is perfect.

-As Christians, we have the love of Christ living in us.

-Yet, we must allow Christ's love which is on the inside to come out and touch others who are on the outside.

Let's read Colossians 3:15

15-Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

-The same is true with the peace of Christ.

-As Christians, we have the peace of Christ living in us.

-Yet, we must allow Christ's peace which is on the inside to come out and touch others who are on the outside.

Let's read Colossians 3:16

16-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.

-God wants all Christians, not just the pastor or an elder, to teach one another and to encourage one another.

-Using psalms, hymns, and songs, we can greatly encourage one another.

-Instead of complaining about life, we should sing more to God which helps us to be thankful for all that He has done for us.

Let's read Colossians 3:17

17-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.

-All that we do on this earth should be done with the Lord Jesus and in His honor.

-Only that which is done with the Lord Jesus will remain.

Let's read Colossians 3:18-19

18-Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19-Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

-From Genesis 2:18, we know that God has designed marriage for the woman to be a helper to her husband.

-When a woman submits to her husband, she is honoring God.

-If the husband, however, asks the wife to sin, she must not submit.

-If the husband is violent and wants to hurt her, she must not submit.

-The love that a husband must have for his wife is a sacrificial love which is like the love of Christ for us on the cross.

Let's read Colossians 4:2

2-Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

-We need to talk to God without stopping, understanding that the Lord Jesus wants to live His life out through us.

-As Christ is our constant companion, we should always

be asking the Lord Jesus what He wants to do through us, and not what we want to do.

Let's read Colossians 4:3-4

3-And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

4-Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

-Even though the work that we do for the Lord Jesus is His and not ours, we still need to pray for our God to open doors for His message.

-This is because the world which is full of sin does not want anyone to believe in God.

-This is because the flesh of all people does not want them to believe in God.

-This is because Satan also does not want anyone to believe in God.

-We pray for the hearts of non Christians, that our God would open their hearts to believe in His Word.

-If God does not open a heart to believe, then no one could believe in Christ.

-What is the mystery of Christ?

-That God has come to earth in the flesh to die for us so that we do not need to die.

Let's read Colossians 4:5-6

5-Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

6-Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

-Outsiders need to hear about our Jesus.

-Christ in us through our words desires to save all with whom we meet each and every day.

Let's read Colossians 4:18

18-I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

-As in his other letters, Paul writes a final greeting in his own hand.

-Paul's body was chained in Rome, but his soul was free to believe in and teach the Word of God.

-People may be able to chain our flesh, but no one, including Satan, can chain our soul because we belong to God/Christ Himself.