

# ***Personal/ Small Group Sermon Study***

## **Christ is My Life** **Week of March 11, 2018 A.D.**

The bodily resurrection of all Christians is a promised event which is certain to happen at God's appointed time in the future. (You can count on it happening! You can take it to the bank.) Until that occurs, we are called to discover and enjoy our resurrected new life in Christ. Let's talk about that in this lesson.

### **Read Colossians 3:1- 4**

1. What are the daily activities in which you engage for the purpose of taking care of your physical body? Please be specific and detailed in your answer.
2. What are the daily activities in which you engage for the purpose of taking care of your soul and/or spiritual life? Please be specific and detailed in your answer.

### **Read John 6:63**

3. Do you agree with these words which were spoken by Jesus? Please explain your answer.
4. Based on your daily actions, to which do you give the higher priority, caring for (a) your physical life or (b) your spiritual life? Why? Please provide the details to support and/or explain your answer.

### **Read Romans 6:3–4**

5. Why are these verses written in the past tense? Is the experience of your new life in Christ a future event or is it here now? Please explain.
6. Please describe the activities and the mental and emotional attitudes which (a) have been put to death (and which you no longer experience) by your baptism into Christ and (b) are evidence of your new life in Christ.

7. Which do you pursue the most with your heart and your mind: (a) satisfaction of the daily concerns of the typical American or (b) satisfaction of the Spirit of Christ within you? Why? Please explain the details for your answer.
  
8. Are you using your time, skills, and money to primarily satisfy (a) your personal desires or (b) the desires of Christ for your life? Why? Please explain.

**Read Galatians 2:20**

9. What does Paul mean by this verse? Is this statement intended to be true for every Christian? Is it true for you? Please explain.

**Read Colossians 3:1-4**

10. How can you tell what controls a person's (a) heart? and (b) mind? Please explain.
  
11. 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? Why?
  
12. Please explain the reasons why a person who has "been raised with Christ" would or would not eagerly: (a) attend church worship services, (b) meet with Jesus daily in prayer and Bible study, (c) meet with a small group of Christians every week to love each other, encourage each other, and grow together in the likeness of Christ, (d) serve others in love, and (e) invite people to salvation and eternal life in Christ?

**Consider:** I have been raised with Christ. Christ is not an "add-on" to my life. Christ is my life. My life is hidden with Christ in God. Jesus owns me. The sole purpose for my life is to please God by allowing Jesus to have His way with me. "You think about that." Amen.