

## SERMON NOTES - Raised With Christ 2

These notes are designed to be read along with the associated audio / video message

INTRO / RECAP - Ephesians 1 and 2 & Rom 6

Paul is praying that their "heart eyes" will be opened, they'll get revelation, wisdom and knowledge to understand God's power in and for His believing people.

He uses an illustrative picture lesson, likening Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and glorification to what has happened to believers.

**Eph 1:16-23** NKJV — "16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding (hearts) being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ **when He raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

**2:1-6** NKJV — "1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and **raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**"

This week we start to look at how we relate to Him in His **Resurrection**, but first we must look a bit more at how we **die with Him**, and how we are **buried with Him in Baptism**.

Baptism is a picture of us being a part of His death and burial and resurrection, and Romans 6 gives us helpful and powerful truth about this identification and new life.

**Rom 6:1-14** NKJV — "1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that **as many of us as were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death?** 4 Therefore we were **buried with Him through baptism** into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves** to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."

Examples of "reckoning yourself" -

- When you become a new citizen of a country you accept that new identity and start to live it out even if you still feel like you did in your old country

- When your Credit score changes after identity theft has been rectified you walk free and happy just because of a piece of paper that says you are now debt free.
- When your bank statement changes due to a bank error or letter you “reckon yourself” differently.
- When you have heart pain and the doctor says it’s only indigestion, you accept his diagnosis and feel better even though your chest still hurts as much as it did when you thought you were dying.

### *DYING WITH HIM*

**Luk 9:23-24** NKJV - "23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. 24 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."

**Jhn 12:24-25** NKJV — "24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

**2Ti 2:11** NKJV — "11 This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him."

### *BEING BURIED WITH HIM*

**Act 8:36-37** NKJV - "36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptised?" 37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.""

### *THE OLD MAN VS NEW MAN:*

**Col 3:9, 10** NKJV — "9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,"

**Eph 4:22-24** NKJV — "22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

**2Co 5:17** NKJV — "17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

**1Jo 4:17** NKJV - "17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgement; because **as He is, so are we in this world.**"

### *WHAT IS YOUR RESURRECTION SELF LIKE - THE NEW MAN*

**1Co 15:35-50** NKJV — "35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?

36 Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive **unless it dies**. JESUS HAD TO DIE. SO DO WE.

37 And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. 38 But **God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body**. RESURRECTION BODIES ARE V DIFFERENT. THEY COULDN'T RECOGNISE JESUS W PHYSICAL SIGHT.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 43 It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. **There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.** 45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. 48 **As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.** 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear (M-Text reads "let us also bear") the image of the heavenly Man. WE HAVE BOTH. WE MUST SEE CORRECTLY AND SET OUR MINDS CORRECTLY 50 Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.**"

# Small group discussion guidelines

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

**1** - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

**2** - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

**3** - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?  
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do PRACTICALLY in response to this teaching?

**4** - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

**The blessing** and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.