

Sermon: “*Up From The Dead WE Arose!*”

Text: Colossians 3:1-6 (page 984 pew Bible)

I. The *fact* of our having been dead and of our now being made alive.

“You have died...”, verse 3

“You have been raised...”, verse 1

Colossians 2:13 “ And you, who were dead in your trespasses, ..God made alive together with him,

II Corinthians 5:17 “if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation – the old has gone the new has come.”

What it means to be “in Christ”

II. The *focus* of our new life (Jesus Christ)

NOT legalism – focusing on the Jewish Law with its rituals and regulations.

NOT asceticism - focusing on man-made rules and regulations and restrictions.

NOT mysticism -focusing on some experience or vision.

Our focus is CHRIST

Philippians 3:20 “our citizenship is in heaven”

Our “revealed” life

Our “hidden” life (vs. 3 “your life is hidden with Christ”)

III. The *freedom* from God’s wrath. (verse 6)

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross” I Peter 2:24

Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. I Thessalonians 1:10