

**BEING RAISED WITH CHRIST**

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*We are included in the power of Christ's resurrection*

**Possible introduction:**

- Idea of exclusion. Eg, ever thought life is a party and you did not receive an invitation? Etc.

**SPS – you have been included in the greatest event in history, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

**I. Read the passage Romans 6:3-5**

- a. Create the context – explaining the symbolic witness of baptism.
- b. Note we are united with him in *his resurrection*. Just as we were included in his death (2 Corinthians 5:14), so too are we in his resurrection.

**II. EVEN THOUGH CHRIST HAD TOLD THEM HE WOULD RISE FROM THE DEAD, THE REALITY DID NOT SINK IN.**

- a. Use one or two the resurrection passages to show that the disciples and others were surprised by the resurrection.
- b. What about us? Although we know technically that we have been risen with Christ, has the reality sunk in with us? We are a new creature in Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- c. The crucifixion is where we have received forgiveness; the resurrection is our forgiveness in action. Forgiveness now lived in Christ.

**III. Colossians 3:1 – THE RESURRECTED LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN**

- a. Read passage plus selected other verses of Colossians 3.
- b. Ideas on how the Christian participates in the resurrected life of Christ. Knowing Christ in the power of his resurrection (Philippians 3:10).

**Conclusion**

God has included us now in the resurrected life of his son, Jesus Christ. We walk now in the power of his resurrection.