

Be Strong in the Lord

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We welcome you to this series of Bible studies entitled *Be Strong in the Lord*. It is the purpose of these lessons to help strengthen Christians through a study of the word of God.

Please take your Bible, study the Scriptures given, fill in the blanks where called for and answer any questions. These lessons work well with any good translation of the Bible.

**“Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord,
and in the power of his might” (Ephesians 6:10).**

If you have any questions or comments as you study these lessons, write them down so you can remember to mention them at the right time and place. Write your name on your material as you will want to keep it for future study.

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If Ye Then Be Risen with Christ

Introduction

1. In preparation for this lesson, please read Colossians 3:1-25.
2. To be risen with Christ is to be “Buried with him in baptism” (Col. 2:12), becoming “a new creature in Christ” (2 Cor. 5:17).
3. This Bible study takes a look at some responsibilities that accompany being risen with Christ. If ye then be risen with Christ...

Discussion

I. **Seek Those Things Which Are Above**

- A. Colossians 3:1-4
- B. “Seek” in Colossians 3:1 is used in the sense of coveting earnestly; striving after. According to this verse, what are we to seek? _____
- C. Seeing the Bible talks about “heaven above” and “earth beneath” (Josh. 2:11), things above are heavenly or spiritual things and not earthly or materialistic things.
- D. We need to be spiritually minded as Paul commanded, “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:2).
- E. What reason did the Lord give for seeking things above? _____
_____ (Col. 3:3-4).

II. **Mortify Your Members Which Are Upon The Earth**

- A. Read Colossians 3:5-7 and answer the following questions:
 1. What does the word “mortify” mean? _____
 2. What did Paul say we are to mortify? _____
 3. What reason was given for mortifying these things? _____
- B. The Lord preached mortification in Matthew 5:29-30. What did He say to do if your eye or hand offends you? _____

III. **Put Off The Old Man**

- A. Colossians 3:8-9
- B. We are to “put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts” (Eph. 4:22).
- C. Make a list of things Paul said “put off” in Colossians 3. _____

- D. Paul reminded the Romans, “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Rom. 6:6). Have you put off the old man?

IV. Put On The New Man

- A. Colossians 3:10-14
- B. A responsibility of being risen with Christ is “that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (Eph. 4:24).
- C. From Colossians 3:12-14, make a list of what Paul said to put on and be prepared to discuss each of these characteristics. _____

- D. As one risen with Christ, have you put on the new man?

V. Let The Peace Of God Rule

- A. Colossians 3:15
- B. What did Jesus say He left behind? _____ (Jn. 14:27).
Where is this found? _____ (Jn. 16:33).
- C. If it be possible, how are we to live with all men? _____
_____ (Rom. 12:18).
- D. What did Paul admonish the Roman Christians to follow after? _____
_____ (Rom. 14:19).
- E. Have you been letting the peace of God rule in your heart?

VI. Be Ye Thankful

- A. Colossians 3:15
- B. It would seem that the majority of people are not very thankful as Jesus asked, “but where are the nine?” (Lk. 17:17).
- C. We have so much to be thankful for! Make a list of things for which we should be thankful. _____
_____ (2 Cor. 2:14; 8:16; Eph. 1:16; 5:20; Col. 1:12).

VII. Let The Word Of Christ Dwell In You Richly

- A. Colossians 3:16
- B. This text equates with Ephesians 5:18-19 as Paul wrote, “be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”
 - 1. We are “filled with the Spirit” as we “let the word of Christ dwell” in us.
 - 2. As Spirit, word-filled person enjoys worship, “singing and making melody.”
- C. Have you been letting the word of Christ dwell in you richly?

VIII. Do All In The Name Of The Lord Jesus

- A. Colossians 3:17
- B. Those who are risen with Christ have surrendered their will to His and must do all in His name or by His authority.
- C. What did Jesus claim was given to Him in heaven and in earth? _____
_____ (Mt. 28:18).

IX. Wives, Submit Yourselves Unto Your Own Husbands

- A. Colossians 3:18
- B. A woman risen with Christ will be a submissive wife as God has assigned her a place of submission in the family (Eph. 5:22-24).
- C. What Old Testament woman serves as an outstanding example of a submissive wife?
_____ (1 Pet. 3:5-6).

X. Husbands, Love Your Wives

- A. Colossians 3:19
- B. How did Paul tell Ephesian husbands to love their wives?
 - 1. _____ (Eph. 5:25).
 - 2. _____ (Eph. 5:28).
 - 3. _____ (Eph. 5:33).
- C. A man who is risen with Christ will love his wife as the Bible teaches, will not be bitter against her, and will give “honour unto the wife” (1 Pet. 3:7).

XI. Children, Obey Your Parents In All Things

- A. Colossians 3:20
- B. When a responsible child is risen with Christ it will make him a better child as he strives to please the Lord.
- C. In Ephesians 6:1-3, what were children told to do and why? _____

XII. Fathers, Provoke Not Your Children To Anger

- A. Colossians 3:21
- B. Being risen with Christ will make you a better father.
- C. How did Paul tell fathers to bring up their children, in Ephesians 6:4? _____

XIII. Servants, Obey In All Things Your Masters

- A. Colossians 3:22-24
- B. When servants are risen with Christ, they are still servants - but better servants!
- C. What instruction was given to servants in Ephesians 6:5-8? _____

Conclusion

- 1. If you have not been risen with Christ, we urge you to be “buried with him by baptism into death” to rise to “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:3-4).
- 2. If you have been risen with Christ, seeking things above, mortifying your members, putting off the old man and putting on the new, letting peace rule and the word of Christ dwell, doing all in the name of the Lord, being a submissive wife, a loving husband, an obedient child, a provoking-not father and an obedient servant will help you to “be strong in the Lord” (Eph. 6:10). May God bless you to that end!