Become What You Are

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INTRODUCTION

- But I fear that sometimes we as Christians have that same level of intellectual curiosity about the kingdom of Christ.
- Or do you have more curiosity and a more deeper and fundamental understanding of what it means to really wear the name of Christ?
- I believe he encourages those first century Christians and us today to become what we are.

1 Raised With Christ, Seek Those Things Above

Colossians 3:1–4; Colossians 2:11–12

- If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
- Buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead.
- There was a change of status, and so now live up to that status. In other words, become what you are. You're raised, now live like it.
- It's a decision, but it's more than a decision. It is a resolute, indefeatable decision.
- There must be a determination of the will. An unstoppable determination of the will.

2 Put to Death Your Members on the Earth

Colossians 3:5–9; Philippians 3:12

- Put to death your members which are on the earth.
- Death involves a ceasing of activity or of action.
- Our change of status from loss to save was instantaneous by the forgiveness of God through the blood of Christ... Now the change of behavior is our doing.
- But also understanding that if it is a process, there must be some progress. That's not an excuse.
- Oh, it's a struggle, it's a process, but do something, kill something.

3 Put On the New Man

Colossians 3:10–14

- As the elect of God, put on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering, bearing with one another, forgiving one another.
- But above all these things, put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
- If we exclusively define our Christianity by what we don't do, we're only half a Christian.
- As far as I can tell, the Bible makes no allowances for half Christians.

- Our Christianity, our relationship with God, our status as a raised person, must also be defined in the positive by what we do.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you a Christian? Have you been raised? Have you been buried and raised? Then think about what that means.**

MY NOTES