

Raised with Christ

God's Tabernacling Presence

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, Colossians 2

God's holy of holies presence on earth was the most preeminent reality in all of Israel. Christ is the escalated form of God's presence, the true holy of holies, and as such He Himself is identified with the unique tabernacling presence of God and is the most preeminent one together with God in the church and in the cosmos. G.K. Beale

Christ is Superior over Every Authority

¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. Colossians 2

That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. Ephesians 1

Buried and Raise with Christ

¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. Colossians 2

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, Colossians 2

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. Ephesians 1

The Glory of the Cross

Freeing Humanity

¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2

Defeating Satan

¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Colossians 2