

Jesus Gave Me

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Introduction:

- A. Col. 3:1-4; Eph. 4:7-8
- B. What has the Lord given to us?

I. TWO RESURRECTIONS

- A. Col. 3:1 - There are two resurrections:
 - 1. First resurrection: spiritual - Col. 2:13
 - 2. Second resurrection: physical, bodily resurrection - John 6:40
- B. He gives us every facet of life
 - 1. Col. 3:1 - Our new life has its source in Jesus at the right hand of God
 - a. Eph. 1:19-20
 - 2. Col. 3:3 - The power to die to sin - Rom. 8:13, 6:6
 - a. Which in turn gives us the power to face our own death
 - 3. Col. 3:4 - The power to wait for eternal life

II. A NEW IMAGE

- A. Col. 3:10 - We are given the image of Christ
 - 1. Eph. 4:22-24; Rev. 1:6
- B. It must be who we are and not a mask we wear - Col. 3:12-15

III. COMPLETE FORGIVENESS

- A. Every sin is removed at the cross - Col. 3:13
 - 1. Heb. 8:12; Col. 2:13-14; Isa. 1:18

IV. THE CAPACITY TO FORGIVE OTHERS

- A. We have been forgiven much; we must forgive others - Col. 3:13
 - 1. Forgiveness is one of the primary Christian characteristics
- B. To hold a grudge is of Satan - Matt. 18:21-35

V. PEACE

- A. He alone reconciles us to God - Col. 3:15; Rom. 5:1
- B. He also reconciles us to each other in one body - Eph. 2:14-18

VI. DISCERNMENT OF TRUTH

- A. Col. 3:17 - Christ's authority must come before we act or teach
 - 1. Is it truth? - John 17:17, 19, 8:32; Psalm 145:18
 - 2. Will my conscience permit it? - Rom. 14:19-20

VII. STRONG MOTIVATION

- A. His life drives our living - Col. 3:23
 - 1. Heartily - ek psychos - "out of the soul" - Eph. 6:6-7
- B. Eph. 1:3 - God freely gives us all things in Christ
 - 1. Jer. 5:24-25 - If we do not receive these things, it will be by our choice