

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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Meditate on the reality of the resurrection this week. Start by taking the time to realize that you, too, are risen with Christ! The scripture says, ***“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on the earth” (Colossians 3:1-2).*** One the reasons you should consider things above is because in God’s eyes that’s where you are (***Ephesians 2:6***). You are seated in a place of blessing and spiritual strength to live and walk in the newness of resurrection life. Our resurrection life brings countless benefits, including a brand-new existence (***2 Corinthians 5:17***), forgiveness (***1 John 1:9***), right-standing with God (***2 Corinthians 5:21***), physical healing (***1 Peter 2:24***), wisdom of God (***1 Corinthians 1:30/ James 1:5***), supernatural strength (***Philippians 4:13***), authority over the devil (***Mark 16:17***), freedom from sin (***Romans 6:5-7***), everlasting life (***John 5:26***) and the glorious privilege of being a child of God (***John 1:12***). There are many others. Consider taking the time to write down the benefits and the scriptures that explain them. Make confessions of the scriptures and declare them often. As you meditate on your position in Christ and confess the word, remember that a resurrected life means a holy life.

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