

ARE WE TOGETHER?

There are seven “*together*” links in a chain that binds us as Christians to the Lord Jesus Christ. Take a look:

- 1) **Romans 6:4** says, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” The ultimate “togetherness” that God supplies is the unity found ONLY in Christ. Are you walking IN “newness of life” found IN Christ?
- 2) **Romans 6:5-6** shares these words: “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.” The crucifixion is central to the unity of all believers. His life for our life! He gave His life one time—for all time. Are we united IN Him?
- 3) **Colossians 2:12** tells us Christians are, “buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.” The unity of being buried and raised is found only “in the working of God.” Have you been buried and raised by God?
- 4) **Ephesians 2:6** says God has, “raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...” When you and I are uncomfortable “sitting” with brothers and sisters IN Christ on earth, what do you believe it will be like “in the heavenly places”?
- 5) **Philippians 3:10** declares “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death...” Will we connect power and fellowship together? Or do we somehow believe God has separated His power from fellowship? Joy IN Jesus compels our seeking and experiencing true “togetherness” IN Christ. Make it so.
- 6) and 7) come from the same verse... **Romans 8:17** “IF children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” As an heir of the grace that God provides, we must willingly suffer *with* Him. Why? So that we may be glorified together *with* Him! Be together IN Him...

Quite often in this life we may view our “togetherness” only in a physical way. The virus COVID-19 has brought this to our mind in a very real way. However, when we “bear with one another in love” (Ephesians 4:2), then we shall keep “the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3).

What is our “togetherness” truly all about? How shall we share the love of God if we ignore the “togetherness” we must possess? There are many different ways to be “together” other than in a physical way—pray, call, text, write, share your love! Something to consider as Christians while living in this changing world today.

Are we together? Yes or no? ***How so?***

Bday/Anniv Lunch: ...when **we** can!

FRIDAY Bible Study: Consider your study of God’s Word (**2 Timothy 2:15**). Make time to learn Scripture that may apply to your life today...

— THANK YOU for reading!