

UP WITH CHRIST!

I. "LIFTED UP"

A. **John 12:32-33**

Jesus signified His death on the cross, saying that He would be "*lifted up*".

B. **John 10:17-18**

That Jesus could foretell the manner in which He would be killed by others proves His willingness to die.

C. **John 3:14-16; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 12:1-2**

Moses "*lifted up*" the bronze serpent in the wilderness so that the Israelites could look upon it in order to receive relief from their sin. Likewise, Christ has been "*lifted up*" that we might look upon Him to receive relief from our sins.

II. "RAISED UP"

A. **Acts 2:22-24**

Jesus was "*raised up*" from death by God because death could not overpower Him.

B. **1st Corinthians 15:17**

Without Christ having been raised up, our faith would be void.

1. **1st Corinthians 15:14**

There would be no purpose to gospel preaching.

2. **1st Corinthians 15:1-4**

The gospel that saves us consists of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

C. **Romans 1:1-4**

Christ's resurrection from the dead declares Him to be the powerful Son of God.

D. **Revelation 1:17-18; John 5:28-29**

Because Christ claimed life again after His death, He has the power over it and over all those held captive by it.

E. Romans 6:4

It was God's glory that raised Christ from the dead. In order to be saved, we must share in the likeness of his resurrection through baptism.

III. "TAKEN UP"

A. Acts 1:9

After His resurrection, Jesus was "*taken up*" into heaven.

B. Daniel 7:13-14

By passing through the clouds, Jesus was enthroned to rule His kingdom.

C. John 16:7, 13

Only by departing earth was Jesus able to send the Holy Spirit to inspire His word to us.

D. Ephesians 1:20-23

Because He went to heaven, Jesus now rules as head over the church, wherein we have our salvation.