

THE CHRIST-ENLIVENED CHURCH

In Jesus Christ the Lord, All the Conditions Necessary for Wholeness and Holiness,
Meaningfulness and Maturity, Mission and Ministry Are in Place - Col 3:4; II Pet 1:3,4

As the Church's Head... Col 1:18; 2:19

- He is our Liberator - Col 1:13-14, 21-22; 2:8, 13-15

...from _____ for _____

(darkness/light, guilt/forgiveness, alienation/separation, evil/holiness, deception/truth,
death/life)

...We are no longer enslaved to what is against us

Question #1 - "Have I/we received my/our free gift of liberty in Christ?"

- He is our Lord - Col 1:3; 2:6; 3:17,24; Acts 2:36

...We are a community of the submissive - Jo 14:6

(subordinating our "ways" to His way, our "truths" to His Truth, our "life" to His Life)

Question #2 - "Have I/we bowed the knee of my/our heart(s) before Him?"

- He is our Lover - Col 1:8; 2:2; 3:14

...We are His always being loved children - I Jo 4:8-19

(His love is a holy passion for oneness - Jo 14:3; 17:20-24)

...His love is to become the compelling passion of our lives - II Cor 5:14; I Jo 3:16

Question #3 - "Am I/are we living life loved?"

- He is our Life - Col 3:4; 2:6,13; Acts 1:1; 9:4

...All the wealth of the church is hidden in Christ - Col 2:2,3

(Abundantly and overflowing - Jo 10:10)

Question #4 - "Am I/are we embracing Jesus Christ the Lord as the Life of my/our lives?"

Representative Expressions:

- Col 4:10 - "Greet/Welcome/Accept/Receive" - Ro 15:7

...those God sends are to be met with kindness - I Cor 12:18; Ro 2:4; Lk 10:37

- Col 4:8-9 - "Inform/Reveal/Share" - Jo 14:21; 16:13-15

...sharing our lives together - I Jo 1:3-4

- Col 4:8-11 - "Encourage/Comfort" - Jo 14:16; 15:26

..."parakeleo" (v8) - come alongside to assist

..."paragoria" (v11) - alleviate suffering, pain

- Col 4:13 - "Thoughtfulness/Concern" - Ro 5:8

...concretizing, personalizing our love; paying the price so others go free - Phil 2:3-7