

BURIED WITH CHRIST

Paul the apostle gives us a detailed account of what Christ did for all believers. In Christ we are given the opportunity to become Christ like.

We were crucified with Christ, buried with Christ; and raised with Christ.

Gal 2:20 **I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ** liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Col 2:20 Wherefore **if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world**, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

To be buried with Christ by baptism is to be no longer living in the old man. The old person (after baptism) is dead. Dead people must be buried. To continue living, we must start to walk in His newness. In some cultures they dig up the skeletal bones. You don't need to go back to the funeral parlour to check if you are really dead. The "old boy" really was buried with Christ.

Col 2:12 **Buried with him in baptism**, wherein **also ye are risen with him** through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Rom 6:4 Therefore **we are buried with him by baptism into death**: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even **so we also should walk in newness of life**.

Rom 6:5 For if we have been **planted together in the likeness of his death**, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection:

Col 3:1 **If ye then be risen with Christ**, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, **hath quickened us together with Christ**, (by grace ye are saved;) ⁶And **hath raised us up together**, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

He quickened (or made alive) every son and raised them together. This is not a picture of the bride of Christ to come. This is our position in Christ today. Mark says Christ is in heaven at the right hand of God.

Mk 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, **he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.**

Hence we are with Him in heavenly places. (Eph 2:6)

Eph 2:10 For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus** unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore **if any man *be* in Christ, *he is a new creature***: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Jesus arose from the tomb a conqueror and made us conquerors as well. In Christ we possess the same conquering ability.

Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him** that loved us.

In Christ we receive anointing and gifting to minister for Christ. There is no excuse why we cannot be involved in ministry. His Spirit is upon you!

Isa 61:1 **The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is upon me***; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; **he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound***;

In Christ we are totally set free. The prison doors of the inner man have been unlocked. If we abide in the liberty of Christ's life (Jn 15:1-5) we will never again be bound by the restrictive unbelieving chains of the old inner man. As spirit-filled anointed ministers of God we have the privilege to proclaim liberty too many captives and set them free.