



Buried With Jesus

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Jesus died for our sins, then was buried. What does His Burial mean to us? It means we are dead to sin and were buried with Him. When you think of Jesus hanging on the Cross, remember that our “old man” was crucified with Him. Why? That the body of sin might be done away with; that we should no longer be slaves to sin. Death to sin is our freedom. We are freed from sin because of our Lord’s Death and Burial. We are no longer slaves of sin. We are alive to God through Christ.

Why are we alive to God? Because of His Grace. But that doesn’t mean we should continue in sin. On the contrary. We are called to a new life; a new way of living – newness of life. We can live that new life because death and sin no longer dominate your life as they did before you were saved from your sins. What does that mean from day to day? We are no longer under laws and rules and regulations. We are under the Grace of God. That impacts everything we think, feel, say, and do. We do not let sin reign in our bodies. We do not obey the lusts of the flesh. We do not use our body as an instrument of unrighteousness to sin. Instead, we present our body to God. Every part of our body should be an instrument of righteousness. Why? Because sin no longer dominates us. We are under the amazing and wonderful Grace of Almighty God.

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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. 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. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.” Romans 6:1-14

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