

OUR DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION WITH CHRIST

Introduction

- 1) **Colossians 3:1** – “If then you were *raised with Christ...*”
- 2) The inspired OT prophesies and gospel accounts of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ are the basis of our faith and salvation (1 Cor. 15:1-4, 17)
 - a) Jesus had an actual and literal death, burial, and resurrection – proven by multiple witness and the empty tomb (Jn. 19:35; Lk. 24:5-6; Acts 1:3)
- 3) The process of our salvation is closely connected to this pivotal event in God’s plan for man’s redemption from sin and death
- 4) Let us examine how we are to die with Jesus, buried with Him, and raised with Christ

I) **Died With Christ**

- A) One must die with Christ (Col. 2:20; 3:3)
 - 1) Crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20)
- B) Die to sin and the world of sin (Rom. 6:1-2, 6; Gal. 6:14)
 - 1) Sin is a real thing and has real consequences (Gal. 5:19-21)
 - 2) It is necessary to repent of sin and reform one’s life (2 Pet. 3:9)
 - 3) The result will be freedom from sin (Rom. 6:7)
- C) We are united with Christ in His death in the act of baptism (Rom. 6:3, 5a)
- D) This death comes with an expectation of new life now and eternally (Rom. 6:8, 11)

II) **Buried With Christ**

- A) One must be buried with Christ (Col. 2:12)
- B) We are buried with Christ into death in the act of baptism (Rom. 6:4)
 - 1) Illustrates the proper mode of baptism as immersion
 - 2) *Baptizo* – to submerge, immerse
 - 3) To sprinkle or pour water on a subject is not the same as a burial in water (cf. Acts 8:38-39)

III) **Raised With Christ**

- A) One must be raised with Christ (Col. 2:12; 3:1)
- B) We are raised with Christ in the act of baptism (Rom. 6:4-5)
 - 1) Baptism “saves us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Pet. 3:21)
- C) Just as Jesus was raised to life, we are raised to “newness of life” (Rom. 6:4)
 - 1) A new man/creation in Christ (Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:9-10; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15)
- D) Our life is now spiritually in Christ (Rom. 6:11; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:5-7)
 - 1) We look forward to being raised to eternal life (2 Tim. 2:11; Rom. 6:8-10; 8:11; Phil. 3:10-11)

Conclusion

The resurrection of Jesus to an endless life began with His death to put away sin. Our resurrection to newness of life begins with our death to sin in Christ. Let us walk according to the spirit – being spiritually minded is life and peace (Rom. 8:1-6)!