

WE HAVE DIED AND BEEN RISEN WITH CHRIST.

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Colossians 3: 1-4-NIV

- 1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
- 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Christians have already been co-resurrected with Christ.

Romans 6:1-14.

- 1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?
- 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?
- 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
- 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—
- 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.
- 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
- 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.
- 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
- 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.
- 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.
- 14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Christianity is a radical change in behavior through what has occurred in the heart of our natures.

Passion says, in verse 13,14 ... passionately answer God's call to keep yielding your body to him as one who has now experienced resurrection life! You live now for his pleasure, ready to be used for his noble purpose. Remember this: sin will not conquer you, for God already has! You are not governed by law but governed by the reign of the grace of God.

Romans 6:19-NIV

Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, ***so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.***

2 Corinthians 4:18

18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Verse 3,4 of Colossians 3.

In the Passion it says, ...***Your crucifixion with Christ has severed the tie to this life, and now your true life is hidden away in God in Christ. And as Christ himself is seen for who he really is, who you really are will also be revealed, for you are now one with him in his glory!***

Firstly: That the sin which enslaved and condemned us is hidden from the wrath of God, covered by the blood of Christ, therefore, when the Father looks upon us, He sees His beloved Son.

Such is the amazing gift of grace; to be declared and made perfect in Christ while we are becoming what we are declared to be.

Secondly: That Christ, being God, has His being in God, and likewise, we being in Christ have our being in God. It's only because of His grace.

Thirdly: Our new life in Christ becomes fully evident only when Christ, who is that life, appears in His glorious second coming.