

Spiritual Power in Baptism.

Confidence in Christ.

1 John 2:20-29

You are Publicly Standing with Christ.

Galatians 3:26-27

You are Baptized into Christ's Death.

Romans 6:3-4

You are Raised into New Life.

Roman's 6:4

Food for thought

Talking through the message with someone during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:

1. We died with Christ—Romans 6:3-7, 11, 17-18, 22 and Galatians 2:20.

- What does baptism symbolize about our relationship with Christ? (6:3-4) What is the meaning of “we have been baptized into Christ’s death”? Before a person is united to Christ, to what is he or she a slave? (6:6-7) How does being united with Christ in His death change our relationship to sin? (6:7)

- What about us was crucified and buried with Christ? (6:6) What happened to our old self (old nature)? Before you were saved, what kind of nature did you have? (Romans 5:19; 6:17) What has become new? Why does sin no longer have power over us?

- What does it mean to be “dead to sin”? (6:11) To what are we now made slaves? (6:18, 22) How does believing you are *truly* dead to sin give you power to overcome sin? In what areas of your life do you need to *believe* that you are dead to sin? (6:11) If we are dead to sin, why do we still sometimes sin? (see Romans 7:15-23)

• How does Paul view his co-crucifixion with Christ? Who is it that now lives in Paul? What does it mean to live by faith in Christ? In your day-to-day life, how would it make a difference if you really believed that Christ is living in you and through you? In what areas of your life do you need to believe in and depend upon Christ, instead of yourself?

We were raised with Christ—Galatians 3:26-29 and Colossians 2:12-14.

• How do we become sons (children) of God? How many were baptized into Christ? Does this include you? How does a person clothe themselves with Christ? Is this something we do or God does? What does it mean that all believers are *one* in Christ?

• List the various things that God accomplished for you through Christ's death, burial and resurrection. How important is it that we believe in Christ's literal resurrection? Why is it important to understand and believe that we were raised up with Him? In what way have we been made alive with Christ? How many of your sins were nailed to the cross and forgiven?

VERSES FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 3:6,11,13-17, 28:19; Mark 1:4, 8; Luke 12:50; John 1:33; Acts 1:5-8, 2:38, 8:11-16, 36, 9:18,10:44-48,16:31-33, 19:3,5, 22:12-16; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 12:23; 1 Peter 3:21-22

PRAYER TIPS:

Use these prayer tips to talk it over with God:

- God I have confidence that I am in Christ, that my life is completely connected and immersed with Christ. Help me to allow this confidence to give me strength in my day-to-day living.
- Father help me to let die the actions, attitudes and emotions that are holding me back and holding me down. I confess today that these things have died and been buried with Christ.
- Today I live my new life with the full power of the spirit of God at work in me. I am strong, I am lead by the Head of God. I have confidence in the future because of who I am in Christ.