

The Christian Journey

The reality is that eternal life is not just something we enter after physical death, but a transformation that begins now through the Holy Spirit.

Romans 6:4-11 shows that baptism symbolizes our burial and resurrection with Christ, calling us to *walk in newness of life*.

“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.”

Romans 8:10–14 reminds us that if the Spirit of God dwells in us, we are no longer bound by the flesh but empowered by Him to live righteously.

“And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. therefore, brethren, we are debtors – not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

Galatians 2:20 declares that our old self has been crucified with Christ, and now Christ lives through us.

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I live, but Christ lives in me: and this life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me.”

Colossians 3:1–9 urges us to set our minds on heavenly things, put to death sinful ways, and embrace our new identity in Christ.

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death, your members which are on the earth: fornication, unclean, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, and which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

and have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised, nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.”

This is the purpose of Christ redemptive work, and is at the very heart of the Gospel; death to sin and resurrection to righteousness, not just in eternity, but in our daily lives, empowered by God's presence within us.

Amen!