

TEXTS FOR “AS WITH CHRIST, SO WITH HIS CHURCH”

CHRIST DIED FOR US

Romans 5 – 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us**. ...

QUESTION/DISCUSSION...

ADAM

Romans 5 – 12 Therefore, ... **through one man sin entered the world**, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because **all sinned**— 19 – **By one man's disobedience many were made sinners...**

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CHRIST LIVED FOR US

Romans 5 –19 – **As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made (Grk: constituted/declared) righteous.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 – **He [God] made Him [Jesus], who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might made the righteousness of God in Him.**

SOLIDARITY WITH ADAM – SOLIDARITY WITH CHRIST

EXAMPLE: Hebrews 7 – 1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also **Abraham gave a tenth part of all**, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," ... 9 Even **Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, 10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.**

REALITY: 1 Corinthians 15 – 14 If Christ is not risen, then our preaching [is] empty and your faith [is] in vain. [AGAIN] 17 If Christ is not risen, your faith [is] futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. 20 **But now Christ is risen from the dead, [and] has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** 21 For since by man [came] death, by Man also [came] the resurrection of the dead. 22 For **as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.** 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those [who are] Christ's at His coming.

2 Corinthians 5:14 – "... If One died, then all died."

JESUS DIDN'T JUST DIE FOR US, HE DIED AS US! HIS UNION WITH HUMANITY IN BETHLEHEM AS THE SECOND ADAM, RESULTED IN HIS LIFE AND DEATH, HIS DOING AND DYING, HIS BURIAL AND RESURRECTION BEING MINE, WHEN I BELIEVE AND EMBRACE THAT GIFT IN FAITH! THE INCARNATION MADE HIM ONE WITH ME, MY FAITH IN HIM MAKES ME ONE WITH HIM! (matryoshka dolls) – AND SO WITH YOU!!!!

IMPLICATIONS: Colossians 3 – 1 [Since] then you were **raised with Christ**, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the

right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For **you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

Galatians 2:20 – "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Ephesians 1 – 13 In Him you also [trusted], after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – "If anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation...**"

CONCLUSIONS

- **We are one w/Him as He became one with us**
- **That affects who I am, how I live, how the world views me and treats me**
- **That affects how I will be treated by the enemy and his agents at the end of time, as it has been with the followers of Christ throughout the ages**

Philippians 1:29 – **For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,**

2 Timothy 3:12 – **All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.**

- **AS WITH CHRIST, SO WITH HIS CHURCH – BOTH TODAY, AND DURING THE GREAT TRIBULATION!**

- **WHAT A PRIVILEGE – WHAT AN HONOR!**
- **THIS TRUTH IS WHAT GIVES ME CONFIDENCE DURING “MY GETHSEMANE” AT THE END!**