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### "Risen With Christ"

When an individual comes to a saving knowledge of the LORD Jesus Christ we refer to that one as being "In Christ". This refers to the believers position and is expanded upon in numerous Theological terms. In the following pages we will be taking a look at what it means to be "Risen With Christ".

I find the imagery in baptism to be especially helpful in visualizing the meaning of this term. Baptism is the outward manifestation, or demonstration, of the inward reality a person experiences upon placing their trust and faith in christ.

Before one can be "Risen With Christ" it is first necessary to die with Him, to lay aside the old self. We find this principle at work most clearly in Galatians where Paul Declares the following.

"I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me" (Gal. 2:20)

So then, having reckoned oneself dead to this world and the sin therein, we as believers, have been "Raised with Him" and are thereby positionally "In Christ", meaning in His resurrection to new life.

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We are no longer dead in our trespasses and sins (Eph.2:7) alienated from God (Eph.4:18). We have been set free from the bondage of sin (Rm. 8:21) because we have been risen with Christ.

Having "Risen With Christ" we are also with Him, seated in the heavenly's (Col. 3:1).