

Are You With Him?

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Colossians 2:6-15 “Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.”

Baptism is the outward sign of the inward reality that we have been united with Christ by faith in His death and resurrection.

I. With Him in his death - now alive

Colossians 2:12-13 “Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses...”

You were not just sick or struggling - you were DEAD in your sin, separated from God and unable to fix yourself.

Baptism shows that your old self has been buried with Christ and that you have been raised to new life with Him.

II. With Him on the cross - debt paid

Colossians 2:14 “By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.”

We don't just come to God lacking righteousness - we come with a debt we owe because of our sin.

The good news is not that God lowered the standard, but that Jesus paid the full amount.

At the cross, God took our entire record of debt and nailed it there - paid in full.

III. With Him in His victory - no longer accused

Colossians 2:15 "He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him."

For those who are with Jesus, the enemy can no longer accuse you, because every charge he could bring against you has been nailed to the cross.

Satan accuses to drive you away from God.
The Spirit convicts to bring you back to God.

Christians who by faith walk in the Spirit and in newness of life put Satan into open shame daily.

The ordinance of baptism doesn't make any of this true - there's nothing special in the waters today - it simply declares that it is true for those who are with Him.