

A Christian in Witness Protection

Our New Identity in Christ

Romans 6:6-7, Gal. 2:20, Romans 6:4, Col. 3:1, Eph. 2:4-6, Col. 3:4, ESV
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I. You Are _____ With Christ – Your Old Identity Is Gone

“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Romans 6:6 & 7, ESV.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20, ESV.

II. You Are _____ With Christ – Your Old Life Is Finished

“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:4, ESV.

III. You Are _____ With Christ – Your New Life Has Begun

“If then you have been raised with Christ...” Colossians 3:1, ESV.

*“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him...”
Eph 2:4–6a, ESV.*

In Susanna’s wonderful prayer:

You heard what God’s work is:

- *He raises this soul of mine from the death of sin to a life of holiness!*
- *He gives faith and patience for the process!*
- *And He gives grace to those who ask!*

And you also heard what our work is:

- *Don’t question that power of God!*
- *Believe & Pray for the Lord to give you faith and patience for the process!*
- *And, wait for his enabling grace without discouragement!*

In summary, He does it all and we simply receive!

IV. You Are _____ With Christ – Your New Position Is Secure

*“...and [He] seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...”
Ephesians 2:6, ESV*

V. You Will Be _____ With Christ – Your Future Is Certain

“When Christ... appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” Colossians 3:4

This speaks powerfully to:

Aging Suffering Feeling insignificant

You may feel:

Overlooked Worn down Without great purpose

But your story is not finished.

Because Christ is risen: Your future is glory!

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

1. Name the Old Identity to Which You Keep Returning

Write it down
Confess it to God
Reject it based on your union with Christ.

2. Daily Identity Reminder

Each morning say: “I have been crucified, buried, raised, and seated with Christ. Today I will live like it.”