

THINGS WITH CHRIST

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Let us discuss some things one can do "**with Christ**."

Dead with Christ. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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 6:3,4} This is something every sinner needs to accomplish to come into contact with the blood of Christ. For what purpose? Read on.

Buried with Christ. "Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead." {Colossians 2:12} When one is buried with Christ they are dying to sin. Coming out of the watery grave one is now a "new creature," 2 Corinthians 5:17. This is the only means available for the sinner to gain remission of sins, Acts 2:38.

Risen with 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." {Colossians 3:1,2} This new spiritual life means that one now has a new direction to pursue in their lives. One who has truly been raised with Christ must live a life that conforms to the standards of His will instead of their own. Where is the evidence one had died, been buried and risen with Christ? Obedience to the gospel plan of salvation given by our Savior,

Can do all things with Christ. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." {Philippians 4:13} Every Christian must come to know where their true strength lies - with Christ. By doing these things "with Christ" it gives us great confidence and assurance of our relationship with God. Christ is our Mediator, our Redeemer, Savior, brother, and our judge. Surely one should see the great spiritual benefit being with Christ instead of against Him. (Matthew 12:30)

Dear reader, are you being "**with Christ**" each day that you live? Only by being in such a relationship can we know that God is pleased with our actions. Yes, relationship is important but it must be two sided. God has done His part—what about you friend, have you obeyed Him? ***