

# LINKS WITH CHRIST

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Let's briefly examine three "**links**" that believers have with our Lord.

**Quickened with Christ.** "And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses." {Colossians 2:13} Man outside of Christ is spiritually dead-these are the wages of sin, Romans 6:23. Blood provides men with redemption and forgiveness making him alive spiritually, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." {Ephesians 1:7}

**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} When one comes up out of the watery grave-he is a new creature and should walk in newness of life, 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:3,4. Why are we different? Sin has been removed and now one stands justified before God - raised with Christ!

**Hid with Christ.** "For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:3) How is one "hidden" with Christ? Some commentators tell us that what is hidden, or kept in store, is eternal life. Yet, this is not what Paul had in mind. The Christian has a "hidden source" of strength. Yes, not visible but it is present. Our inner spirit finds strength, comfort, peace, joy and hope in Christ. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." {Philippians 4:13} The world cannot see it or understand it and does not acknowledge it exists. "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." {Galatians 2:20}

Dear reader, do you have these "**links**" with the Lord? Every soul is afforded the distinct privilege of having these links with the Lord. God's word instructs the alien sinner that these links can allow one to have a relationship with the Lord. What does all that mean? None have to remain in sin and separated from God. One can find comfort in knowing that they walk with Christ and are a child of the King. Why wait any longer? \*\*\*