

**ADAM and CHRIST –
Contrast
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I want to get into some Scriptures with you to show the Reality: that Reality of our death that took place in His Death, and us being buried in His Burial, and our being raised in Resurrection. Because I know that there are many people that are still waiting to die naturally to achieve what the Scriptures have already set forth before us as Believers: of where God has brought us. He has brought us unto Himself and He has brought us through Death, through Burial and through Resurrection. We never lose sight of The Cross because The Cross is the very center of real Christianity. It never loses its power, its effect. But many times there are people who have never come to this real understanding of how God in Christ was reconciling the world unto Himself. And that word “world” isn’t talking about the trees out here: it’s talking about mankind. And how that God was in Christ (**2 Corinthians 5**) reconciling the world unto Himself: that we could have relationship with God.

We’re going to go into **Romans 5** and **6**, and I trust that we will be able to get into **Colossians 2**. And I want to share this so we may look together in the Word. I always encourage you to write down the Scriptures and to search the Scriptures, because it is important to know that whatever someone shares with you, the Scripture absolutely verifies and testifies of it.

And so Paul said in **1 Corinthians 1:9**, *“God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our*

Lord." Now that's the Purpose of God: our calling is **in Christ**. When we were Born Again of the Spirit of God: and I'm a firm believer that we must come to an understanding that we must be Born Again. People can go to service after service: church after church, and still not be Born Again; not Born of The Spirit of God. But when we're Born of The Spirit of God, then we are birthed into the Family of God. The Work of The Spirit now is to teach us because we must face the Reality that when we come to God we know NOTHING about God! We don't know God's Ways; we don't know the Mind of God. We know nothing about God! So how do we come to know God's Ways, and how do we come to have and to know the Mind of God? God's Ways are pointed out to us in The Word. His Mind is revealed unto us by The Spirit: that we have now a New Mind, a Renewed Mind, a Mind that's being Renewed by The Spirit. Whereby in our old life – in the way that we walked and that we lived: we lived according to the lust of our own flesh. We lived according to the Prince of the power of the air. That's where we were caught up – every one of us.

Why? Because Paul declares that all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. He took the Jew, He took the Gentile: He brought them all into the same thing. But then they both would come to God, then they had the same God. God who is rich unto all. They shall call upon His Name. So now I want us to look at some of these Scriptures, and I want to lay something out in this view: that we could just look and see that the Bible speaks of two men, two creations, two realms. That is **Adam** and **Christ**. That's the two men, the creation: the old man, the old creation, the Adam creation; and the New Creation which is Christ, the New Man. And the realm: one realm is earthy, the other is Heavenly. And when we begin to look in the Scriptures we begin to understand that we all were born from our mother's womb. We all were born into an Adamic nature, a

fallen nature, a rebellious nature, a nature of sin, a nature of DEATH. And so when we come to this understanding we begin to understand that's really what we are: we are just dead! And it's hard for people sometimes to comprehend how can I be dead when I'm breathing, I'm eating, I'm working. I'm doing all these things that I'm doing - and yet you're dead!

And yet we are dead! The Word of God teaches us that. In **Ephesians 2** Paul is speaking to the Church, and he's speaking to Believers, and that's the thing I want us to understand. Yes, The Word of God deals with sin. It says we ought to preach Remission and Repentance for sins in His Name. Yes it does, but The Word of God that we read basically is to who? The Church, The Body of Christ, the Believers. That is what we see so much of in The Word. The Apostles were bringing the Believers into an understanding. This is an understanding you only come to as The Spirit of God writes it upon the tables of your heart and my heart and in our minds. I can lay all the Scriptures out and yet not give you understanding.

But understanding comes by The Spirit of God. And it teaches us of the things of God and the Ways of God, and of coming to know God. And we know God through Christ. We know God through The Son. The Scripture says no man knoweth God save The Son, and to whom The Son reveals Him. I want us to understand that all man in Adam was dead in sin and in trespasses. So Paul says in **Ephesians 2:1**, "*You hath he quickened...*" This word "quickened" means to be made alive, afresh, anew. This is a New Life. **Ephesians 2:1**, "*And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*" The word "were" deals with time past: what we were, where we were, how we were. But while we were dead in sins and trespasses it says in **Verse 5**, "*Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*" So

I'm just laying a little foundation in this. Let's go to **Romans 5** now and I want us to see a few things. I want us to see that **Romans 5** shows us the two men. There's only two men in the Bible. There's only two creations. There's only two Covenants: the first Covenant, the Old Covenant, and the New Covenant – by His Death.

So in **Romans 5** we will see that the Scriptures plainly show us what the first man was. Let us begin in **Verse 8**, *"But God..."* That's good news, ain't it? *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* While we were yet sinners! Have you ever thought how God loved us – to bring us from being sinners? You know there's a saying amongst some of the Lord's people today, and I totally deny that saying. They say that we are 'Only sinners saved by Grace'. We are NOT sinners saved by Grace! The CROSS takes care of the part of the sinner, and the sinner doesn't come forth in Christ. It's a New Creation that comes forth in Christ. Anyhow He died for us. **Romans 5: 9**, *"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."*

We have NOW received The Atonement, meaning that we have received the Forgiveness of sins. We have been justified by Christ because Christ by Himself took our sins, took our offenses, and He took that into Himself; that when He came forth in Resurrection, raised out from the dead, then He comes and He justifies those. Actually He acquitted them of all that they were. He brings us into a Reality, into a Now Reality in Christ.

Let's go on. **Romans 5:12:** *"Whereas by one man..."* This is what I want you to see. There are statements in the remainder of this chapter that shows you the two men. There are only two men that we are dealing with. **12** *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"* So what happened? Death came upon all men because sin entered into the world. **Romans 3** will tell you that. "For all (The Jew and the Gentile alike) had sinned. **13** *"(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law."* The word 'imputed' means it was not accounted or attributed to them. See when The Law of Commandments came, then sin was made alive. Paul understands that though there were sins there was no knowledge of sin and it showed forth man's condition of being exceedingly sinful. And so God brings a remedy unto this. **14** *"Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come."* Now what I want to point out is "this man": that the Scripture has foretold by one man sin has entered into the world. He shows us in verse 14 that this is **Adam**. This is Adam's transgression, who is the figure of Him that was to come.

Now what he is saying is the first Adam was a figure of The Last Adam. And why was he a figure? Because The Word of God says The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And He took that upon Himself, yet He was without sin. He was fashioned like unto the Adamic man: yet without sin. So here we find that Adam was the figure of Him that was to come. **15** *"But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many."* So now this that is of the offense... The

One that is coming after him is not of the offense: is not that Adamic man. "... **so also is the free gift...**" So we see the offense – and The Free Gift. "*For if through the offense of one (this is Adam) many be dead...*" And actually I think this should have been translated, "*all were dead.*" **1 Corinthians 15** deals with this same thing: not as much, but it says "many": but all were dead in Adam. We see that from the beginning here. So one is dead, then the Grace of God comes. "*And The Gift of Grace which is by One Man...*" And here the Scripture shows who this Other Man is – "**Jesus Christ** hath abounded unto many." **16** "*And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*"

In other words what he was saying here is how Adam had brought all mankind into the Judgment. He had brought them into condemnation: man is under condemnation. But then we find that there is a Free Gift, and of many offenses Christ took that into Himself. He took those offenses that were in the Adamic man and He comes along in His Death and in His Burial, and in His Resurrection He brings a people forth that are justified. Now **Verse 17** "*For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, **Jesus Christ.***" Yes, Death reigned by one man – Adam. I'm going to keep saying **Adam** and **Christ** here so we understand they are two different ones. So we find by one man's offense Death reigned. So what do we have here? We see two other things here. We see Death and we see Life. Death reigns, but Life reigns by One – **Jesus Christ**. So when we are in that Adamic man, that nature – what were we? Dead – Dead in sin. We need to see and understand and ask the Lord to reveal this Reality, this Truth into our hearts. I'm telling you this liberated my soul! And I'll tell you it liberated my soul from a bunch of

religious things by which I used to try to please God. And I found out I was nothing but a total failure! And I lived absolutely in condemnation. Even I preached the Gospel for many years and lived under condemnation because of the lack of understanding that “my death” was not dealing with me dying naturally and being put into a grave.

Yes, that’s going to happen to this body. But “my death” was the death that I was in – separated from God: without The Life of God. When we speak of “Death” in this context we are not speaking of the cessation of breath. The “Death” this is speaking of is being separated from The Source of Life. God had told Adam, speaking of eating of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil: *“In the day you eat thereof you shall surely die.”* Satan came along and said, *“You shall not surely die.”* He is a liar and the father of it! But Adam couldn’t see beyond what he could see with his two eyes, so he saw that the tree was good and he ate of it. He didn’t see with his natural eyes that he was dead, but the day that he ate of it, he surely did “die” in that he was separated from God. He was separated from The Source of Life. In fact Genesis plainly shows that there were two trees. One was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil which he ate of. The other was The Tree of Life which he did not eat of. And after he ate of the Forbidden tree, God put an angel in front of The Tree of Life so he could not partake of that tree. That shows his separation: he was separated from The Source of Life.

So when we’re speaking of “Death” here we are not speaking of laying down and breath going out of your body. We’re speaking of being separated from The Source of Life which is **Christ**. That is powerful! Brother Bob Gooding shared that recently and it really ministered to me: Separated from the very Source of Life! You know, in **1 John 5** God is bearing record of His Son

and He said Eternal Life is in us, and he that hath The Son hath Life. And he that hath not The Son hath not Life. In another place it says he that has The Son has Life, and he that has not The Son has the wrath of God abiding in him. The Scriptures talk about “The Wrath of God”. And we see how God has brought us out from under that Wrath.

So we find in **Romans 5:17** that the offense: Death reigned by one, which was Adam. But Life reigns by One, which is Jesus Christ. **18** *“Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.”* The condemnation was by Adam: but the justification unto Life came by Jesus Christ. I want to say something now about this Life. This Life speaks of Eternal Life. This Life speaks of Christ Himself: this Life speaks of Spiritual Life. This Life speaks of a Life where there is no end. **19** *“For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.”* **20** *Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:* **21** *That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.”* He said the same thing in Verse 17.

And it shows there that the Life that he’s talking about is Eternal Life that is given to us by Jesus Christ. It is Christ Himself who is that Life. So Paul goes through that. Now I want to share something. I’ve always believed this 20th and 21st verse was talking about the Law. But I saw something different, and whatever is taught: we don’t really have it until God by His Spirit makes it real. **20** *“Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:* **21** *That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by*

Jesus Christ our Lord.” Brother J W Luman shared that this was the Adamic man. *“Where sin did abound, Grace did much more abound.”* And in verse 21 it was like it just leaped off the page because the whole context of this chapter is dealing with Adam and Christ. But verse 21 shows us that.

Let’s go on a little bit more. So we’ve seen here Christ and Adam – the contrast that’s between the two: the judgment, the condemnation; the sin, the wrath of God that is upon this one. The other One is the Gift of God – Life, and Justification. So we see that there is a vast contrast, a vast difference in these two. Christ comes to free us from death. John deals with that. **John 5** deals with that when he said *“...all that were in the grave...”* He’s not talking about a literal grave. He’s talking about a people that is dead in sin and trespasses. They are in the realm of darkness: they are without Life. And John said all that are in the grave shall hear His Voice, and they that hear His Voice shall come forth and they shall Live. Now you know John was not talking to a bunch of people that died and were put in the ground and raised up out of the ground.

So what is John talking about? He’s talking about that the dead shall hear the Voice of God. And how do we hear the Voice of God? We hear the Voice of God by The Spirit. His Spirit, His Voice speaks unto us. And then John goes on and says this: *“Ye have passed from death unto Life.”* You could say it this way: *“You have passed from an old creation unto a New Creation. You have passed from the Adamic man unto Christ.”* There’s so many ways probably you could say that, but oh, that’s a Reality brother! And in that Reality it’s not causing us as the children of God, as the People of God waiting for some day to die naturally to obtain what God has already attained for us through His Son. Now let’s go to **Chapter 6**. Now Paul has shown that through Christ we are dead to sin. Now he says in

Romans 6:1, *“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?”* He was simply saying no, no! That’s not what I’m saying. God forbid! **2** *“God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”* And folks I’m telling you Paul lays something out in this that is so powerful because many Believers in Christ have not come to this true understanding: that they were made dead to sin by The Death of Christ: by the Lord Jesus Himself who died.

So what is Paul saying? How shall we continue to have a mentality, a mind – an old mind, old creation thoughts and patterns and a mind? How can we continue to live there when we know that in that place our consciences are never clear? When we know that there is always judgment, condemnation that is always with us? How many times have we as Believers (if we’ll be honest): how many times has there been a voice speaking within you trying to tell you that you don’t belong to God? Telling you you’re not God’s. But what are we going to believe? Are we going to believe what God says: are we going to believe what The Word says, or are we going to believe some voice that speaks from inside? If we are Born Again of The Spirit we belong to God! We don’t belong to the devil. The devil has no authority and power over you. If you’ll exercise that authority that comes through Christ against the enemy because He also solved that problem through the Death of the Lord Jesus. **Hebrews 2** – Talking about the Death of the Lord Jesus. **14** *“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”*

Someone has said that if you're not having a problem with the devil, he must have you. No, I have an understanding that I don't belong to the devil! I have an understanding that I've been bought with a price. My God, I have an understanding that all of my sins and all of my offenses have been taken care of. Hallelujah! And that we've been justified. And actually that word "justified" means that you have come from one man: from one creation; where you have come from judgment and condemnation and the wrath of God and all of this that mankind is without God. And then all of a sudden here comes Jesus and He takes in Himself: He takes those offenses and those sins. And He takes them to The Cross in His Death, and He buries them in His Burial, and brings us forth to be justified. And this word "justified" means as though you have never existed. You are rendered just: innocent, justified! Go back to **Romans 4**. And I'm just going to touch the last few verses. **Verse 22** is talking about Abraham: how that it was imputed to him for righteousness because he believed God. But it was not just for him. **Verse 24**, *"But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;"* This word "imputed" means "accounted or attributed to".

Now **Verse 25**. *"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."* I'm telling you when the Lord showed me this, I wrote over this Scripture "DEATH". I just had to write what He delivered me of. Oh my God! *"... Who was delivered... for our Justification."* Delivered for our offenses. Jesus Christ never sinned! So He didn't die for any sin that He ever committed. He died for mankind who was in sin and death to release them and to set them free from that bondage of Adam. And then if you go from there to **Chapter 5:1**, *"Therefore now being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"* Now therefore being justified...

Being justified – acquitted, made innocent. Oh my God, how many times have people tried to take you and tried to make you feel guilty of things you’ve done in your past? Guilty of your failures, of your sin – even Christians will do that. ‘Well I remember when he was so-and-so. I remember when she was so-and-so. And he did this, and she did that.’ It doesn’t matter! God has rendered us innocent through Christ!

It’s as though we were never there because we’ve come forth in Newness of Life! Oh, a New Life! The writer of **Hebrews** in **chapter 10** says “*A new and a living way*”. I’m telling you every thing of The Spirit of God is New, and none of us know it until The Spirit of God speaks it and reveals it in us. We’re just as blind as we can be until God by The Spirit opens it up: reveals it, opens it up to us. We can read The Word. I do it many times and I don’t see anything there. Sometimes then all of a sudden there’s a time when I may go over those same verses of Scripture and it’s like it leaps off the page. And I wonder how can I have not seen that? You see that is The Revealing of Christ: that’s His Appearing; He unveils, He uncovers that which is veiled upon us.

Our hearts sometimes are veiled, and when it turns to the Lord, that veil is taken away and we see that our relationship with God is only through that which He has done in His Son! We are only accepted in Him. I tell you today I am not accepted on the premise of what I am doing or what I am not doing. I am accepted upon the premise of the Faith of The Lord Jesus: the operation of The Faith of God operating in US. And we are justified by what He has so lovingly done. Oh my! What He has so lovingly done. While we were yet sinners – He died for us! While we were under the wrath of God, He died for us: to free us from the wrath.

I'm telling you this is a New World! This is a New World when The Holy Spirit begins to bring us into this true understanding because the premise isn't based just on you and I. And that's how The Gospel has been preached by so many people: that it's all about you and it's all about me; instead of being the True Gospel. That it's **Christ** and it's upon that Finished Work that God has done in Christ. God has reconciled the world unto Himself in Christ. **2 Corinthians 5.** 'Be reconciled to God: that we may have a ministry of reconciliation.' What's that all about? Bringing a people to be reconciled to God. Hallelujah! All people don't respond the same way – I realize that, but I just can't help to let tears flow. This is so real to me! It's just so real to me. It's Reality, it's Now, it's a Present Reality to me. I'm not waiting for some day for all this to be and to take place. It's already 'took place' in The Person of Christ if we can believe.

Okay, **Romans 6:2**, *"God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"* We don't live unto Adam: we live unto Christ. Paul said *"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."* And that 'Dying': again he wasn't talking about the natural death. He was talking about coming to an understanding that we died by His Death. This just hasn't left me. I'm telling you folks, The Lord wants to bring us to this Reality. Sometimes we might have to go over the same thing over and over and over again until we get it: until The Spirit reveals it and makes it real and we see that Work that has been done in Christ. Look what he says here in **Verse 3**, *"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"* What is Paul saying here now? That is just as plain as it can be, isn't it? Don't you know? Don't you understand? Don't you comprehend? **3** *"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"* **4** *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the*

Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” See Paul is saying this to the Believers here in Rome, and he is saying this to us today. What he’s bringing us to is to come to an understanding that we are Dead to sin, Dead to the Adamic man – Dead to it. Dead how? By **His Death!**

Alright. So as we were baptized into Christ we were baptized into His Death. **1 Corinthians 12:12** says, “*For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*” And so The Spirit brings us to this understanding. He quickens us, causes us to realize as Paul was saying, ‘Don’t you really know?’ **Romans 6:3**, “*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*” Notice “were - have been”: not “going to be”. Now therefore, he is going on. Therefore we are: **4** “*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*” By baptism into Death.

I want to read something here that ties in. I’ve already said something about this, but I want to read it because when you read verse 4 here you should go to **Ephesians 2:1**, “*And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*” And then he goes on and tells what we were in “time past”. But when he gets to **Verse 4** he says, “*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.*” Even when we were Dead! Folks you know that isn’t talking about any natural grave in the ground. Oh yes, this body is going back to that ground. Don’t misunderstand what I’m saying and confuse the two. But I’m telling you Paul is showing the Believers here that God’s great Love was shown forth even when we were Dead in sins, He quickened us together with Christ. **Ephesians 2: 5** “*Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with*

*Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:" And it goes on in **Verse 7**, " That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."*

No wonder Paul was able to make the statement that he made in **Galatians 2:20** because Paul understood this, brothers and sisters. God made it real to Paul that Christ was his Death: that when The Lord died, he died. And see, this is the Work of The Spirit to bring us to this understanding. And so Paul said in **Galatians 2:20**, "*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...*" So who's living – You or Him? Me or Him? No, it's Him! The Life that is in the Believer is **HIM!** It's not really you living. It's Him living: it's Him having an expression, it's Him being revealed. Now back to **Romans 6: 5**, "*For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.*" Actually I'm going to read that without the italics. The italics have been put there by the translators trying to make the Scripture more complete or easier to understand. But sometimes it is better to read it without the italics – the slanted words. Those are not in the original translation: They were added. So now **Verse 5** without the italics: "*For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also of resurrection.*" Why? Because what happened to Christ? After He died and was buried, He rose. The third day He rose from the dead.

So what happened to us? When we are dead in sin, and we died by His Death, and we are buried by His Burial – the Adamic man; then what's next on the agenda? Resurrection, Resurrection Life – no longer dead! See, You can tie in **John 11** with this. There was Lazarus that had been dead. And at the

end Martha says to Jesus, “ *Lord, I know in the resurrection at the last day he’ll raise.*” Jesus said to her, “**I AM...**” And oh, did that hit me one day! I AM... When we see The I AM, when we hear The I AM... it becomes... Whew! I don’t have words to tell you. But when you see The I AM... it is powerful! Jesus brought it right into Himself because Martha was looking for another day. She was looking for something else other than Jesus, and she told The Lord I know in the last day he’ll raise. “*Jesus said I Am The Resurrection and The Life. Though a man were dead, yet shall he Live.*” And again, He’s not dealing with man being dead physically, naturally there. He’s dealing with man that was in Adam. **John 11: 22**, “ *But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.* **23** *Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.* **24** *Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.* **25** *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:* **26** *And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*”

Isn’t that powerful? Why? Because He’s brought us from the grave, He’s brought us from death! He’s brought us out and brought us into Resurrection Life – something for us to have and enjoy. Not only in this earthly life, but Eternally because if Christ is that Life – our Life, there is no end to it! Man shall never die. In Acts it tells where David prophesied of Christ coming and He would die, and yet you know death would not hold Him and could not keep Him; and that He dieth no more!

Alright, Let’s go back to **Romans 6:5**, “Knowing this, “*For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:*” Now here’s another “Knowing” that Paul said. In **Verse 5** he said, “Know you not?” Now he’s saying to the Believer, “Knowing this”. In **Verse 6**,

"Knowing this, that our old man is..." Notices that "is": not "going to be". But *"our old man is crucified with him that the body of sin ..."* What was the body of sin? Adam. *"...that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin."* Alright – Where did we die? We died in His Death. Do you know there are Scriptures that state this back in the Old Testament? "He tasted death for every man. He swallowed death." That there were those that had made a covenant with Death. Why? Because that appointment with Death came with Adam and his disobedience. He ate of the tree that he should not have eaten of. So, **Romans 6: 6**, *"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:"* This is what we've got to believe. If we really, truly have to believe that we are dead with Christ, we've got to believe that we shall also Live with Him.

Here is another "Knowing": **Verse 9**, *"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him."* And in Acts, I think chapter 3 it will tell you pretty much the same thing. **Verse 10**, *"For in that he died, he died unto sin once..."* You'll never find in the Scriptures that He kept dying unto sin and kept dying to sin, and kept dying to sin. He died unto sin ONCE. **10** *"For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. 11 Likewise..."* Likewise – In the same wise, in the same manner. As He died unto sin once, and now He lives unto God, he is saying to the Believers, *"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."* So how are we made Alive unto God? See, He died unto sin once, and after He died, He ever liveth unto God. So now we are Alive unto God – how? **Through Jesus Christ**, through what Christ

has accomplished and done!

Folks, we are not here just to “make church”: we are here to learn Christ. We’re not here to be a religious group: we are here to learn Him. Let’s look again at **Romans 6:11**, *“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.”* And ‘members’ means your eyes, ears, toes: you have many members of your body. Sin has not dominion over you. Now we can read that, but a lot of people have not seen this. They will quote these Scriptures: *“To whom you yield yourself you will be servants to.”* But as you read on you find that Paul brings that to “in time past”. You’ve got to read it.

Let’s go to **Colossians**. We could also go to **1 Corinthians 15** and you’ll see that agrees with this. Now in **Romans 5** and **6** it showed us being dead, we being buried, and we being raised. **Ephesians 2** says while we were yet in sin He died for us. He gave us Life and raised us up together, made us sit together. And this word “raised” is dealing with Resurrection Life. When John records that Jesus said, *“I will raise them up at the last day”*, He is foretelling when Christ rose from the dead they will be raised up into Christ from the dead. The reason I’m touching on that is I want us to look at **Colossians 3:1** now. *“If ye then be risen...”* Isn’t that something? If we are not risen, if we are not living in that Resurrection Life that Christ is, why would Paul tell the Colossian Church that? He speaks the same thing everywhere he goes. See, you can’t truthfully, honestly if God’s

made it real: you can't go in a Baptist church and preach one Gospel, then go in a Pentecostal church and preach another Gospel, or go to a Catholic church and preach another Gospel. There is no other Gospel! **The Gospel is Christ!** So wherever God takes you, you've got to minister The Truth as it is in Christ!

And some people will do that: they will fit the Baptist Doctrine or Pentecostal Doctrine. And when they go in there, they are going to line up with their doctrines and teachings. No, preach Christ! The Gospel is Christ! So he says in **Colossians 3:1**, *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."* He shows that we ARE risen with Christ. And because we are, we must seek things above. That's not talking about looking up into the sky, folks. That's talking about a higher realm than the earthly realm, the natural realm. It's talking about the Heavenly realm: the realm of The Spirit, the realm of Resurrection Life; that we've come from death and came into Life. **Verse 2**, *"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."* And this word "affection" is the same word as "Mind". *"... seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."* Did he say that again? I wonder if Paul really meant what he was preaching? And I wonder if we really, truly, honestly in our hearts believe what he's said. Has it been worked by The Spirit in our understanding, in our hearts? Has it really been worked there or is it just some Scriptures that we read?

There's nothing wrong with reading Scriptures, but this thing has to be written upon the tables of our hearts and in our minds. It must become a Reality now in US. And so he says in **Verse 3**, *"For ye are DEAD..."* And this Life now is His Life.

That's the same Greek word – Strong's #2222. It is Spiritual Life, Eternal Life. "... *And your life is hid with Christ in God.*" That's the only Life we have. If we have Christ we have Life. If we don't have Christ we don't have Life. Look at this in **Verse 4**, "*When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*" And the Greek actually says, "*When Christ who is our life is manifestly declared...*" – made known. And there's a lot that can be said about that. Now let's go to **Colossians 2** and I'm just going to touch on a few things. **Verse 8**, "*Beware...*" That's like a blinking light, a caution light: take note, give very special attention to what we are hearing and what we listen to, and what we become involved in. "*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*" Philosophy... there's much philosophy out there as has always been: not just today. There's always been! In other words beware about giving so much attention to philosophy – vain traditions, rudiments of the world, and being so caught up with that.

Have you noticed that even Christianity has gotten so caught up in these things? And all of this brings such a division. And the only thing that can bring unity (as Paul says – That we speak the same judgment, the same thing): the only essence that can do something can only be done by The True Gospel: and Christ Himself is that Gospel. Because in the flesh there are many divisions. In the Spirit there is Unity: He brings us into a bond of peace. So all of this you see: don't be caught up in all of that; but let's be caught up in Christ! Philosophies – what people believe, what people see. Let it be **Christ**! See, Paul dealt with this in another place when he dealt with the Jews that were always coming against the Gentiles. And they were saying you have to be circumcised. You can't eat certain meats, you can't do this or that. And that was true under the Jewish

Law: they couldn't eat certain meats and all of that. But then Paul comes in the New Testament and says whatever is sold in the market place you can eat if you bless it and give thanks for it. And then Paul goes on to say don't judge your brother in what he eats and in meats, and in drinks, and in the new moon and the Sabbaths. Don't judge because it is summed up as Truth is in Christ. It's Christ!

What does God want us to focus on? Folks, I feel this so strong in the Spirit now: that God wants us to focus on Him! Our minds wander so much. You know what? If there's anything in any one of us today: if we question what is Truth. If we truly get before God with an honest, sincere heart before God, and get in His Word and be prayerful before God - God will reveal Truth! All Truth is in Jesus! Don't try to find it in just things, in places or buildings or whatever. Find it in The Person that He Himself alone is! For He said, *"I am the way, I am the truth, I am the life. No man cometh to the father but by me."* And so don't be caught up with philosophy and all of these traditions of men, But in HIM - in Jesus, in Christ. **Colossians 2:9**, *"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."* **10** *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:* **11** *In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:"* And the word "circumcised" we know in the natural was the cutting away of the foreskin. You know what natural circumcision was. And here's what happened in His Death. There was a cutting away of all of Adam, all of the old man, all of me. So that only The Son, Christ, The One who pleases The Father remains. And this is what The Father has planned for those of us who are now in Christ. May The Lord show us the difference between Adam and Christ!