

Identification with Christ

By “identification” we mean that God identified us with Christ in His work of redemption (crucified, raised and seated at Father’s right hand, etc.). Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary says to identify means to cause to become identical; to conceive as united (as in spirit), to become the same. This identification of us with Christ is based on three facts:

1. Jesus was our Substitute, acting in our place, so that what He did was set to our account. “God puts his love for us beyond all doubt by the fact that Christ died on our behalf while we were still sinners,” Romans 5:8 (Twentieth Century New Testament). What He did was set down to our account, since it was done for us (on our behalf).

2 Corinthians 5:14. For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead. (Weymouth) For the love of Christ overmasters us, the conclusion at which we have arrived being this—that One having died for all, His death was their death.

(Good News) We are ruled by the love of Christ, now that we recognize that one man died for everyone, which means that they all share in his death.

(Way) ...to this conclusion have we come—One died for the sake of all: in Him then did all die.

(Conybeare) ...if one died for all, then all died in Him.

(Jordan) ...In a sense, then, we all died when He died for all.

(Laubach) ...We know that Christ died for all of us. So our old self died with Him.

2 Corinthians 5:19. To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

(Amplified) It was God (personally present) in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favour with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but canceling them]; and committing to us the message of reconciliation—of the restoration to favour.

(Wand) That ministry is based on the fact that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, wiping out the debit balance of our transgressions and setting His reconciliation to the credit of our account.

2. Since Jesus took our place, God viewed Him as though He were us. We were identified with Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

(Translator's New Testament) ...God made him to be sin itself in our behalf.

(Good News) ...God made him share our sin.

(Jerusalem) For our sake God made the sinless one into sin.

(New English) ...God made him one with the sinfulness of men.

(Knox) ...God made Him into sin for us.

(Wade) Him who had no acquaintance with sin God for our sakes treated as an embodiment of sin.

(Living Bible) For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins.

Isaiah 53:9. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death (Hebrew: plural, "deaths").

Matthew 27:46. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

We were dead in sins (Ephesians 2:1, 5). Jesus became sin and died in spirit, becoming exactly as we were. We were identified with him.

John 12:32, 33. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die.

Christ became identical to all men on the cross so in effect drew all men into Himself in His death. His death, then, was the death of us all. We died with Him.

3. We as believers are now in Christ, in union with Him in our spirit (1 Corinthians 6:17). What is in Him is now in us, that is, in our spirits. The realities and results of those events have been transferred and imparted into us. His death, resurrection, and ascension have now become ours by experience. We are the crucified—dead—buried—quicken—raised—seated branches of a crucified—dead—buried—quicken—raised—seated Vine.

Now, here are the scriptures, various translations, and some professions of faith to make covering each stage of this work:

I was crucified with Christ.

Galatians 2:20. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

(Jerusalem) I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God Who loved me and sacrificed himself for my sake.

(Lovett) I am crucified with Christ as surely as though I were on the cross with Him. Yet I am alive, but not because my old life somehow managed to survive. It didn't. I am alive now because Christ lives within me.

(Stevens) I died with Christ on the cross, to the old life and old relations and yet, in a new and higher sense, I live; or rather it would be more correct to say, that Christ lives in me, for my new spiritual life has its source and support in him.

(Distilled Bible) I consider myself as having died and now enjoying a second existence, which is simply Jesus using my body.

(Phillips) I died on the cross with Christ. And my present life is not that of the old I, but the living Christ within me.

(Noli) I have been crucified with Christ. Now it is not my old self, but Christ himself who lives in me.

(Way) Yes, I have shared Messiah's crucifixion. I am living indeed, but it is not I that live, it is Messiah whose life is in me.

(Laubach) ...Christ took me to the cross with him, and I died there with him.

(Marshall) With Christ I have been co-crucified.

(ASV, NASV, RSV, NEB, NIV, Amplified, Weymouth, Twentieth Century, Williams, Worrell, Bible Union, many others) I have been crucified with Christ.

(Beck) I was crucified with Christ.

I was crucified with Christ. My old self was crucified with Him. Christ took my old self to the cross with Him, and I died there with Him. The cross was God's way of doing away with the old "me." I was crucified with Him, nevertheless I live; yet not the old "me," but Christ lives in me. It's not my old self, but Christ Himself who lives in me. I consider myself to have died and entered into a second existence, which is simply Jesus using my body.

Galatians 6:14. But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

(Norlie) ...On it the world has been crucified to me, and I have been crucified to the world.

(RSV, NASV, NIV, Williams, Amplified, Twentieth Century, Marshall, Berkeley, Barclay, Moffat, others) ...the world has been crucified to me.

I was crucified with Christ. By His cross I have been crucified to the world and the world has been crucified to me. I am in the world but not of the world. The world holds no delusions and holds no sway over me. I have been crucified to the world with Christ. By Christ's death the world has died to me on the cross, and I have died to the world.

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.

(Way) This we recognize, that our former self was nailed to His cross with Him, so that the body which was the instrument of sin might be made impotent for evil, so that we could not any longer be slaves of sin.

(Twentieth Century) For we must recognize the fact that our old self was crucified with Christ, in order that our body may cease to be under the tyranny of Sin, so that we may no longer be slaves to Sin.

(Translator's New Testament) This we know, that our former self was crucified with him in order that our sinful self might be destroyed and that we might no longer be slaves of sin.

(Good News) And we know that our old being has been put to death with Christ on his cross, in order that the power of the sinful self might be destroyed.

(Carpenter) ...There was much that had to be crucified. But then—for Him, a glorious Resurrection; for us, new life. The old man, the unregenerate man, who had seemed so vigorous and healthy, died. It had to be. He was a sinful fellow. It was useless to try to persuade him to become a little better, a shade or two less sinful. He had to be exterminated. The root of his being was corrupt. The only thing was regeneration.

(Richert) An executed criminal can perform no further crimes.

Therefore, by analogy, our former evil identities have been executed, so to speak. Our old rebel selves were exterminated and that leaves us no further role to perform as offenders. We were linked with the Divine Representative in death, and that means we now have freedom to live our new life in vital relationship with him.

(Street Letters) Remember, the person we used to be died with Jesus when the spikes went in the wood so that our bodies which had been slaves to our rotten selves could be set free.

(Bruce) Understand this: our old inherited self was crucified with Him, so that the material with which sin had to operate might be put out of action.

(Barclay) For we are well aware that the person we were in our pre-Christian days has been crucified with him, so that our sin-dominated personalities might be destroyed and we might be released from our slavery to sin.

(Berkeley) Aware of this, that our old self has been jointly crucified with Him, so that the sin-controlled body might be devitalized and we no longer be slaves of sin.

(Phillips) Let us never forget that our old selves died with Him on the cross that the tyranny of sin over us might be broken.

(Pilcher) We know from experience that our former unregenerate self in some very real sense shared His crucifixion.

(Cressman) We know this. The old person we used to be was nailed to the cross with him.

(Lovett) Of this we can be certain...

(Basic) Being conscious that...

(New English) ...the man we once were...

(Nash) ...our old original nature...

(Amplified) ...our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body which is the instrument of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil.

(Jordan) ...so that the sinful nature may be wiped out, and we no longer need be addicted to sin.

My old self was crucified with Christ. My old being was crucified with Him. My old nature was crucified with Him. The old person I used to be was nailed to the cross with Him. I know this, I recognize this as a fact, I never forget this, I understand, I am well aware, I am conscious, I am certain of this fact—that my old self has been nailed to the cross with Him. My old original nature, the man I once was, the person I used to be in my pre-Christian days, my former evil identity, my old rebel self, was crucified with Him. I shared His crucifixion, being put to death with Him on the cross; I was jointly, once and for all, at the same time crucified together with Him. My old being was exterminated, executed with Him. That leaves me no further role to perform as an offender. I am no longer a slave to the old habits and attitudes. I am a new self, a new being, a new creation. My sinful nature has been wiped out. I am no longer addicted to sin. My body is no longer the instrument of sin. I am no longer a slave of sin. Sin's tyranny over me has been broken. My old self, my old being, my old nature was crucified with Christ. I know and recognize the fact that my old self was crucified with Christ. The old (name) was crucified with Christ.

I died with Christ.

Romans 6:8. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

(Twentieth Century) And our belief is, that, as we have shared Christ's death, we shall also share his life.

(Living Bible) And since your old sin-loving nature "died" with Christ, we know that you will share His new life.

(Conybeare) Now if we have shared the death of Christ, we believe that we shall also share His life.

(Johnson) and since we have died (as it were) with Christ, we believe that we have also come alive through the new principle of life he revealed.

(Blackwelder) Now in view of the fact that we died with Christ...

(Moffat) We believe that as we have died with Christ...

My old self died with Him. I shared in His death. His death was my death. My old nature died with Him. I died with Him to the world, to sin, and to sickness. I died with Christ. I now share His life. I now have the God-kind of life.

Colossians 2:20. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances.

(Barclay) Your death with Christ means that the world's rudimentary teaching has nothing more to do with you. Why then go on living as if your life was dominated by the world?

(Amplified) If then you have died with Christ to material ways of looking at things and have escaped from the world's crude and elemental notions and teachings of externalism, why do you live as if you still belong to the world?

(New Berkeley) If with Christ you have become dead to the elementary principles of the world, why allow regulations to be imposed on you as if you were living under the world's control?

(Johnson) ...If you have died to worldly standards with Christ, why do you go on living according to the dictates of culture and tradition?

(Norlie) If you have died, with Christ, to worldly ways of looking at things...

(Knox) If, by dying with Christ, you have parted company with worldly principles...

(Conybeare) If, then when you died with Christ, you put away the childish lessons of outward things...

(Translator's New Testament, Laubach) You died with Christ...

(Wuest) In view of the fact that you died with Christ...

(Living Bible) Since you died, as it were, with Christ...

I have died with Christ. I died with Him to the world's way of looking at things. I have parted company with worldly principles. I am no longer dominated by the world. I am no longer under the world's control. I died with Christ. I died with Him to the curse of the law He bore for me. I died to sin, sickness, and poverty. I died to the traditions of men. I am free from peer pressure and the bondage of culture.

Colossians 3:3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. (Barclay) For you died to this world, and now you have entered with Christ into the secret life of God.

(Way) You have died to things of earth, and your real life now has been hidden, by its union with Messiah, in the being of God.

(Blackwelder) For you died [in your identification with his death], and your life [which is the result of his resurrection], is hidden with Christ in God.

(Johnson) In a sense you have already passed away, and your life is already firmly united with Christ in God.

(Living Bible) You should have as little desire for this world as a dead person does. Your real life is in heaven with Christ in God.

(Lovett) As far as this world is concerned, you are already "dead and gone."

(Wade) ...you died to the world, and your real life, ever since has been together with the Christ, hidden from human sight in union with God.

(NASV, Amplified, Good News, Berkeley, Williams, Weymouth, Jerusalem) ...you have died...

I have died and my life is now hid with Christ in God. I died with Christ to this world and the things of this world. My desire for this world died with Christ. In a sense I have already passed away. As far as this world is concerned I am already "dead and gone." My life is already firmly united with Christ in God. My real life is in heaven with Christ and God. My real life, my true self, is hid with Christ in God. I have entered with Christ into the secret life of God. My new self is hidden from human sight in union with Christ, in the being of God. I died in my identification with Christ in His death, and my life is the result of His resurrection. My desires do not follow the superficial things of this world.

Romans 6:10-11. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Way) In respect of His death, He passed by dying, once for all, out of the sphere of sin; but, in respect of His new life, He is living in relation to God. In the same manner you also are to account yourselves to be, in relation to sin, dead men; but in relation to God, living men, whose life is absorbed in the life of the Messiah, Jesus.

(Weymouth) Note—"Paraphrase thus: "The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all but with one mighty effort He bore away the hateful load and now has done with sin forever. Henceforth He lives to display the glorious perfections of the Father, and to enjoy unhindered communion with Him." In the same way you also must regard yourselves as dead in relation to sin, but as alive in relation to God, because you are in Christ Jesus.

(Wade) So you, too, must count yourselves dead men who have finished with Sin, yet fully alive to serve God in union with Christ Jesus.

(Authentic) And so you no less can count yourselves dead so far as sin is concerned, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Deaf) In the same way, you should see yourselves as dead to the power of sin. And see yourselves as being alive for God through Christ Jesus.

(Phillips) In the same way look upon yourselves as dead to the appeal and power of sin but alive and sensitive to the call of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Sanday and Headlam) In like manner do you Christians regard yourselves as dead, inert and motionless as a corpse, in all that relates to sin, but instinct with Life and responding in every nerve to those claims and Divine influences under which you have been brought by your union with Jesus Messiah.

(New Life) ...Think of yourselves as dead to the power of sin. But now you have new life because of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Basic English) Even so see yourselves as...

(Wuest) ...be constantly counting on the fact...

I died to everything Christ died to. Just as Christ died and passed once for all out of the sphere of sin, in the same manner I account myself to be dead to sin. I consider myself, I count myself, I think of myself, I see myself as actually dead to the power of sin. I regard myself as dead, inert and motionless as a corpse, in all that relates to sin. I am dead to the appeal and power of sin. I do not respond to its call. Since Jesus died to sickness as well as sin, and I died with Him, I died to sickness also. I died with Him to the dominion of sin, the world, and sickness. I am alive and sensitive to the call of God. I am instinct with Life, responding in every nerve to those claims and Divine influences under which I have been brought by my union with Christ. I am alive to God. I have the life of God in me. My life is absorbed in the life of Jesus. I am fully alive to serve God in union with Christ. I am alive to righteousness; I am alive to health. I am alive to His voice. I am alive to His calling. I am alive with His power.

I was buried with Christ.

Romans 6:4. 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.

(Moffat) Our baptism in his death made us share his burial, so that, as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live and move in the new sphere of life.

(Living Bible) Your old sin-loving nature was buried with Him by baptism when He died, and when God the Father, with glorious power, brought Him back to life again, you were given His wonderful new life to enjoy.

(Stevens) This participation involves an ethical dying with Christ on his cross—a complete breaking off of relations with the old sinful life—and a burial into moral death; that is, a permanent separation from the sinful world in which we formerly lived, in order that a new life in a new world of motive and action might be begun—a life as different from the former one as was Christ's life after his resurrection from what it was before.

(Nash) Consequently we shared His burial by our baptism into His death in order that, in the same way as Christ was raised from the dead through His Father's glorious power, we also should live our daily lives empowered by a new vital force.

(Wuest) We therefore were entombed with Him through this being placed in His death, in order that in the same manner as there was raised up Christ out from among those who are dead through the glory of the Father, thus also we by means of a new life imparted may order our behaviour.

(Street Letters) That identification is so total that when Jesus was buried, you were buried with Him...

(Cressman) So we were buried when he was buried because we were baptized into his death...

(Hudson) ...so we might [be raised from a life of sin now dead and buried and] have our being in a new realm of life.

(Weiss) As burial is a confirmation of the fact that one has died, in the same way immersion in the waters of baptism is a sign that we have been immersed in the death of Christ...

The person I used to be was entombed with Christ. His burial was the burial of my old, sinful self. The person I was before Christ has been dealt with and put away for good. When He was buried, I was buried. Water baptism was a sign and confirmation that I died with Christ and was placed into that death. My diseases and bondages were sealed away in the tomb with Him. Just as he was raised by the Father's glorious power, I, too, walk in possession of His wonderful new life. That life is in me and controls me. I live and move in a new sphere—of life. His own resurrection life is in me. The life that enabled Him to conquer hell and Satan is in me. I am free from all He became and bore for me including sin, sickness, poverty, and bondage. I live my daily life empowered by a new vital force—His Resurrection Life.

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.

(Translator's New Testament) For if we have been identified with him in a death like his, we shall also be identified with him in a resurrection like his.

(New Berkeley) For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, then the same must be true of our resurrection with Him.

(Living Bible) For you have become a part of him, and so you died with him, so to speak, when he died; and now you share his new life, and shall rise as he did.

(Jordan) For if we have been fellow plants in the garden of his death, we shall be fellow plants in the garden of his risen life.

(Pilcher) For if we have been grafted into union with Christ so as to share His death, we shall also share His resurrection.

(Street Letters) Becoming one with Jesus in His death means that it's gotta be that we were one with Him in His resurrection too.

(Johnson) Since we have participated in his death, we will also participate in the new life his resurrection releases.

I was identified with Christ—dying with Him when He died, buried with Him when He was buried, and rising with Him when he was raised. I participated in His death, burial and resurrection. What those events did for Him, they did for me. What those events gave Him, they gave me. It is no longer I that lives but Christ who lives in me. He was one in nature with me on the cross. I am now one in nature with Him in His resurrection Life. I shared His death; I shared His resurrection. I am vitally united to Him. I have become a part of Him, having died with Him, and having been buried with Him. I now share His new resurrection life, having also been raised with Him. His new life is my new life. The God-kind of life is in my spirit now!

Colossians 2:12. Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

(Street Letters) Jesus set you free by identifying you with Himself in His death, burial, and resurrection.

Water baptism represented my identification in His burial and resurrection. I was buried with Him; I was raised with Him. My past was buried with Him. My failures and bondages were buried with Him. I now have new victorious risen life in me. I am a partner in the power and life of His resurrection. God has raised me up and made me a new creature in Christ Jesus.

I was made alive with Christ.

(He was made alive in spirit before He was raised in body.)

Colossians 2:13. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.

(Phillips) You, who were spiritually dead because of your sins and uncircumcision (that is, the fact that you were outside the Law), God has made to share in the very life of Christ!

(Street Letters) Your rotten life deserved death, so in Himself, Jesus took you to the cross, dumped all your rottenness on Himself, and gave you new life.

(Way) ...you God thrilled with that same new life of Jesus.

(Knox) And in giving life to him, he gave life to you, too, when you lay dead in your sins.

(Twentieth Century) ...to you God gave Life in giving Life to Christ!

(Marshall) ...he co-quickened you with him.

I was made alive with Christ. The Father made us alive together; He co-quickened us. His resurrection life is now in me. God thrilled me with the same new life He made Jesus alive with. I share in the life of Christ. My spirit is full of His life. All my sins and trespasses are forever forgiven and forgotten!

Ephesians 2:5. Even when we were dead in sins, [God] hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved).

(Twentieth Century) ...even though we were dead because of our offenses, gave life to us in giving Life to the Christ.

(Knox) Our sins made dead men of us, and he, in giving life to Christ, gave life to us too...

(Amplified) ...He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which he quickened Him.

(Way) Even when in trespasses we lay dead, thrilled us with the same new life wherewith He quickened our Messiah—by free grace alone have ye obtained salvation!

God gave life to me in giving life to Christ because I was identified with Him. God saw me crucified. God saw me dead. God saw me buried. He saw me made alive. I was made alive with Christ. That same new life has now been breathed into me, into my spirit. He gave me the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him. The same life that made Jesus the master of hell's dark forces is in me. It is all through the unmerited grace of God that I have obtained this great salvation!

I conquered with Him.

Colossians 2:15. And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

(Conybeare) And He disarmed the Principalities and the Powers [which fought against Him], and put them to open shame, leading them captive in the triumph of Christ.

(Phillips) And then, having drawn the sting of all the powers ranged against us, he exposed them, shattered, empty and defeated, in his final glorious triumphant act!

(Weymouth) And the hostile princes and rulers He shook off from Himself, and boldly displayed them as His conquests, when by the Cross He triumphed over them.

(Translator's New Testament) There Christ stripped the demonic rulers and authorities of their power over him, and in his own triumph made a public show of them.

(Wand) He stripped away like a cast-off garment every demonic Rule and Authority and made a public exhibition of them.

(Noli) He despoiled the infernal dominions and realms. He dragged their rulers as captives in procession.

(Plain English) He disarmed all powers and authorities, and made them a public show, and dragged them behind him in the victory march of Christ.

(Barclay) On the cross he stripped the demonic powers and authorities of their power, and made a public spectacle of them, as if they had been captives in a victor's triumphal procession.

(Street Letters) Any power Satan and his spiritual comrades had over us has been broken.

When Christ was made alive in His spirit, He stripped off principalities and powers and triumphed over them. By passing from death to life, Jesus passed out of Satan's dominion. I was made alive in spirit with Him.

When He was made alive, then, it was I who was made alive with Him.

When He passed out of Satan's dominion, I passed out of it. When He triumphed over demonic powers, I triumphed. His victory is my victory, for I was identified with Him. He conquered principalities and powers for me.

He triumphed over them for me. His triumph was my triumph. I share in His victory. Satan is a defeated foe as far as I am concerned. Christ's conquest was my conquest. Satan's dominion over me has come to an end. Satan and all his works have no power or authority over me.

Hebrews 2:14. 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.

(Way) He did this that he might be able to die, and by His death might annihilate the power of him who sways the scepter of death's terrors—that is the devil.

(Plain English) ...by death he might bring to nothing the lord of death.

(Basic English) ...he took a body and became like them; so that by his death he might put an end to him who had the power of death, that is to say, the Evil One.

(Living Bible) ...For only as a human being could he die and in dying break the power of the devil.

(Berkeley) ...He might neutralize the one who wields the power of death.

(Jordan) ...he might break the grip of the one who controls death.

(Wuest) ...He might render inoperative the one having the dominion of death.

(Riverside) ...he might defeat him.

(Rotherham) ...He might paralyze him.

(Wade) ...He might reduce to impotence him who has in Death the instrument of his sway, that is, the Devil.

(Moffat) ...he might crush him who wields the power of death.

(Goodspeed) ...he might dethrone the lord of death, the devil.

(Noli) ...For he wanted through his own death to overthrow the devil who has the power of death.

(Twentieth Century R.) ...that by death he might render powerless him whose power lies in death.

(Amplified) ...that by [going through] death He might bring to naught and make of no effect him who had the power of death.

(Spencer) ...that through death He might render powerless him who held the empire of death.

Satan is the lord, prince, or king of Death. He rules in the sphere of Death, over the spiritually dead. Death is the instrument of his sway. When Jesus conquered Death, He conquered the instrument of Satan's sway. I passed out of Death with Him, and thus conquered with Him over Satan. I now have inside of me that same Life that made Jesus the Master of Satan and hell. Because spiritual Death, the instrument of Satan's sway has been destroyed in me, Satan's dominion has been broken over me. Satan has been rendered powerless toward me by Christ's victory. He has been dethroned, defeated, put to naught, made of no effect, overthrown, neutralized, paralyzed, crushed and put out of commission as far as I am concerned. I conquered with Christ. His victory was my victory because I was made alive and raised with Him. I now share in Christ's authority. Satan, sin, and sickness have no power or authority over me.

I was raised with Christ.

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.

(Amplified) If then you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

(Barclay) If then you have been raised to life with Christ, your heart must be set on the great realities of that heavenly sphere, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

(Bruce) But you not only died with Christ, you have been raised with Him too. Go in then for the higher things, those things which belong to the realm where Christ is, seated at God's right hand.

(Johnson) If indeed you have experienced God's resurrection power, then live a resurrection life.

(Marshall) If ye were co-raised with Christ...

(Moffat, NIV) Since then you have been raised with Christ...

(Twentieth Century) Since, therefore, you were raised to Life with the Christ...

(Wuest) In view of the fact, therefore, that you were raised with Christ...

When Christ was raised, I was raised. My heart is set on the great realities of that heavenly sphere where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. I live a resurrection life; I live on that plane. I have been raised with Christ to enjoy the things which are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father. The rich, eternal treasures of that heavenly sphere are mine to grasp and enjoy. All the things of God in Christ are mine. I was raised with Christ. I shared in His glorious resurrection. Today I will live and enjoy the God-kind of life.

Ephesians 1:19-21. And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.

(Basic English) And how unlimited is his power to us who have faith.

(Noli) And how immeasurable is his power in us who believe in him.

(Fenton) ...the exceeding greatness of his power in us believers, through His mighty energy, which energized in Christ.

(Jordan) May you experience the incredible outburst of his power in us who rely on his might and his abundant energy. This same energy working in Christ raised him from the dead and gave him spiritual victory and authority over every ruler.

(Translator's New Testament) And the limitless scope of his power at work in us once we believed in him. This is that same stupendous power which he exerted when he raised Christ from death and enthroned him at his right hand in the supernatural world.

(Good News) And how very great is his power at work in us who believe. This power working in us is the same as the mighty strength which he used when he raised Christ from death and seated him at his right side in the heavenly world.

(Laubach) I pray that you may realize that His power in us who believe, is great beyond measure. It is the same mighty power that worked in Christ. By that power God raised Him from the dead and had Him sit at His right hand in heaven. There Jesus sits above all rulers, above all authority, above all power, above all lords.

The same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in me. His resurrection power is overwhelmingly great, unlimited, immeasurable, infinite, incredible, resistless, stupendous, tremendously mighty. His resurrection power is at work in me because I was raised with Christ. I share the benefits of His resurrection. I was raised with Christ. May I always remember that His unlimited power is in me.

I was seated with Christ.

Ephesians 2:6. And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

(Know) Raised us up too, enthroned us too above the heavens, in Christ Jesus.

(Good News) In our union with Christ Jesus, he raised us up with him to rule with him in the heavenly world.

(Doddridge) ...he *hath raised* [us] *up together* in him as our Head and Representative; *and* by admitting him into heaven as a forerunner, to take possession of those glorious mansions for us, he hath *made* [us] *sit together* in those *heavenly* [places] to which he is exalted, and into which we also may be said to be admitted *in Christ Jesus*.

(Hayman) And made us sharers in His resurrection and ascension, as though enthroned already with Him in heaven above.

(Carpenter) We were earthbound. He brought about an ascension. I was writing in the first chapter of this letter about our Lord's victory over death. Well, I use the same, or almost the same, language now about ourselves...what the Father did for the Son, that in essentials He did also for us...Christ is risen! We are risen...We found ourselves not only risen from death but in Christ, in Christ who is in Heaven, and therefore in the heavenly realm ourselves.

(Translator's New Testament) ...he raised us together with him and caused us to share his place of honour in the supernatural world.

I was raised with Christ. The same mighty power that raised Him up victorious over all man's old enemies raised me up too. I was seated with Him, enthroned with Him in the heavenly realm. I share the authority of His throne. I rule with Him over sin, poverty, sickness, demons, and circumstances. All that is under His feet is under my feet because I have been seated with Him. All principalities, powers, and demonic forces are under my feet (Ephesians 1:19-21). Sickness and sin are under my feet. Satan is under my feet. I have authority to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power the enemy possesses. By admitting Christ into heaven as my Head and Representative, the Father has made me to sit with Him in those heavenly places. I have been admitted to those heavenly places in the person of Christ. I shared His resurrection; I shared His ascension. What the Father did for the Son, that in essentials He did also for me. I am now in Christ who is in heaven, and therefore in the heavenly realm myself. I share His place of honor in the supernatural world. I am established with Him in the heavenly sphere. Satan is under my feet. He has no authority over me, and Jesus Christ is forever my Lord and Savior!

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