

“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, (Touch not; taste not; handle not: Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?” *Colossians 2:20-22 KJV*



If we are with Christ and He is “*alive forevermore,*” then we are risen and glorified “*with Him,*” regardless of human perception! The definitive preposition is “*with.*” Not by, near, under, or coming to, but “*with.*” Christ is the omnipotence of God, the “*resurrection from the dead.*” When God, the Holy Spirit, comes to dwell “*with*” man, He imparts the eternal life of the Godhead to the soul and spirit of the man simply by virtue of His eternal presence, and once so joined by the will of God, there is no separation! “*But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” All that I need, want, or could possibly imagine is “*in Christ*” and are mine by inheritance once I humbly admit my lost condition and through faith call upon the LORD Jesus for His gift of everlasting life! “*The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit (the Voice of Truth), that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.*” It is my association “*with Christ*” which me a child of God. My being “*with Christ*” through faith is the source of all my strength and life, for “*without [Him] I can do nothing!*” With Omnipotence the source of my Life and Strength, why would I ever be concerned or bothered by the commandments of so-called spiritual teachers and leaders? I listen to Pastors and teacher with my Bible open and my attention on the “*Still small Voice of the Spirit of Truth*” within that “*guides [me] into all Truth.*” If the voice of man is in agreement with the “*Voice of God,*” then I may listen and learn, but if not, I stop listening to man. Man’s doctrines are temporal and worthless in the eyes of Almighty God! If I am “*dead with Christ,*” then by virtue of that, I am alive with Him! “*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. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him. 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.*”

My sin is gone, forevermore,
For I have entered through the Door,
I now have peace and Joy and Light,
With Christ my KING, my Life, my Might! ~CGP

You can live life your way, with your own rules and gamble your eternity trusting your own wisdom, or you can believe and trust the wisdom of the ages, God’s Word, and know for a certainty what your destiny is!

“*That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*” *Colossians 2:2-3 KJV*