

Concordia Lutheran Conference

Daily Devotions

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- MONDAY -

Therefore we are buried with Him by Baptism into death, that, like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. – Romans 6:4.

Through Baptism we Christians are made partakers of Christ, and of all the blessings of God's grace, which He has procured for us. "*As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ*" (Galatians 3:27). Christ died and was buried for our sins as our Substitute. We are made partakers of this through Baptism. We are dead and buried unto our sin, so that it can neither damn us nor control us. "*Therefore we are buried with Him by Baptism into death.*" Christ, our Substitute, was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, and now lives a new life, free from the burden of *our* sins, which had been imputed to Him. This, too, we are made partakers of through Baptism. We have a new life, free from the burden of our sin. "*Even so we also should walk in newness of life.*" What does this mean? It means that the old Adam in us, the sinful depravity which we have inherited from Adam, and in which we are born, should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts. Daily we Christians should repent of the sin which clings to us, and pray God to forgive it for Christ's sake. And, again, a new man should daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity. Such a new man, a new spiritual being and life, is in us Christians through the grace of Baptism which we have received. This new man should arise within us daily unto a godly life. And this image of God will be fully restored in heaven, where we shall be freed entirely from the old Adam. This is what our Baptism should signify to us Christians.

PRAYER. – Lord, my God, who out of great mercy, through the washing of regeneration, didst make me a partaker both of the death and of the life of my Savior, I pray Thee to bestow upon me the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may daily die to sin, but live to Thee and serve Thee, until in the life to come I shall be wholly renewed and in perfect bliss. Amen.

So, too, by our repentance, must
The old man, with his sins and lust,
Be daily drowned, and then arise
A new man, righteous, pure, and wise.

Hymn 403, 5.(ELHB)

* Scripture reading for **Monday: Isaiah 1:2-4, 16-20.** Theme this week: **Repentance**