

FROM DEATH TO LIFE / *Colossians 3:3*

The Bible uses many illustrations to teach what happens when we choose to let Jesus be Lord of our life. Following are some of the most vivid pictures:

Because Christ died for us, we have been crucified with him.

Romans 6:2-13; 7:4-6
2 Corinthians 5:14
Galatians 2:20; 5:24; 6:14
Colossians 2:20; 3:3-5
1 Peter 2:24

Our old, rebellious nature died with Christ.

Romans 6:6; 7:4-6
Colossians 3:9-10

Christ's resurrection guarantees our new life now and eternal life with him later.

Romans 6:4, 11
Colossians 2:12-13; 3:1, 3

This process is acted out in baptism (Colossians 2:12), based on our faith in Christ:

1. The old sinful nature dies (crucified).
2. We are ready to receive a new life (buried).
3. Christ gives us new life (resurrected).