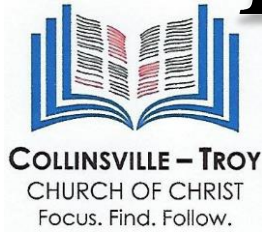


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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place.
(1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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A New Life in Christ

-Renn Ferguson

When one learns of Christ and the sacrifice He made on the cross we are forced to face our sins head on. Sometimes the shame, guilt, or embarrassment from these sins lingers for years or even decades. We all have those moments in our lives when we look back on them, we cringe at ourselves and wonder, "why did I do that?" Overcoming those types of feelings and thoughts can be extremely difficult but not impossible. With Christ, we can be a new person and have a new life.

Notice what the apostle Paul wrote in Romans 6:1-4, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (ESV)

When one is baptized, they emulate the death, burial, and resurrection. Because of this, we experience, in a sense, a "new life". As Paul later addresses in this chapter the man of sin has been put to death and we have been raised a new man. In another letter from Paul he wrote, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." (2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV).

How wonderful is the thought that the person who committed so many sins against God has been put to death and we have become a new person with a new life in Christ!

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