

If you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, then you know Jesus died on the cross for you so that your sins would be forgiven.

"Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"For by the death of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven." Ephesians 1:7

Do you also know <u>you</u> died on the cross with Jesus? Not only were your sins forgiven, but your old sinful nature died with Christ. Water baptism outwardly demonstrates this vital truth.

"We have died with Christ." Romans 6:8
"Our old man was crucified with Him so that our

sinful nature might be removed." Romans 6:6

Because your sinful nature is dead and gone, you are freed from sin's power. You now have a new nature capable of obeying God and overcoming sin. "Because anyone who has died has been freed from the power of sin." Romans 6:7

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

You can know you are free from sin's power the same way you know your sins are forgiven - by believing what God's Word says is true.

"In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus." Romans 6:11

When you believe and act on the truth that you died to sin, then Jesus can powerfully live His life through you.

"I have been put to death with Christ on His cross, so that it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. The life that I now live, I live by faith in the Son of God." Galatians 2:20

God doesn't improve your old nature. He got rid of it completely, nailing it to the cross. You overcome sin and walk in this new life by believing what Jesus did on the cross - not by trying harder in your own strength.

"After beginning by the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?" Galatians 3:3 "We should rely, not on ourselves, but only on God."

2 Corinthians 1:9

"We glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in our natural ability." Philippians 3:3 God used the death of His only Son to perform a divine heart transplant and save you not only from the penalty of sin but also the power of sin. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, God exchanged your terminally sin-sick heart with His Son's divine heart. God removed your old sinful nature; you now have Christ's holy nature. This is the divine exchange that occurred within you when you were born of the Spirit. This is the whole gospel!

"For you have died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:3

Jesus Christ died on the cross in your place. Do you want Him to live His life through you? Here is a suggested prayer:

"Jesus, I believe You died on the cross for me. Thank You that my old sinful nature also died on the cross with You and I have been freed from sin's power. I will no longer rely on my natural ability to live the Christian life. Jesus, I now ask You by faith to live as Lord and King in me."

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