

# Romans 6:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

## Analysis

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**Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death**—the aorist passive synetaphēmen (συνετάφημεν, "we were buried with") indicates completed action. The compound verb with syn (with) emphasizes union: not buried like Him but with Him. Immersion baptism dramatizes burial—the baptismal waters as a symbolic grave. Burial confirms death's reality; Christ was truly dead (contra-docetic heresies), and believers truly participate in that death.

**That like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father** (hōsper ēgerthē Christos ek nekrōn dia tēs doxēs tou patros)—the parallel structure hōsper... houtōs (just as... so also) establishes correspondence: Christ's resurrection ↔ believer's new life. **The glory of the Father** refers to God's divine power manifested in resurrection. **Walk in newness of life** (en kainotēti zōēs peripatēsōmen)—kainotēs (newness) is qualitatively new, not chronologically new; peripatēsōmen (walk) is aorist subjunctive, indicating purpose: "that we might walk." Resurrection life isn't automatic but volitional—believers must walk in the new life made available through union with Christ.

## Historical Context

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Roman burial practices included elaborate funeral processions and entombment, making burial imagery powerful. The glory (doxa) of God was a familiar Jewish concept (shekinah glory, Exodus 40:34), now revealed in resurrection power. Early

Christians understood baptism as a reenactment of death-burial-resurrection, often conducted at Easter to emphasize resurrection symbolism. The ethical imperative to "walk in newness of life" reflects Jewish halakhic tradition—"walk" as metaphor for moral conduct.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What specific areas of your life still reflect the 'old walk' rather than newness of life in Christ?
2. How does Christ's resurrection 'by the glory of the Father' assure you of power for daily sanctification?
3. In what practical ways can you 'walk in newness of life' this week in relationships, work, or habits?

## Interlinear Text

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συνετάφημεν	οὖν	αὐτῷ	διὰ	τοῦ	βαπτίσματος	εἰς	τὸν
<b>we are buried with</b>	<b>Therefore</b>	<b>him</b>	<b>by</b>	G3588	<b>baptism</b>	<b>into</b>	G3588
G4916	G3767	G846	G1223		G908	G1519	
θάνατον	ἵνα	ὥσπερ	ἠγέρθη	Χριστὸς	ἐκ	νεκρῶν	διὰ
<b>death</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>like as</b>	<b>was raised up</b>	<b>Christ</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>the dead</b>	<b>by</b>
G2288	G2443	G5618	G1453	G5547	G1537	G3498	G1223
τῆς	δόξης	τοῦ	πατρός	οὕτως	καὶ	ἡμεῖς	ἐν
G3588	<b>the glory</b>	G3588	<b>of the Father</b>	<b>even so</b>	<b>also</b>	<b>we</b>	<b>in</b>
	G1391		G3962	G3779	G2532	G2249	G1722
καινότητι	ζωῆς	περιπατήσωμεν					
<b>newness</b>	<b>of life</b>	<b>should walk</b>					
G2538	G2222	G4043					

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 5:17** (References Christ): Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**Colossians 3:10** (Parallel theme): And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

**Romans 7:6** (Parallel theme): But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

**1 Peter 3:21** (Resurrection): The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

**Romans 6:9** (Resurrection): Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

**2 Corinthians 13:4** (Parallel theme): For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

**Romans 6:3** (Baptism): Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

**1 John 2:6** (Parallel theme): He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

**1 Corinthians 6:14** (Resurrection): And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

**Romans 8:11** (Resurrection): But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

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