

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters:

Are you unaware that we

who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him

through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him

through a death like his,  
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that

our old self was crucified with him,

so that our sinful body might be done away with,  
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ,

we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ,

raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord