

God is so rich in mercy, and He loves us so much, that even though we're dead because of our sin, **He gives us life through the resurrection of Christ from the dead. It is by God's grace that you are saved!** When we're united with Christ, **God raises us from the dead and seats us with Christ in the heavenly realms.**

Based on Ephesians 2:4-6

³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life.** ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, **we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.** Romans 6:³⁻⁵

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, **it is raised imperishable;** ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, **it is raised in glory;** it is sown in weakness, **it is raised in power;** ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, **it is raised a spiritual body.**
⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and **all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.**

Romans 3:²³⁻²⁴

¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for **God to restore everything**, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. Acts 3:¹⁹⁻²¹

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. **The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;** ²⁶ **and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.** Do you believe this?"

John 11:²³⁻²⁶

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But **Christ has indeed been raised from the dead**, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1Corinthians 15:¹⁷⁻²⁰

¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:¹⁰⁻¹¹

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly **we are being renewed day by day.** 2 Corinthians 4:¹⁶

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: **The old has gone, the new is here!** ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ & gave us the ministry of reconciliation 2 Corinthians 5:¹⁷⁻¹⁸

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and **I will give you rest.** ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and **you will find rest for your souls.** ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:²⁸⁻³⁰