

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him
in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him
in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him
so that the sinful body might be destroyed,
and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

For he who has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.

For if we know that Christ being raised from the dead
will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.

The Word of the Lord.