

## **The Life in Jesus Christ**

**Romans 6:4-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.** (KJV)

Believers experience the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Mysteries of the Church. At Holy Baptism believers put on Christ and begin the walk in newness of life. Sealing with the Gift of the Holy Spirit is fundamental to Holy Chrismation. Sincere repentance leads to the forgiveness of sins during Holy Confession. Unity with Jesus Christ occurs in the partaking of His Precious Body and Blood. The Mystery of Holy Unction results in the Divine healing of soul and body. Holy Matrimony joyfully unites husbands and wives in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Orders ordain and lead the chosen to active service in the Church. The Holy Mysteries lead the believer to the Kingdom of God and eternal life.

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

The life in Jesus Christ is a blessing to cherish and continuously appreciate. Renewal in Jesus Christ occurs to the faithful believer throughout earthly life. God's goodness, mercy and love enable renewal in Christ to always be possible. Repentance can occur at any time in life when the heart, and mind are willing. Repenting is possible until the last heartbeat and final moment of earthly life. The length of each life is not known making constant repentance very necessary. The Lord Jesus Christ is always ready to receive persons approaching in faith. The active life in Jesus Christ leads to great appreciation of countless blessings. Believers grateful for the new life in Christ seek to thank and glorify God.

**Galatians 6:15-For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.** (KJV)

Giving unending glory and thanksgiving to God is part of the faithful life in Christ. Seeing God at work in daily life results in moments of unexpected personal joy. Following the narrow path to the Kingdom of God is a serious undertaking. Eternal life and God's Kingdom await believers following the narrow path. Temptations and perils arise on the journey to God's Kingdom and eternal life. Practicing constant vigilance is an absolute necessity in the Christian journey. The Lord guides believer seeking the Heavenly Kingdom and eternal life. Open hearts, minds and souls appreciate the Lord's daily reassuring presence. The Church offers consistent guidance for faithful believers living in Jesus Christ,

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