

death came to reign through that one,
 how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace
 and of the gift of justification
 come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression
 condemnation came upon all,
 so, through one righteous act,
 acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man
 the many were made sinners,
 so through the obedience of the one
 the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase
 but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that,
 as sin reigned in death,
 grace also might reign through justification for eternal life
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

E3

We too might live in newness of life.

Long version: Romans 6:3–9
 (1014-3)

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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.

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E4

**We also groan within ourselves as we wait for
adoption, the redemption of our bodies.**

Romans 8:14–23
(1014-4)

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Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you received a spirit of adoption,
through which we cry, “*Abba, Father!*”

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.
 For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.
 We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

E5 What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Romans 8:31b–35, 37–39
 (1014-5)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:
 If God is for us, who can be against us?
 He did not spare his own Son
 but handed him over for us all,
 will he not also give us everything else along with him?
 Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?
 It is God who acquits us.
 Who will condemn?
 It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,
 who also is at the right hand of God,
 who indeed intercedes for us.
 What will separate us from the love of Christ?
 Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine,
 or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
 No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly
 through him who loved us.
 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
 nor angels, nor principalities,
 nor present things, nor future things,
 nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

E6 **Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.**

Romans 14:7–9, 10c–12
(1014-6)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,
and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;
for it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

E7 **So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.**

Long version: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28
(1014-7)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die,
 so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
 but each one in proper order:
 Christ the firstfruits;
 then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;
 then comes the end,
 when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father.
 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
 The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
 for "he subjected everything under his feet."
 But when it says that everything has been subjected,
 it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him.
 When everything is subjected to him,
 then the Son himself will also be subjected
 to the one who subjected everything to him,
 so that God may be all in all.

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The word of the Lord.

E13 If we have died with him we shall also live with him.

2 Timothy 2:8–13

(1014-13)

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of

David:

such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering,
even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen,
so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him
we shall also live with him;if we persevere
we shall also reign with him.But if we deny him
he will deny us.If we are unfaithful
he remains faithful,
for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

E14

We shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:1–2

(1014-14)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

E15

**We know that we have passed from death
to life because we love our brothers.**

1 John 3:14–16
(1014-15)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,

and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love

was that he laid down his life for us;

so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The word of the Lord.

