

Married and Buried—the Easter Experience

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 7:1-6; 6:1.

B. When you received Christ as savior you attended a birth, funeral and a wedding at the same time.

C. Being buried with Christ and married with Christ means understanding what it is like to live a vibrant life with Christ.

II. Marriage to Christ. (Romans 7:4)

A. The Christian life is based upon a miracle.

B. Our life with Christ begins with Christ's love.

C. Marriage is an act of the will.

D. When we are "married to Christ" we are expected to know him more and bear fruit.

III. Buried with Christ.

A. We all bring things into a marriage that need to be buried.

B. The secret of joy in the Christian life is burying the old nature.

C. We also die to the law, which is obligation and fear.

D. Love runs a marriage, not a list of do's and don'ts.

Application questions:

1. Why is marriage a fitting metaphor for our relationship with Christ?

2. What are some things that you need to bury in your "marriage with Christ?" What are some practical steps you can take in this direction?

3. What does it mean to die to the law? Explain.
