

A Word Study by Pastor Melissa Scott, Ph.D.

Our Union with Christ (Romans 6:4–8)

In the New Testament Greek, there are approximately 40 compounds with the prefix **συ** or **συν** usually used in describing our sharing in Christ’s death and life. The following Word Study focuses on instances of these words in Romans 6:4–8 and on words related to death in Romans 6:2–23.

Romans 6:4

verb-ind-aor-pass-1p-pl we were buried with	conj-superordinating therefore/likewise	noun-pro-dat-masc-3p-sing Him	prep-gen through	determiner-gen-neut-sing the
συνετάφημεν	οὕν	αὐτῷ	διὰ	τοῦ
<i>sunetaphēmen</i>	<i>oun</i>	<i>autō</i>	<i>dia</i>	<i>tou</i>

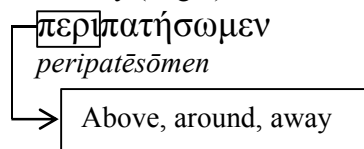
noun-gen-neut-sing baptism	prep-acc into	determiner-acc-masc-sing the	noun-acc-masc-sing death	conj-subordinating that
βαπτίσματος	εἰς	τὸν	θάνατον	ἵνα
<i>baptismatos</i>	<i>eis</i>	<i>ton</i>	<i>thanaton</i>	<i>hina</i>

conj-subordinating just as	verb-ind-aor-pass-3p-sing was raised	noun-nom-masc-sing Christ	prep-gen from	adj-pron-gen-masc-pl dead ones
ὥσπερ	ἠγέρθη	Χριστὸς	ἐκ	νεκρῶν
<i>hōsper</i>	<i>ēgerthē</i>	<i>Christos</i>	<i>ek</i>	<i>nekrōn</i>

prep-gen through	determiner-gen-fem-sing the	noun-gen-fem-sing glory	determiner-gen-masc-sing of the	noun-gen-masc-sing Father
διὰ	τῆς	δόξης	τοῦ	πατρός
<i>dia</i>	<i>tēs</i>	<i>doxēs</i>	<i>tou</i>	<i>patros</i>

adj-adv so	conj-adv also	noun-pro-nom-1p-pl we	prep-dat in	noun-dat-fem-sing newness
οὕτως	καὶ	ἡμεῖς	ἐν	καινότητι
<i>houtōs</i>	<i>kai</i>	<i>hēmeis</i>	<i>en</i>	<i>kainotēti</i>

noun-gen-fem-sing of life	verb-subj-aor-act-1p-pl we may (might) walk
ζωῆς	περιπατήσωμεν
<i>zōēs</i>	<i>peripatēsōmen</i>



The equivalent Hebrew word for “walk” is **הלך**

These Old Testament Scriptures all refer to walking in the law: Exodus 16:4, Leviticus 18:3–4, Deuteronomy 28:9, Joshua 22:5, Jeremiah 44:23, Ezekiel 5:6–7, Daniel 9:10, Micah 4:2.

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Romans 6:5

conditional if	conj-subordinating for	adj-nom-masc-pl together grown	verb-ind-perf-act-1p-pl we have	determiner-dat-neut-sing in the
εἰ	γὰρ	σύμφυτοι	γεγόναμεν	τῷ
<i>ei</i>	<i>gar</i>	<i>sumphutoi</i>	<i>gegonamen</i>	<i>tō</i>
noun-dat-neut-sing likeness	determiner-gen-masc-sing (of) the	noun-gen-masc-sing death	noun-pro-gen-masc-3p-sing of Him	
ὁμοιώματι	τοῦ	θανάτου	αὐτοῦ	
<i>homoiōmati</i>	<i>tou</i>	<i>thanatou</i>	<i>autou</i>	
conj yet	conj-adv also	determiner-gen-fem-sing of the (His)	noun-gen-fem-sing resurrection	verb-ind-future-middle deponent-1p-pl we shall be
ἀλλὰ	καὶ	τῆς	ἀναστάσεως	ἐσόμεθα
<i>alla</i>	<i>kai</i>	<i>tēs</i>	<i>anastaseōs</i>	<i>esometha</i>

Romans 6:6

adj-pron-dem-acc-neut-sing this	verb-part-pres-act-nom-masc-1p-pl knowing	rel-conj-adv that	det-nom-masc-sing ὅ	
τούτο	γινώσκοντες	ὅτι	ὅ	
<i>touto</i>	<i>ginōskontes</i>	<i>hoti</i>	<i>ho</i>	
adj-nom-masc-sing old	noun-pro-gen-1p-pl our	noun-nom-masc-sing man	verb-ind-aor-pass-3p-sing was crucified with (Him)	conj-subordinating that
παλαιός	ἡμῶν	ἄνθρωπος	συνεσταυρώθη	ἵνα
<i>palaios</i>	<i>hēmōn</i>	<i>anthrōpos</i>	<i>sunestaurōthē</i>	<i>hina</i>
verb-subj-aor-pass-3p-sing may be made ineffective	determiner-nom-neut-sing the	noun-nom-neut-sing body	determiner-gen-fem-sing of the	
καταργηθῆ	τὸ	σῶμα	τῆς	
<i>katargēthē</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>sōma</i>	<i>tēs</i>	
noun-gen-fem-sing (of) sin	determiner-gen-neut-sing that	adj-adv no longer	verb-inf-pres-act should slave (servant)	noun-pro-acc-1p-pl we
ἁμαρτίας	τοῦ	μηκέτι	δουλεύειν	ἡμᾶς
<i>hamartias</i>	<i>tou</i>	<i>mēketi</i>	<i>douleuein</i>	<i>hēmas</i>

Romans 6:8

verb-ind-fut-act-1p-pl
we will live with → (Him)
συζήσομεν
suzēsomen

Verb (action)	
Infinitive	(has no person or number)
Present	(the action is continuous)
Active	(the subject is doing the action)

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CHAPTER 6

<p>WHAT shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?</p>	v2	ἀπεθάνομεν verb-indicative-aorist-active-1person-plural
<p>2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?</p>	v3	θάνατον noun-accusative-masculine-singular
<p>3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?</p>	v4	¹ θάνατον noun-accusative-masculine-singular ² νεκρῶν adjective-pronominal-genitive-masculine-plural
<p>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.</p>	v5	θανάτου noun-genitive-masculine-singular
<p>5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also <i>in the likeness</i> of his resurrection:</p>	v7	ἀποθανῶν verb-participle-nominative-aorist-active-masculine-singular
<p>6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with <i>him</i>, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.</p>	v8	ἀπεθάνομεν verb-indicative-aorist-active-1person-plural
<p>7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.</p>	v9	¹ νεκρῶν adjective-pronominal-genitive-masculine-plural ² ἀποθνήσκει verb-indicative-present-active-3person-singular
<p>8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:</p>	v10	³ θάνατος noun-nominative-masculine-singular
<p>9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.</p>	v10	¹ ἀπέθανεν verb-indicative-aorist-active-3person-singular ² ἀπέθανεν verb-indicative-aorist-active-3person-singular
<p>10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.</p>	v11	νεκροῦς adjective-accusative-masculine-plural
<p>11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>	v13	νεκρῶν adjective-pronominal-genitive-masculine-plural
<p>12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.</p>	v16	θάνατον noun-accusative-masculine-singular
<p>13 Neither yield ye your members <i>as</i> instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members <i>as</i> instruments of righteousness unto God.</p>	v21	θάνατος noun-nominative-masculine-singular
<p>14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.</p>	v23	θάνατος noun-nominative-masculine-singular
<p>15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.</p>		
<p>16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?</p>		
<p>17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.</p>		
<p>18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.</p>		
<p>19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.</p>		
<p>20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.</p>		
<p>21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things <i>is</i> death.</p>		
<p>22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.</p>		
<p>23 For the wages of sin <i>is</i> death; but the gift of God <i>is</i> eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>		