

Baptism of the Holy Spirit: Overcoming Behavior Patterns of Human Good & Evil: Salvation, Retroactive Positional Truth, & the Newly Introduced Life, Rom 6:3–4; Jesus Died Two Deaths on the Cross: Spiritual for Our Sins & Physical for Our Resurrection

22. Although saved, a believer continues to sin but has the option of confessing that sin which results in a return to spirituality and fellowship.
23. However, his involvement in human good and evil is the result of either biblical ignorance or reversionism. Human good and evil describe thoughts, decisions, and actions by an individual that promotes Lucifer's agenda rather than God's plan.
24. To change one's behavior from the former to the latter requires the believer to inculcate Bible doctrine into his soul so that wheel-tracks of human good and evil are inhibited while wheel-tracks of righteousness are facilitated.
25. Therefore, one cannot be a good soldier for Christ if he is ignorant of the Word of God, therefore, emphasizing the imperative to grow in grace.
26. It is through retroactive positional truth that the believer is separated from good and evil, a separation made possible by the imputation of spiritual assets that enable him to renovate his soul into a vessel of honor.
27. A key passage that addresses positional truth is:

Romans 6:3 - Are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized [**βαπτίζω** (*baptizō*): identified; immersed] into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?

v. 4 - Therefore, we have been buried together with Him [Christ] through baptism of the Spirit into His death [physical] in order that as Christ has been raised up from deaths [the ablative plural of separation of the noun νεκρός (*nekros*): spiritual & physical deaths] to the glory of God the Father, so also we might walk [aorist active subjunctive of περιπατέω (*peripateō*): contingent on volitional motivation] in newness of life.

28. There is a doctrine contained in the plural use of the noun *nekros* which is correctly translated "deaths."
29. Among some Christian teachers there is the belief that salvation was accomplished by the physical death of Christ. This notion fails to recognize that the problem mankind faces with regard to sin is not primarily physical death but spiritual death, which is mankind's separation from God at physical birth through the imputation of Adam's original sin to the genetically formed sin nature.
30. We are born in sin and thus all suffer spiritual death which leads to physical death. For the unbeliever his physical death will eventually result in what is referred to as the *second death* in Revelation 20:14.
31. This is the judgment that follows the trial before the Great White Throne. Those found guilty of assuming their works earn eternal life find their rejection of Christ has earned them a trip to the lake of fire, "This is the second death, the lake of fire."

32. Believers avoid the second death by having a second birth, what the Lord refers to in John 3:3 as “γεννηθῆναι ἄνωθεν (*gennēthēi anōthen*): born again.”
33. At salvation, retroactive positional truth includes the principle that the believer is baptized or identified with the Lord in His physical death.
34. The physical death of Christ was necessary in order for Him to be resurrected with a new body capable of utilizing eternal life.
35. The believer is identified with the spiritual death of Christ in which his sins were judged and the physical death of Christ which led to the resurrection. Since Christ was resurrected we, who are in Him, will also be resurrected and receive a body just like His (1 John 3:2).
36. Spiritual birth is accompanied by divine operating assets that make it possible for the believer to enjoy newness of life by means of spiritual growth.