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Broken Bread

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Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.--Col. 3:3

More literally it is, "For ye died." The words do not describe a condition of deadness, as many have assumed, but they point to the fact that death, as a crisis, has been passed through. And if we recognize the principle that all the great FACTS of redemption find their accomplishment first of all in Christ, rather than our individual experience, then we see that the death referred to took place on the cross. "For ye died" with Christ when He died. You were identified with Him in His death. This is the meaning of your baptism. "Know ye not, that so many of us were baptised into Jesus Christ were baptised into His death?" "Into HIS death," remember, not into your death. The fact with which faith is concerned is not something which finds its center in yourself, but in Christ. "For ye died." When? When you were baptised? No. When you experienced that wonderful blessing? No. But when CHRIST died, and you, in the eye of God, died with Him. This is the foundation of all experimental knowledge. We must begin with the judicial fact, or we shall have no solid basis to rest upon.