

Christ lives in me!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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What color did you wear after you were baptized? You probably don't remember your *own* baptism. But if you've seen a baptism, you know the new Christian wears white. All white. Pure and clean white. That's because after you are baptized, everything is new. Everything is different. You

might look like the same person, but you are really different. You follow Christ.

In the Epistle reading today, we hear what Saint Paul says about when he started to follow Christ. He writes, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Does Christ live in you? Yes, He does! But how do you show it? When we know that our Lord Jesus Christ lives inside of us, we start to act differently. We try to be more like Him. We try to do the right thing. We try to treat others in a Christ-like way. Maybe sometimes we do what *other* people want instead of what *we* want.

Is that hard to remember? Yes, of course! But the next time you are feeling grumpy or mean or angry at everybody, try to remember those words from the Bible. "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

BAPTISM
CHRIST LIVES IN ME
CONSTANTINOPLE
EARTHQUAKE
EPISTLE
GALATIANS
PRAYER
THEOTOKOS

E L R E C G O D U E T M G E E
A M T H E O T O K O S R P C L
G D N G P R R A B Y S I W X P
H A B I Q J U E G B S J O X O
W B L H S Q L D N T E I H Z N
O D C A H E D J L B L X Y W I
T G N T T R V E B H S K F U T
K F R K Q I U I G R Y V S B N
Z A B O B P A T L E P A N Z A
E F A I R U I N Q T Y K G Q T
V O P S U C X N S E S U K Q S
L I T V L Z X R I J D I F G N
B X I V A I O M I Q H U R K O
V S S R E Y A R P U T Z W H C
N C M K H M V S J N F J B U C

THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE

ALMOST 1,300 YEARS AGO!

Can you remember hearing about an earthquake?

Or a hurricane? The awful Hurricane Florence hit the United States just this year. People are still cleaning up from the winds and the flooding. That hurricane destroyed lots of homes. The earthquake in Haiti hit eight years ago. It was so bad that the people there still need our help.



An earthquake is a scary thing!

But this week we also remember an earthquake that hit almost 1,300 years ago in the great city of Constantinople! Was it really that bad? Well, if you came to church very early, you heard the chanters read about it. Some of the taller buildings fell over. Some of the most beautiful buildings toppled too. People were trapped under the stones.

But what happened then? The people did what YOU would do. They prayed to God and to His mother, the Theotokos. They prayed to St. Demetrios (whose nameday is this week, too). They prayed that God would protect them. They prayed that the earthquake would stop. And it did!

Whenever things go wrong, we can always turn to God and His saints. God listens to us, just as He listened to the people 1,300 years ago!

We remember the earthquake on Friday, Oct. 26th (Nov. 8th, OC)

What's in an icon?

This is an icon of the Great Earthquake of Constantinople.

You can see the people walking through the town with a big cross. They are asking God to bless the city. They are praying that God will stop the earthquake.

