

Resurrected to a New Life

Romans 6:1-6

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. NKJV

Have you ever noticed that there are some people who just don't get it.

And there are some people who just don't get it when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus.

There response is, "So." And I think that Christians are somewhat responsible for that attitude by the world. You see that many Christians, really live their lives as to say, "So." How can we expect others to get excited about what we do not. How can we expect others so show passion when we do not. Sometimes we are not very good representatives.

How real is the resurrection to us, to you and me? Paul indicates here that it is the resurrection of Jesus that has brought about a drastic change in every Christian's life. That change is as different as life and death. Now that is quite a change, isn't it?

- I. How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
 - A. Those who have died, given up the spirit are no longer concerned with the things of this life.
 1. Paul is not telling us here that we should not live in sin if God has saved us by His grace.
 2. He is saying that it is not possible.
 3. It is not possible that if God has begun a good work in you that He will not continue it until the Lord returns.
 - a. Php 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;
 - b. Jesus said my sheep hear my voice and the follow me. John 10:27
 - c. If you are following the voice of the Shepherd it is because you are not one of His sheep. John 10:26
 - B. Our old life of sin has no more power over those who died to it.
 - C. When by God's grace, we see the blackness and horribleness of sin, we cannot stomach it any longer.
- II. As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father
 - A. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the best if not the best attested facts of history.

1. I am more sure that Jesus was raised from the dead than that Abe Lincoln was president.
 2. But do you know it is interesting that on that early Sunday morning it was the empty tomb and the message of the angels that testified to His resurrection.
 3. But later that day, after Jesus had appeared to them in His resurrected body, they never again give the empty tomb as evidence of His resurrection.
 4. They had encountered the resurrected Christ and there was nothing that ever would change them back to what they were before.
- B. It is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead that works in us to give us a new appetite, a new vision, a new desire, a new goal, a new language, a new self-image.
- C. Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. NKJV
1. The same Holy Spirit that quickened Jesus body that day is the same Holy Spirit that indwells every believer. Imagine the power.
 2. And eventually that same Spirit that now lives in the believer will give life to our mortal bodies that we might be changed to be like His glorious body.
- D. Eph 1:19-20 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead NKJV
1. But for our message today, we need to see that it is that same Holy Spirit that lives in us that works mightily in us to preserve us through this world of temptation and sin.
 2. The resurrection power applied to the body of Christ to bring it back to life is the same power that God applies in our lives to give us victory over sin.
- III. Even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- A. What is this newness of life he is talking about?
1. Swayed by new motives. You live now to please God; afore time you lived to please yourself, or to please your neighbors.
 2. One which has new objects. You aim higher; yea, at the highest of all; for you live for God's glory.
 3. One of new emotions. Your fears, hopes, sorrows, and your joys are new.
 4. One of new hopes; we have a hope of immortality; a hope so glorious, that it causes us to purify ourselves in preparation for its realization.

5. One of new possessions. God has made us "rich in faith." Instead of groaning that life is not worth having, we bless God for our being, because of our well-being in Christ. We have peace like a river, and a secret joy which no man taketh from us. We drink of a well which none can dry up; we have bread to eat that the world knows not of.
6. One by which we are brought into a new world.
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IV. Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him

- A. That the body of sin might be done away with
 1. Notice that he does not say will be crucified.
 2. Nor does he say should be crucified.
 3. It is God's transaction, and it is done, past.
 4. That also means that it is sure.
 5. We don't need to worry as to whether it was done rightly, for by the Spirit of God, God has begotten us to a new life, completely.
- B. That we should no longer be slaves of sin
 1. Rom 6:6 We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin. AMP
 2. Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; NASU
 3. Rom 6:6-7 For we know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that sin's dominion over the body may be abolished, so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, 7 since a person who has died is freed from sin's claims. (from The Apologetics Study Bible, Copyright © 2007 by Holman Bible Publishers)

Have you been resurrected yet?

You say but I haven't died yet. But if you are a Christian you certainly have died. You were nailed to the cross.

As you look at your life today, is it living evidence that you have died to sin, been crucified with Jesus Christ and are now living that victorious resurrected life.

That is what your life can be if you will surrender to Jesus. Give up your own life and allow Him to life in and through you.

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