

## RAISED INTO NEW LIFE

**SLIDE** AT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST ... GOD ACCOMPLISHED 2 MAGNIFICENT THINGS FOR US ...

1. GOD CHANGED OUR LEGAL STATUS
2. GOD CHANGED OUR SPIRITUAL STATE

### 1. GOD CHANGED OUR LEGAL STATUS

*Last week for Easter Sunday, we saw that when Jesus rose from The Dead, God The Father was saying, 'I have accepted the sacrifice of this High-Priest and now all those whom He represents are Justified.'* (Romans 4:25)

**GOD WAS SAYING, 'I HAVE PROCLAIMED ALL THOSE IN CHRIST NOW, 100% FREE FROM SIN & LEGALLY RIGHTEOUS.'**

**WE RECEIVED A NEW LEGAL STATUS**

BUT THAT IS NOT WHERE IT FINISHED.

### 2. **SLIDE** GOD CHANGED OUR SPIRITUAL STATE

AT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS, GOD WENT ON TO CHANGE OUR SPIRITUAL STATE FROM A PERSON WHO HAD BEEN **DEAD IN SIN** ... TO A PERSON WHO BECAME ALIVE IN CHRIST.

**GOD BROUGHT INTO US A COMPLETELY NEW SPIRITUAL LIFE**

- IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS CHANGED WHAT WE ARE – NOW LEGAL BEFORE GOD
- IMPARTED LIFE CHANGED WHO WE ARE – NOW A NEW CREATION PERSON

Romans 6:4-5 NKJV **SLIDE**

*... Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life**.*

THIS NEW-LIFE IS NOW IMPARTED TO ALL WHO BELIEVE & IS CALLED **REGENERATION** OR BEING '**BORN-AGAIN**'.

BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION WE CAN HAVE 'THE NEWNESS OF LIFE' IN US.

**THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTED LIFE**

NB: THIS IS NOT TALKING ABOUT 'A LIFESTYLE' OR A WAY OF LIVING, THIS IS TALKING ABOUT **AN ACTUAL SPIRITUAL ESSENCE CALLED 'LIFE' IMPARTED INTO US**

1 John 5:12 NASB 1977

*He who has The Son Has **The Life***

**SLIDE** In John 3:16, 'Whosoever believes will have everlasting life' doesn't mean ... **'Whosoever believes will 'live forever' ...**  
(although we do have eternal life ...)

IT MEANS ...

**'Whosoever believes will receive The 'essence of life'**

IT IS THE SPIRITUAL SUBSTANCE OF JESUS' LIFE BECOMING ALIVE DEEP WITHIN US ...

JESUS SPOKE OF THIS DAY OF SALVATION WHEN HE SAID –

John 14:17 NKJV **SLIDE**

*The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive ... you know Him, for He dwells with you and **will be in you.***

IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT, BEFORE THE DEATH & RESURRECTION OF JESUS – **NOBODY WAS 'BORN-AGAIN'** – **NOBODY HAD THIS 'NEW LIFE' WITHIN THEM ...**

*Ever since Adam fell in Eden ... every human being has been **born in spiritual death.***

*Remember, God breathed into Adam **The breath of Life,** but Adam lost this life after eating the fruit of knowledge of good and evil.*

*And God said ... 'The day you eat of the fruit of that tree **YOU WILL SURELY DIE**' (Genesis 2:17)*

*Adam and Eve ate the fruit and consequently died spiritually ... **AND THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE AFTER THEM.***

***EVERY HUMAN-BEING IS BORN IN 'DEATH'.***

***MANKIND ARE ALL ALIVE physically, mentally and emotionally ...  
But DEAD SPIRITUALLY ...  
AND THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE UNTIL THE RESURRECTION  
OF JESUS CHRIST.***

**BEFORE THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS, NOBODY HAD  
RECEIVED THIS NEW LIFE.**

Peter states it ...

1 Peter 1:3 Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

***Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His  
great mercy He has given us new birth ... through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the dead.***

***PRIOR TO THIS***, God illuminated people's hearts so that they could  
be saved by faith ...

**BUT THOSE BELIEVERS HAD TO WAIT (EVEN AFTER DEATH) FOR  
THIS MONUMENTAL MOMENT WHEN THE SON OF GOD WOULD  
RISE FROM THE TOMB & **NEW LIFE WOULD BE RELEASED INTO  
THEM** ... AND THEY WOULD BE BORN AGAIN.**

***Even though Jesus told Nicodemus 'You must be 'Born Again,' this  
experience was not available to him until the resurrection of Jesus  
happened. (John 3:5&7)***

- **THIS NEW LIFE CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED**

This is NOT God restoring us to The Life Adam lost in The Garden  
of Eden.

**THIS IS A GREATER LIFE THAN THAT OF ADAM.**

Adam lost His SPIRITUAL Life when he disobeyed and died  
spiritually.

**THIS IS A NEW QUALITY OF LIFE NEVER BEFORE SEEN ...**

**THIS IS RESURRECTED LIFE ... **AN INDESTRUCTABLE LIFE** THAT  
HAS ACTUALLY OVERCOME PHYSICAL DEATH ... AND CAN  
NEVER BE DESTROYED.**

Hebrews 7:16 NKJV & NASB

***[One] who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly***

commandment, but according to *the power of an indestructible life.*

- **THIS NEW LIFE CAN NEVER BE CORRUPTED**

THIS 'NEW LIFE' CAN NEVER BE CORRUPTED & CAN NEVER FAIL  
EVEN THOUGH WE MAY FAIL ... FALL ... OR SIN.

1 Peter 1:23 NKJV

*... Born again, not of corruptible seed but **incorruptible**, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.*

THIS LIFE IN US CANNOT BE **INFECTED OR AFFECTED** BY ANY  
OUTWARD FAILING WE MAY HAVE.

IT IS THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST WHO NEVER FAILED ...

**IF YOU SIN NOW**, IT IS NOT YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE THAT SINS ...

**IT IS YOUR FLESH ...**

**YOUR SPIRIT REMAINS PERFECT IN NEW LIFE.**

PAUL TELLS US THAT WE SHOULD **WALK** IN THIS LIFE

Romans 6:4-5 **SLIDE**

*... Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life.***

IT'S ONE THING TO HAVE 'THE LIFE'

IT'S ANOTHER THING TO 'WALK IN THE LIFE'

*When I had cancer, The Lord brought me to a turning point ...*

*'He said to me, '**DO YOU WANT TO LIVE?**'*

*I KNEW HE MEANT MORE THAN 'GET WELL' ...*

*HE SPOKE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.*

*I THOUGHT ... '**I ALREADY HAVE 'THE LIFE' ...'***

*HOWEVER, IT WAS AS IF GOD WAS SAYING ...*

*'YES, YOU HAVE THE LIFE, **BUT DO YOU WANT TO LIVE THE LIFE.**'*

ALL BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS HAVE 'THE LIFE'

BUT NOT ALL BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS '**LIVE THE LIFE'**

**OR 'WALK IN THE LIFE'**

**HE SAYS, WALK = HERE & NOW ...**

WALKING IS SOMETHING WE DO UPON THE EARTH ...  
OUR FEET ARE ON THE EARTH –

WE HAVE THIS RESURRECTED LIFE NOW INSIDE US  
AND WE ARE ABLE TO LIVE IN IT HERE & NOW  
IN OUR DAILY LIVES UPON THE EARTH

**YOU HAVE THE LIFE ... NOW LIVE THE LIFE**

**SADLY MANY BELIEVERS DO NOT LIVE THIS NEW LIFE WITHIN THEM**

**THEY HAVE THE LIFE BUT THEY DO NOT LIVE THE LIFE**

MANY LEAVE 'THE LIFE' LOCKED AWAY INSIDE  
They try to walk the same old way they always walked before they had Christ's life.

**SOME HAD A BURST OF LIFE AND RAN ...**  
*They ran fast ... But then they ran out of energy and collapsed.  
Now some have gone back to their old ways of walking and end up sauntering in sadness ... not attending fellowship anymore ...  
And just existing – ambling from one day to another!*

**BUT NOW WE HAVE A CHOICE ...**  
NOW WE ARE TOLD WE SHOULD MOVE ONE FOOT AFTER ANOTHER IN LIFE – A SLOW ... STEADY ... PERPETUAL PACE THROUGH LIFE – **IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE.**

**DON'T TRY AND WALK LIKE UNSAVED PEOPLE AROUND YOU**

Ephesians 4:17 NKJV **SLIDE**  
*This I say, therefore and testify in the Lord, that **you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk**, in the futility of their mind <sup>18</sup> having their understanding darkened, **being alienated from the life of God ...***

**SO MANY OF US STILL GET OUR STANDARDS, MOTIVATION & INSPIRATION FROM PEOPLE WE ADMIRE IN THE WORLD.**

*E.g. In Capitalism it's dog eat dog – the survival of the fittest ...  
But I've known some believers who have started to follow these principles of success that come from the world – I did for a while.*

*'The Movie Wall Street' coined the phrase, 'Greed is Good' and it actually became many entrepreneur's mantra.*

**BUT THIS IS NOT WALKING IN THE LIFE INSIDE**

Romans 6:13 Berean Literal Bible

*Neither yield your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but yield yourselves to God, as **living out from the dead** and your members to God as instruments of Righteousness.*

**Literally: As brought **out from among the dead** into new life 'ek' out from among 'Nekron' = a corpse = AS BEING ALIVE FROM THE DEAD'**

**WALK IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE ... YOU ARE DIFFERENT**

We are now different and people around us should see the difference in us ...

You are not the same as the world around you ...

You have the newness of life inside you –

**Walk in this newness ...**

Let it flow through you ...

Let it direct your thoughts and feelings ...

Let it order your lifestyle ... where you go ... what you do ...

- WE NOW HAVE NEW MOTIVATION FOR LIVING HERE & NOW
- WE NOW HAVE NEW INSPIRATION FOR LIVING HERE & NOW
- WE NOW HAVE NEW DIRECTION FOR LIVING HERE & NOW
- WE NOW HAVE NEW ENERGY FOR LIVING HERE & NOW

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIVE THAT WAY YOU'VE BEEN LIVING**

**YOU CAN NOW LIVE A BETTER LIFE ...**

**A SUPERIOR LIFE**

**A MORE EXCITING LIFE ...**

**A MORE ENJOYABLE LIFE ...**

**THIS LIFE IS ALWAYS *NEW***

Romans 6:4-5 **SLIDE**

*... Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness** of life.*

- **SLIDE** THIS IS **NEW** – AS IN '**FRESH**' – EVERY DAY

**GOD SPECIALISES IN 'NEWNESS'**

**HIS MERCIES ARE NEW EVERY MORNING ... (Lamentations 3:23)**  
**NO STALE MANNA ... NEW MANNA EVERY DAY ...**

*Do you wake up in the morning ... someone says, 'Good Morning' and you say ... 'What's good about it?'*

*OR do you sing –*

**SLIDE**

*Oh what a beautiful morning ... Oh what a beautiful day ...  
I've got a wonderful feeling ... everything's going my way'*

- **SLIDE** THIS IS **NEW LIFE** ... FULL OF OPTIMISM & EXPECTATION

'Something Good is going to happen to me ...'

1 Peter 1:3 Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy **He has given us new birth into a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

***NB: This Hope is NOT just living in The Hope that Jesus is coming back ...***

***HE IS COMING BACK ... AND HE IS OUR BLESSED HOPE ...***

*But this is telling us that **Hope itself is a living thing inside you** ...  
This life is alive in Hope ...*

*Hope for what?*

***IT IS THE ATTITUDE OF HOPE ... A DIVINE EXPECTANCY ... A CONTAGIOUS POSITIVITY ...***

*It may not know any details but it knows **something good is going to happen today!***

- **SLIDE** THIS IS **NEW LIFE** AS IN ... **NEVER OLD.**

The flesh may be growing older ... but **WE DON'T EVER HAVE TO GET OLD. WE HAVE THE NEWNESS OF LIFE ... LET'S LIVE FROM THAT.**

Some of us have got old before our time ...  
We've accepted The Status Quo of retirement ...

*As a child I remember seeing several old couples parked by the side of the road on the grassy verge ... sitting in deck-chairs and drinking tea from their thermos*

**SLIDE** ... *I dreaded ever becoming like that ...*

I SEE IT NOW LIKE A METAPHOR – WHEN YOU GET OLD YOU GET OFF THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE, SIP TEA ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD & WATCH LIFE PASS YOU BY ...

**NOOOOOO! WE ARE NOT RETIRING BUT REFIRING.**

### **LIVING YOUNG**

SOME OLD PEOPLE AND SOME DISCOURAGED PEOPLE START TO **LOOK BACK & REMINISCE ABOUT THE GOOD OLD DAYS.** THEY BEGIN TO LIVE IN THE NOSTALGIC PAST WHICH IS **NOT IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE.**

**THE NEWNESS OF LIFE DOES NOT AGE** (even though your body may) ... IT REMAINS YOUNG ... IT CAUSES YOUR THINKING TO THINK YOUNG ...

Psalm 103:5 NLT **SLIDE**

*He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagles! (Also Isaiah 40:31)*

The Eagle sits on a rock (a symbol of the finished work of Christ) ... and scrapes its old beak away to reveal a NEW beak underneath .... It looks into the sun (the symbol of a New Day) and sheds its old feathers which have been replaced by NEW ones.

**THIS IS HOW THE EAGLE RENEWS & KEEPS ITS YOUTH**

**GET THAT STEREOTYPE OUT OF YOUR HEAD ... IT'S NOT FOR YOU ...**



**YOU LIVE OUT OF THIS NEW LIFE.**

**IT IS HEALTHIER FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH ... YOUR BRAIN  
FUNCTION ... AND EVEN YOUR BODY.**

*Your body will start to respond and age slower and more peacefully  
... joyfully ...*

*Your positive, joyful thinking will allow endorphins to flow through  
your body ...*

*Your heart will be under less stress ...*

*Your cells will respond as The Spirit of Him who raised Christ from  
The Dead brings life to your mortal body –*

Romans 8:11 CLV **SLIDE**

*But if **the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead** dwell in  
you, He that raised up Christ from the dead **shall also bring life to  
your mortal bodies** by His Spirit that dwells in you.*

**THE CREATIVE PROCESS IS ALIVE IN THIS NEWNESS OF LIFE.**

**NEW IDEAS FLOW, NEW CONCEPTS ...**

**THE IMAGINATION SOARS INTO NEW HEIGHTS ...**

**THERE ARE SO MANY MORE NEW THINGS TO DISCOVER ... TO  
BRING FORTH ...**

***HOW DO I START ... HOW DO I DO THIS?  
STOP BEFORE YOU START***

*This life is very deep inside you ...*

*Our problem is; we are so used to living on a surface level that we  
often fail to hear the life speaking deep within ...*

*We fail to appreciate the impulses of the life in us ...*

**STOP BEFORE YOU START WALKING IN YOUR OLD WAY &  
START TO LISTEN TO YOUR HEART ...**

**STOP BEFORE YOU START & LISTEN TO YOUR HEART**

Isaiah 12:3 NIV **SLIDE**

*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

