

Dying To Live!

Based on the command of Christ #28 – “Deny yourself”.

Luke 9:23 - "Then he said to them all: If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

I. We can't just play dead!

Luke 9:62 - "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of God."

Luke 9:24 - "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it but whoever loses his life for me will save it"

II. We are new people with a new life!

1 Cor. 15:3-8

3. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4. that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

5. and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

6. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

7. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

8. and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

1 Cor. 15:12-22

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13. If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

14. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

15. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

16. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

17. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

18. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

19. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.
20. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
21. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.
22. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Peter 3:21 - "This baptism which now saves you is not the washing of dirt from the body but the pledge to God of a good conscience. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Romans 8:10-14

10. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.
 11. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.
 12. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.
 13. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,
 14. because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
- The same spirit that raised Jesus from that physical death raises us from our spiritual death.

Romans 6:3-8

3. Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
4. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
5. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.
6. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--
7. because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.
8. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

2 Cor. 5:1 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old is gone, the new has come."

Carl Brand - "Though no one can go back and make a new beginning—anyone can start from now and make a new end."

You are not a Christian until you receive a new nature

2 Peter 2:20-22

20. If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.

21. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.

22. Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."

1 John 3:7-10

7. Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

8. He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

9. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

10. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

Deny = (ap-ar-neh'-om-ahee) – Disown, abstain from

1 Cor. 6:19-20

19. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

20. you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Gal. 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.