

The NEW LIFE

Main Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 1-17

This life is not the real life this experience in the earthly domain is to prepare us for eternity. Paul says for we know (NLT) that when this earthly tent is taken down - the believer are fully convinced that this body is not fit for the kingdom that is coming. This temple (body) will be dissolved/decay

Paul says we know - this is important to understand because a lot of our activities relates so much to the image we can see we do everything to look and feel good and please ourselves but we know that when we die we will have a house in Heaven an eternal body made for us by God not by human hands.

The hope: this body will die but we are not afraid about where this body is going because this body cannot inherit eternal life. There are so many different products marketed to remove wrinkles and make us look younger but this body is slowly decaying - if you really want to look good let the presence of the lord sit on you - like Moses who in his old age his face shone in the presence of the lord

There is a house prepared in heaven for each one in Christ there is a new body for a believe. When they saw Jesus they saw him in a glorified body and so too there is an eternal body made for us.

Now we get weary in our body and long for our heavenly body. Lets understand that this body was not made to last forever - from the dust we came and to the dust we will go.

We will not be spirit without bodies

While we live now in this body we groan and sigh we want to put on the new body so that the dying body will be swallowed up by life.

As a Guarantee of this new body he gives us the Holy Spirit.

Doesn't matter how beautiful our relationship is with the Lord is now its only a taste of what is to come. Because of the war in our members that wants to do good but we do evil

Support Scriptures: Romans 7:21; Romans 6 : 1-12; Titus 2: 11; Galatians 2: 20-21; 1 John 2:15-17

Faith helps us to do the desired will of the Lord.
Moses - stretched out his rod by faith

Goal of every believer is to please Him - why? Because we will stand before Christ to be judged for the good or evil we have done in the earthly body.

The person that has come to Christ understands that while he is here living a life to please God he knows that he will no longer live for himself. Before we were living a life that was self pleasing but now that we are in Christ Jesus we do not live for ourselves but live for Christ.

If we want to be apart of the resurrection process (to receive the glorified body) we can't get it with a lifestyle that is concerning ourselves.

We understand the precipice of this community of believers that we esteem our brothers higher than ourselves. We provide for the needs of our brothers. Many members - one body

Stop evaluating others from a human point of view
How different is it now

Anyone who comes to Christ is a new person

This old life is gone and a new life has begun

Any person who will receive the resurrected body MUST understand that in Christ we are a new creation

When we join with Christ in baptism we join him in death and are buried with Christ - the old man is dead (that man filled with lust and pride is now dead) and we are raised with him in new life

Sin no longer has power of the believer

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The old life that filled our minds with darkness lust covetousness pride greed was crucified in baptism and now we live a new experience with Christ.

NO LONGER SLAVES TO SIN

Now my goal is how am I going to please God while I am here in this flesh in a dark world. How can I live to please Him because my old life is now dead.

But now we have power to live right because my mind is given to Jesus Christ.
If we rebuke the devil he will flee because of this power in the life of the believer

How do we understand this new walk?

Turn from Godless living by being obedient to the grace of God (grace is an instructor through the world of God)
Every other opinion and doctrine of hell and manmade religion was leading us to hell but then Christ was revealed to us and we died to self - everything that concerns this new life comes from the Lord Jesus Christ.

The new life instructions come from the Lord Jesus Christ - not what I think - what does the Lord say in this matter?

Sin has no dominion on the believer. The influence we receive is from the Spirit of God

Do not give in to sinful desires.

This life will have tests and trials and tribulations, but the believer must understand that his focus is on the Lord Jesus and follow the example of Jesus so like Jesus heaven will testify of us that "this is my beloved son in whom I'm. Well pleased"

We can't give into the sinful desires and make your bodies instruments of evil:

1. It's a warning from Paul because of the wrestling with the old man
2. Why: we dare holy vessels dedicated to Gods service COMPLETELY

Give yourself completely fo God - thats our order

Every fibre of our being should be given to the LORd as a service to Him - we are living a NEW Life

Sin is no longer your master:

- Before this new experience we didn't have the ability to do anything for the Lord we were controlled by the sin nature.
- You don't even have to train a child to do wrong - sin is this master
- But the old things are passed away when we are in Christ Jesus
- We no longer live in bondage but in Freedom - to Live right

We are now free from the Control of Sin by God's Grace

Jesus cam to do Gods will - Jesus came to please God and that's the example we are required to Follow

We fool ourselves when we think we can give God a halfhearted effort and enter into his Kingdom- can't serve two masters

We are a slave to whatever we choose to obey

Obedience- whole heartedly - the heart given to service by obedience the teaching that comes from the Lord

A heart not given to Christ is one captivated by the power of Sin.

God knows that when someone is not render fully his heart - its half heated service.

Free from slavery to sin and now slaves to righteous living.

No longer me living but Christ living in me

The old man (the one that is greedy and aggressive prideful etc) is now dead we are new creations

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We don't feel the power of guilt the enemy can then look to the Cross for the old man.

No longer under condemnations because I live to please Christ. I am given a new heart and on my heart is written the laws of God. I then live by trusting in the Son of God who died for me. I don't disregard the grace of God in my life. That's, why the believer cannot continue in sin because he understands by receiving the grace of God that grace is teaching us and is powerful in our life all the law could do, showed how guilty I was but the answer came in the death of Jesus Christ. Jesus gave of himself so we can find life and have it more abundantly

The power of grace comes through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.

How can I live into the sinful desire and walk-in passions and lust when I think of the grace of Jesus on the cross for me?

We know that when he comes we will be resurrected to receive the new body in Christ. Because as Jesus was resurrected if I am also in him, I too will be resurrected.

The big question: Have you received this new life? Have you surrendered your life to the Lord?

Only a surrendered life has abundant life.

Choose life over death - surrender your life - to not make a choice is to choose death.