

## Sunday Morning Message

April 21, 2019

*Nevertheless I Live*

Topic – The Resurrected Life; The Resurrection; Spiritual life; alive to Christ

Text – Colossians 3:1 - 17

Congregational Reading – Colossians 3:1 - 4

### Introduction

Last week, our focus was on the death of Christ, this week we will concentrate on His resurrection. Last week we focused on being “in Adam,” meaning that because of Adam’s sin, we all became guilty. We said that if we have received Christ as Saviour, we are “in Christ,” meaning we have been crucified with Him on the Cross. But, since we are connected with Him in His death, we are also united with Him in His resurrection.

*"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)*

### Transition

Because we have identified with His death through faith, we have also identified with His resurrection.

#### I. In Christ, We Are Alive Spiritually

*"Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 5:18-21)*

Turn to John 3:1 – 18 – You were born dead spiritually, but if you have placed your faith in Christ, you have been made alive spiritually.

*"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;" (Ephesians 2:1)*

The word “quicken,” means to give life to.

*"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise," (Ephesians 1:13)*

*"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (1 Corinthians 15:22)*

*"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36)*

*"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14)*

*"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24)*

*"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. ... Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:40, 47)*

You were born dead, spiritually, and eventually physically as well. But, if you have trusted Christ, you have been given spiritual life, and when this physical body dies, your spiritual life will continue after the grave into everlasting life with the Lord in Heaven.

*"Jesus said unto her [Martha], I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25-26)*

## **II. In Christ, We Will Someday Be Raised Bodily (1 Corinthians 15:49 – 58)**

Since Christ is risen from the dead, we know that He has resurrection power. He says that He will raise us up from the dead someday. God cannot lie. Therefore we believe that these bodies will be changed into supernatural bodies, and will be taken to Heaven and reunited with our souls someday.

*"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*

## **III. In Christ, We Possess The Power of a Resurrected Life Today**

### **Know ye not... (1 Corinthians 6:3; 9 – 20)**

If you are saved, you have the Person that created the universe within you. Nurture that relationship. Find out what pleases Him and do it. Find out what grieves Him and stay away from it.

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

The Holy Ghost is the down payment Christ gives us who are saved, until He comes back for us and takes us to Heaven:

*"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:13-14)*

You have resurrected life dwelling within you now, if you are "in Christ."

**That I may know Him... (Philippians 3:7 – 21)**

### **Conclusion**

The gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. However, for those of us who are "in Christ," we have died with Him by faith, we were buried with him by faith, and by faith, we know that we will also be raised with Him. But we can also have that new life, that resurrected life now.

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

*"For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:3)*

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Show the world Christ, through the power of the resurrected life that you have within.