

HOW TO LIVE A RESURRECTED LIFE

Easter 2023 Series
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WHAT DOES A RESURRECTED LIFE LOOK LIKE?

CAUTION: Don't fall into the misbelief that you are living a resurrected life just because you claim to be a Christian.

1. A RESURRECTED LIFE MEANS A _____.

¹⁶ *So, we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time, we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!* ¹⁷ *This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!* 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (NLT)

¹⁹ *and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength.* ²⁰ *God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens,* ²¹ *far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. Ephesians 1:19-23 (CEB)*

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The heavens and the earth?*

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*He raises the poor out of the dust
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,*

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*That He may seat them with princes,
With the princes of His people. Psalm 113:6-8 (AMP)*

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2. A RESURRECTED LIFE IS A _____ FROM GOD.

¹⁸ *Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Messiah and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18 (TLV)*

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"Our old history ends with the Cross; our new history begins with the resurrection." ~ Watchman Nee

3. GOD DOES THE _____, NOT HUMANS.

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"There is no peace for the wicked," says the Lord. Isaiah 48:22 (NLT)

*There is no one who calls on Your name,
Who arouses himself to take hold of You;
For You have hidden Your face from us
And have delivered us into the power of our iniquities. Isaiah 64:7 (NLT)*

The core message of the incarnation of God in Jesus is that the Divine Presence is here, in us and in all of creation, and not only "over there" in some far-off realm. The early Christians came to call this seemingly new and available Presence "both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). ~ Fr. Richard Rohr

4. OUR RESURRECTED LIFE REQUIRES US TO BECOME _____ FOR CHRIST.

God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you. ²¹ How? you ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God. 2 Corinthians 5: 20-21 (The MSG)

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