

Pursuit 24

Pursuit of a New Life

Php 3:12-14 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing / do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

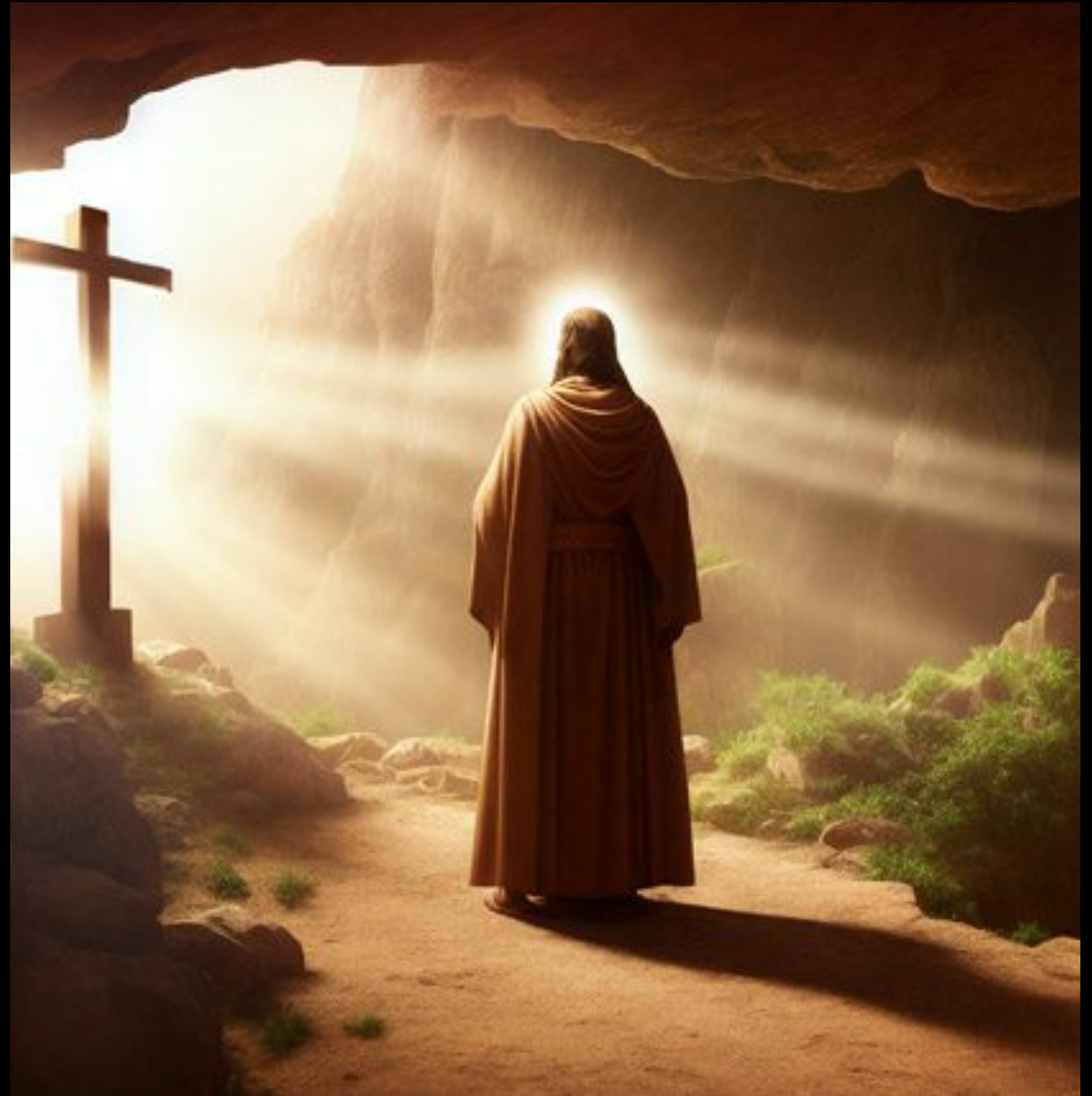
In Review

- What does it mean to Pursue?
- God's Pursuit of Man.
- Man's Pursuit of Sin.
- In Pursuit of Christ as a Person and an Ideal.
- In Pursuit of Endurance.
- In Pursuit of Holiness.



In Pursuit of New Life

- What do we celebrate on Easter?
- **1Co 15:14-19** And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain. **15** Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. **16** For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: **17** And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins. **18** Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. **19** If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.



Important ideas

1. So that we may pursue Him as a person and not just an ideal.
2. Declares victory over death, the opposite of life. (Symbols and Concepts)
3. But in order to raise He had to first die.



Death is the start.

The cycle of bearing fruit.

Jhn 12:24-25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

In order to experience New Life, growth, and fruit. One must first... Die.



Rom 6:1-11 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **2** God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? **3** Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection: **6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **7** For he that is dead is freed from sin. **8** Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: **9** Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. **10** For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. **11** Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What does it mean?

Obviously once in that the old man is dead and the new man is born again. (Romans 6:4)

Living Sacrifice (Rom. 12:1)

Love the Lord your God (Mark 12:30-31) Living Sacrifice is:

- Body
- Soul
- Mind
- Strength



To Bear Fruit is the Goal

**Death is not the goal.
Remember the seed.**

**Then we can begin to bear
fruit, this is walking in
Newness of life. (Romans 6:4)**

**A person who has died to self
in Christ has been planted
anew a will bear fruit.**



Why then am I not bearing fruit?

- Perhaps you have never truly died to self? Therefore you have never truly had the ability to sprout anew.
- Perhaps you died to self but fell on ground that was not fertile or fell in ground filled with thorns.
- Either way, is it not time to die to self so that you may be resurrected in newness of life, walking in that?



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