

Living the New Life

- *Tonight we start our new series that we are calling; “The Living Series.” Why? Christianity is meant to be lived out, and not just talked about.*
- *These teachings will continue for 10 weeks. (Starting tonight thru November 10) (except Oct. 13)*
- *These foundational Bible studies are designed for those who are new to the Christian faith, or those who feel they need a refresher on what it means to be a follower of Christ.*
- *We will start the teachings at 7:10PM sharp and will end the Bible study with a short time for some Q&A. We will be closing in prayer no later than 8:30PM.*
- *These teachings will not be live streamed, but the audio version and notes for each teaching will be uploaded to the Band App and Church App, soon after the teaching is over.*
- *When the Lord Jesus Christ called His disciples to Himself, He told them, “**Follow Me.**” After over 2,000 years, His instructions to His people have not changed.*
- *The disciples were called to live a new life.*
- *How does the new life begin?*
- *What does the new life look like?*
- *Why is the new life important?*

The New Birth

John 3:1-8;16 ¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, **a ruler of the Jews.** ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered and said to him, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water {natural} and the Spirit {supernatural}, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**” ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, **‘You must be born again.’** ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes,

and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. **So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.**" ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him** should not perish but **have everlasting life**.

- ***Being religious is not enough to see the kingdom of God or have everlasting life.***
- ***Being born-again is also known as; being born from above, born from God, or born of the Spirit.***
- ***The new birth, the new life comes when a person believes in Jesus to be the only Son of God.***
- ***Everlasting life begins when you become a born again follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.***

The New Standing Before God

John 1:12 ¹² But as many as received Him, **to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

1 John 3:1 **Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!** Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

- ***Our new standing before God is our identity as His children.***

Ephesians 1:4-6 ⁴ just as **He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,** that we should be holy and without blame before Him **in love,** ⁵ **having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,** ⁶ **to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.**

- ***The Lord chose this identity for us before He created the world.***
- ***The Lord chose us to be His children according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, not according to us.***
- ***We are not accepted because of us; we are accepted because of Jesus.***

Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸ For **by grace you have been saved** through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

- ***We have a new saved standing before God.***

Romans 5:1-2 ¹ Therefore, **having been justified** by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into **this grace in which we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- ***We have a new justified standing before God that is based upon His grace.***

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 ¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you **the gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received and **in which you stand**, ² **by which also you are saved**, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

- ***We have a new saved standing before God because of the Gospel.***

Romans 10:9-13 ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**. ¹⁰ **For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation**. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "**Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame**." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same LORD over all **is rich to all who call upon Him**. ¹³ For "**whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved**."

- ***The Lord is not stingy with His mercy and grace to those who call upon Him.***
- ***We are saved, we are being saved, and we will be saved.***

1 John 5:12-13 ¹² **He who has the Son has life**; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ These things **I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life**, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

- ***Let us stand confidently in the assurance of our eternal life.***

The New Purpose

2 Corinthians 5:15-20 ¹⁵ and He died for all, **that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him** who died for them and rose again. ¹⁶ **Therefore, from now on**, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new**. ¹⁸ **Now all things are of God**, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and **has given us the ministry of reconciliation**, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, **and has committed to us the word of**

reconciliation.²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

- *We no longer to live for ourselves, but from now on we live for the Lord as His ambassadors, that He can plead to the lost through our new lives.*

Ephesians 2:10 ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Philippians 2:13 ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

- *Our new purpose as born-again Christians is to let God work in us so we can live out good works that please Him.*

Matthew 5:16 ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- *Our new purpose is reflecting Christ by good works that bring glory to the Father. (Jn.15:8)*
- *Be a lighthouse for others.*

The New Person

Ephesians 4:17-24 ¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. ²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 3:10 ¹⁰ and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

- *The new life does not live like the rest of the godless world.*
- *The new life is learning Christ.*
- *The new life is putting off our old conduct.*

- ***The new life is being renewed in the spirit of the mind. (Mk.12:30) We live with a biblical worldview, not a secular worldview.***
- ***The new life is conforming to the original image of true righteousness and holiness. Back to the blueprint.***

The New Position

Romans 6:1-6 ¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall **we who died** to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as **were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?** ⁴ Therefore **we were buried with Him through baptism into death**, that just as Christ was raised 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 united together in the likeness of His death**, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, **that our old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, **that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

- ***We are dead men and dead women walking.***

Galatians 2:20 ²⁰ **I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live**, but Christ lives in me; and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Colossians 3:3-4 ³ For **you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.** ⁴ When **Christ who is our life** appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Luke 9:23 ²³ Then He said to *them* all, **"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.**

- ***The new position is dead to the old self and living in the newness of life, every single day.***

The New Priorities

Acts 2:42 ⁴² And **they continued steadfastly** in **the apostles' doctrine** and **fellowship**, in **the breaking of bread**, and in **prayers.**

- ***The new priorities flow from a life that is continually devoted to growing in the new relationship with Christ.***
- ***Just as people take advantage of gym membership to grow stronger, God's people must take advantage of Him membership to grow stronger spiritually.***

The New Pursuit

Romans 12:1-2 ¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, **by the mercies of God**, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy**, acceptable to God, *which* is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- ***The new pursuit is a response to God's mercy.***

2 Corinthians 3:18 ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

- ***The new pursuit is beholding the Lord again and again so the Holy Spirit can transform us in Christlikeness.***
- ***If we will not live be holding the Lord Jesus Christ, we will not be transforming, but most probably conforming to the world around us.***

Philippians 3:13-14 ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, **forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,** ¹⁴ **I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

- ***The new pursuit lets go of old pursuits in order to lay hold of what the Lord has for us in Christ.***

The New Passion

Revelation 2:4 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left **your first love.**"

- ***The new passion takes preeminence over every other passion.***
- ***Christianity only pleases the Lord when He is loved above it all.***
- ***First love for God is something that you will have to guard for the rest of your life.***

