

Revived: Awakened to Abundant Life

If we're honest the last few years have taken a toll on us all. Satan has attempted to steal, kill, and destroy God's people. But it's time that we all be revived to live the abundant life Jesus came to give us!

Last night God showed me an Evangelist that I know in a dream. He said to me, "Where the true gospel is being preached there isn't growth but division." Meaning there would be people separating themselves from Jesus because they felt the cost to follow Him was too high.

The Cost

Matthew 19:21-22

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21 Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

22 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Matthew 16:24-27

New King James Version

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny** himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

to deny

to affirm that one has no acquaintance or connection with someone

to forget one's self, lose sight of one's self and one's own interests

Peter's denial of Jesus should mirror our denial of our old selves.

Death Before Revival

Revival

- 1. Return, recall or recovery to life from death or apparent death**
- 2. Return or recall to activity from a state of *languor**
- 3. Recall, return or recovery from a state of neglect, oblivion, obscurity or depression**
- 4. Renewed and more active attention to religion; an awakening of men to their spiritual concerns.**

***Languor**

1. Feebleness; dullness; heaviness; lassitude of body; that state of the body which is induced by exhaustion of strength, as by disease, by extraordinary exertion, by the relaxing effect of heat, or by weakness from any cause.

2. Dullness of the intellectual faculty

I HAVE THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE, I AM A CHILD OF GOD, I HAVE ACCESS TO GOD, I HAVE BEEN ADOPTED INTO GOD'S FAMILY AND CAN CALL GOD MY FATHER, I AM LOVED BY GOD, I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD, HE CREATED AND FASHIONED ME AND GAVE ME A PURPOSE TO FULFILL I AM NOT AN ACCIDENT, I AM ACCEPTED, HE CARES FOR ME WHEN I AM WEAK, I AM FORGIVEN, I AM FREE FROM CONDEMNATION, I AM A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST I HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED, GOD WILL STRENGTHEN ME TO DO ALL I NEED TO DO, I HAVE PEACE WITH GOD MY PEACE WITH GOD IS BASED ON CHRIST NOT MY EMOTIONS, GOD WILL NOT LEAVE OR FORSAKE ME.

These are God's unbreakable promises and there are more. Every believer in Jesus Christ should expect to experience these if they have denied themselves of sin and death, and fully walk in the newness of life, REVIVED.

Ephesians 4:17-24
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17 With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. 18 Their minds are full of darkness; **they wander far from the life God gives** because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. 19 They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.

20 But that isn't what you learned about Christ. 21 Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, 22 **throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.** 23 **Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.** 24 **Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.**

The Works of Satan vs. The Works of God

John 10:10
New King James Version

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Mephibosheth Revived/ 10 Steps of Revival

1. A source of love, goodness, kindness, power and love.

Mephibosheth - grandson of King Saul, Israel's first king. Son of Jonathan David's best friend.

1 Samuel 18:1-3
New King James Version

18 Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the [a]soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore.

2. A covenant, a promised commitment to the well being of another.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

3. A separation, whether real or perceived, from the abundance of life, caused by the thief Satan.

2 Samuel 4:4

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4 (Saul's son Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth,[a] who was crippled as a child. He was five years old when the report came from Jezreel that Saul and Jonathan had been killed in battle. When the child's nurse heard the news, she picked him up and fled. But as she hurried away, she dropped him, and he became crippled.)

2 Samuel 9

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4. A reunion between the victim and the victor.

9 One day David asked, "Is anyone in Saul's family still alive—anyone to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 He summoned a man named Ziba, who had been one of Saul's servants. "Are you Ziba?" the king asked.

"Yes sir, I am," Ziba replied.

3 The king then asked him, "Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them."

Ziba replied, "Yes, one of Jonathan's sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet."

4 "Where is he?" the king asked.

"In Lo-debar," Ziba told him, "at the home of Makir son of Ammiel."

5 So David sent for him and brought him from Makir's home.

5. Surrender and reverence to the Reviver.

6 His name was Mephibosheth[a]; he was Jonathan's son and Saul's grandson. When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect. David said, "Greetings, Mephibosheth."

Mephibosheth replied, "I am your servant."

6. A new covenant of revival and restoration.

7 "Don't be afraid!" David said. "I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan. I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king's table!"

7. A humble response to the offer of revival and restoration.

8 Mephibosheth bowed respectfully and exclaimed, "Who is your servant, that you should show such kindness to a dead dog like me?"

8. A royal command setting revival in place.

9 Then the king summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 You and your sons and servants are to farm the land for him to produce food for your master's household.[b] But Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, will eat here at my table." (Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)

9. Obedience to the command.

11 Ziba replied, “Yes, my lord the king; I am your servant, and I will do all that you have commanded.”

10. Revived - to forever be connected to and in the company of the giver of life.

And from that time on, Mephibosheth ate regularly at David’s table,[c] like one of the king’s own sons.

12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. From then on, all the members of Ziba’s household were Mephibosheth’s servants. 13 And Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, lived in Jerusalem and ate regularly at the king’s table.

10 Keys to Being Revived

1. A source of love, goodness, kindness, power and love.
2. A covenant, a promised commitment to the well being of another.
3. A separation, whether real or perceived, from the abundance of life, caused by the thief Satan.
4. A reunion between the victim and the victor.
5. Surrender and reverence to the Reviver.
6. A new covenant of revival and restoration.
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