



Rev 2:9 The TREE of life *was* also in the midst of the garden,
and the TREE of the knowledge of good and evil.



He drove out the man...

GENESIS 3:24

Access To Eternal Life In Fellowship With God Revoked



Leaves of the TREE for
the healing of nations

New Jerusalem Rev 21

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On either side of the river, stood the tree of life...
REVELATION 22:2

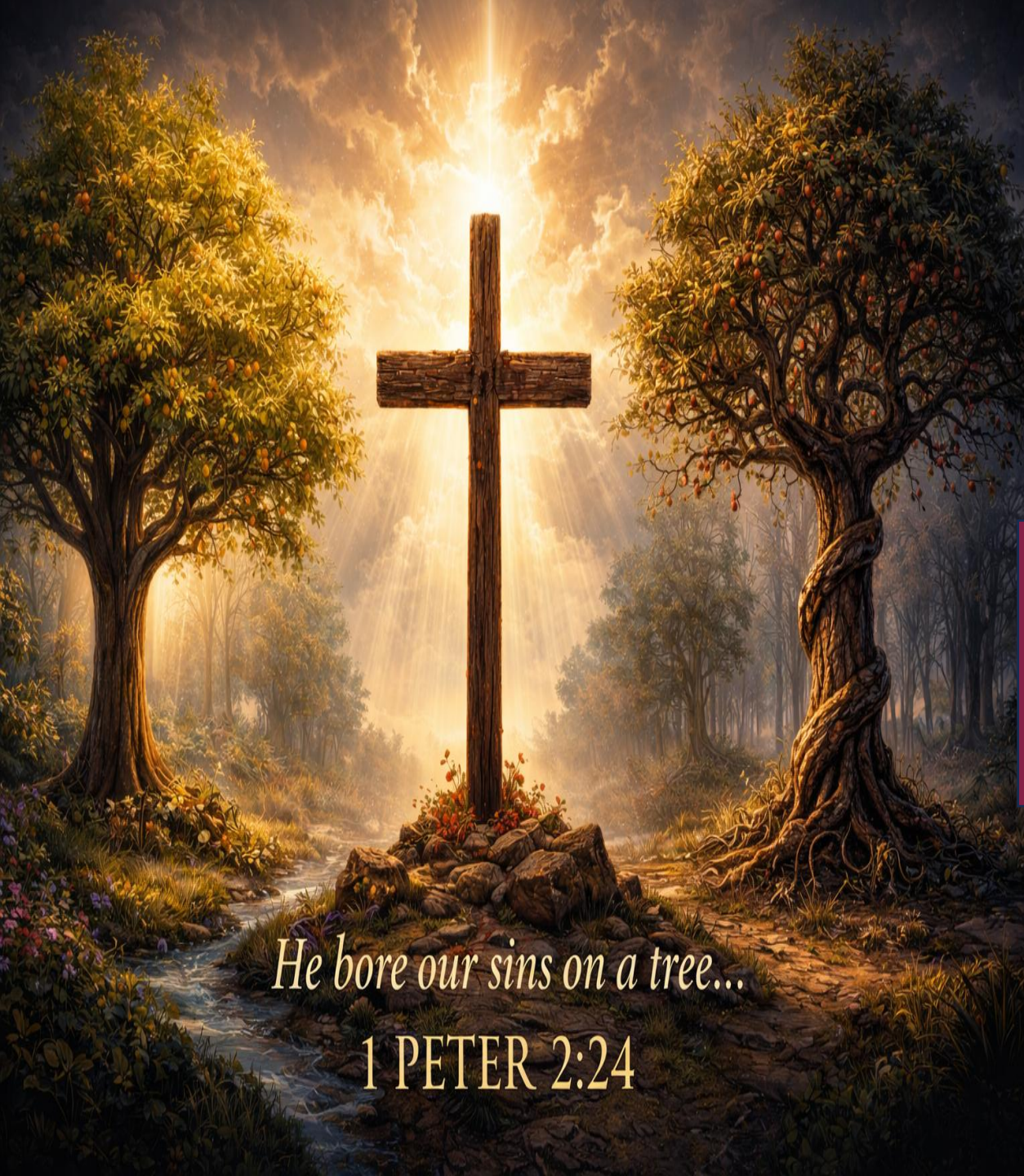


Three Trees

TREE of Life, TREE of Knowledge of Good & Evil, & The CROSS



1 Pet 2:24 Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the TREE



He bore our sins on a tree...

1 PETER 2:24

THE TREES

Life lost At A TREE

Life Restored At A TREE

Access To Life Granted On
A TREE

Take Up Your **CROSS**
Daily and Follow Me

Luke 9:23



Series: "Because He Got Up"

Scripture Reading 1 Pet 2:21-24



CHURCH OF CHRIST *at Long Creek*

"I Have A New Life, That Man Is Dead"

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Life On The Other Side of The Cross



New Life=New Identity



Eze 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will **take the heart of stone out** of your flesh and **give you a heart of flesh.**

Stone vs Flesh

Stone (Cold & Hard) vs Flesh (Warm & Soft)

Genesis Man Chose The Wrong TREE And Changed Identity In Christ Through The Cross God Gives You Access Back To Life

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is in Christ*, *he is* a new creation; **old things** have passed away; behold, all things **have become new.**

What does the spirit do for/in us John 16:8

Your Identity Is Shaped By The TREE You Choose

Daily Luke 9:23 (WWJD 1 Pet 2:21)



Evidence of Your New Identity

You cover **instead**

... as a cover

You h

... presence

You feel shamed

“Our Old Self Was Crucified” Rom 6:6

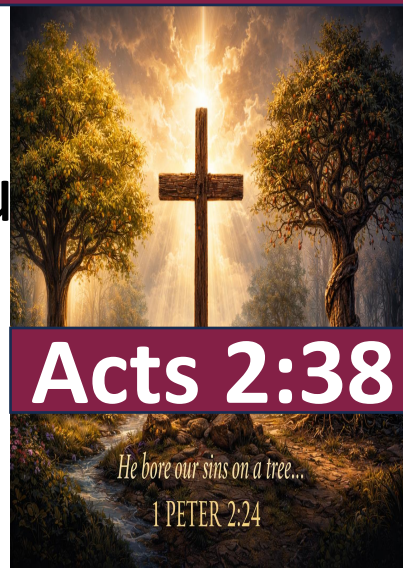
... afraid ?

You blame **instead** of taking responsibility **Gen 3:12-13** The woman/serpent

The New You Is Not Longer Cold & Unresponsive Spiritually

Eze 36:27

I will put My Spirit within you and **cause you to walk in My statutes**, and you will **keep** My judgments and **do them**.



Acts 2:38

John 6:63

It is **the Spirit who gives life**; the flesh profits nothing. **The words** I speak to you are spirit and **they are life**.

When is the Spirit received?



New Life = New Walk



Isaiah 43:18-19 Do not remember **the former things**, Nor consider the **things of old**. ¹⁹ Behold, **I will do a new thing**, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness *And* rivers in the desert.

Genesis They Ate The Wrong Tree & Walk Away From God

How Do You Walk Back To Christ

Rom 6:4 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**.

You Can't Walk With God And Keep Visiting The Wrong Tree



The New Walk Don't Just Know About Cross



Run To God, Not From **Heb 4:16** Comes boldly before the throne of grace

New Walk Draws Near To God When Falling Short

Honest about sin **1 John 1:7**, Knows the power of the blood to cleanse

New Walk Don't Cover Sin It Confess Through Repentance

Replace guilt with grace **Rom 8:1** Therefore now no condemnation in__?

New Walk Live and Serve With Confidence In The Cross

Desires to please God love **John 14:15** If you love me keep my commandments

New Walk Don't Argue With God It Aligns With His Will

Has A Funeral Daily **Col 3:5** Put to death what is earthly in you

New Walk Produces A New Appetite

Does not stay hidden **Matt 5:16** Let your light shine that they **may see**__?

New Walk Witness Without Forcing 1 Pet 3:15



**The New Life
Says:
He Got Up
So I Am Not Who I Used
To Be
My Past Is A _____**





**The New Life Says:
He Got Up**

So I Am Not Who I Used To Be

**My Past Is A REFERENCE Point
Not a RESIDENCE**

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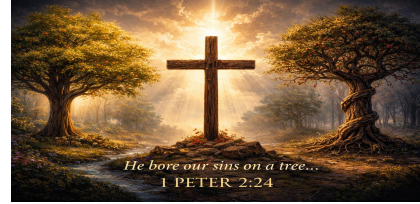


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New Life = New Pursuit



Psalm 1:3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water.

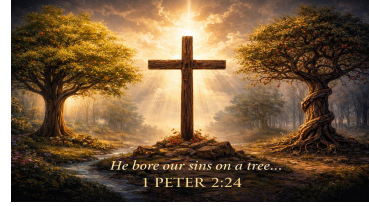
Does Not Loose Focus: Able To Keep The Main Thing, The Main Thing Pursues God Matt 6:33: But seek **first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and **all these things** shall be added to you.

Pursues Holiness James 1:27: Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to **keep oneself unspotted from the world.**

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



Signs You Are Pursing The New Life



Progressing **Phil 3:13-14** *“Forgetting the past pressing forward to what lies ahead”*

Not perfect **2 Cor 3:18** *“being transformed to his image from **glory to glory**”*

Fighting sin not feeding it **Rom 6:12** *“Do not let **sin reign** in your mortal body”*

Hearing leads to obedience **James 1:22** *“Be doers of the word **not hearers only**”*

I make different choices **James 4:17** *“knowing to do good and **not doing it is sin**”*

Reflect instead of reacting **Prov 12:1** *“whoever loves instructions loves knowledge”*

You help others find life **John 1:41** *“He went and **found his own brother**”*

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Gal 5:24 Those who **are Christ's have crucified** the flesh with its passion and desires



Choose Your Tree Today



Matt 7:14 Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way **which leads to life**, and there are few who find it.

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Life On The Other Side of The Tree

New Identity

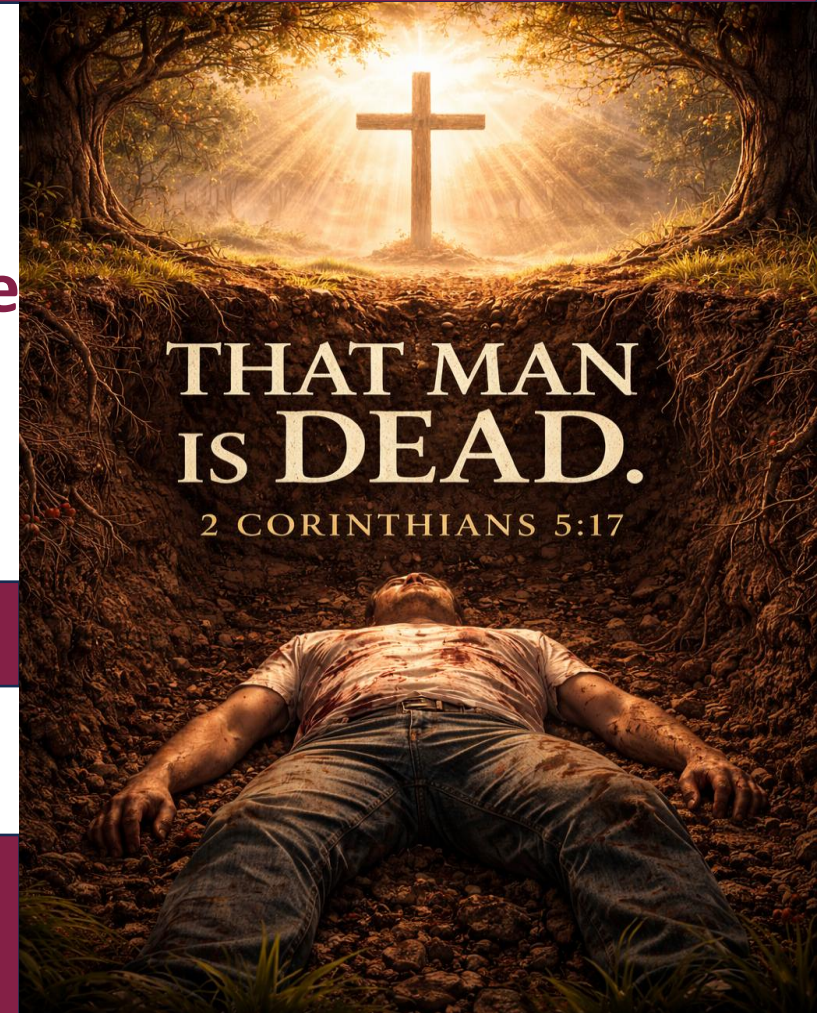
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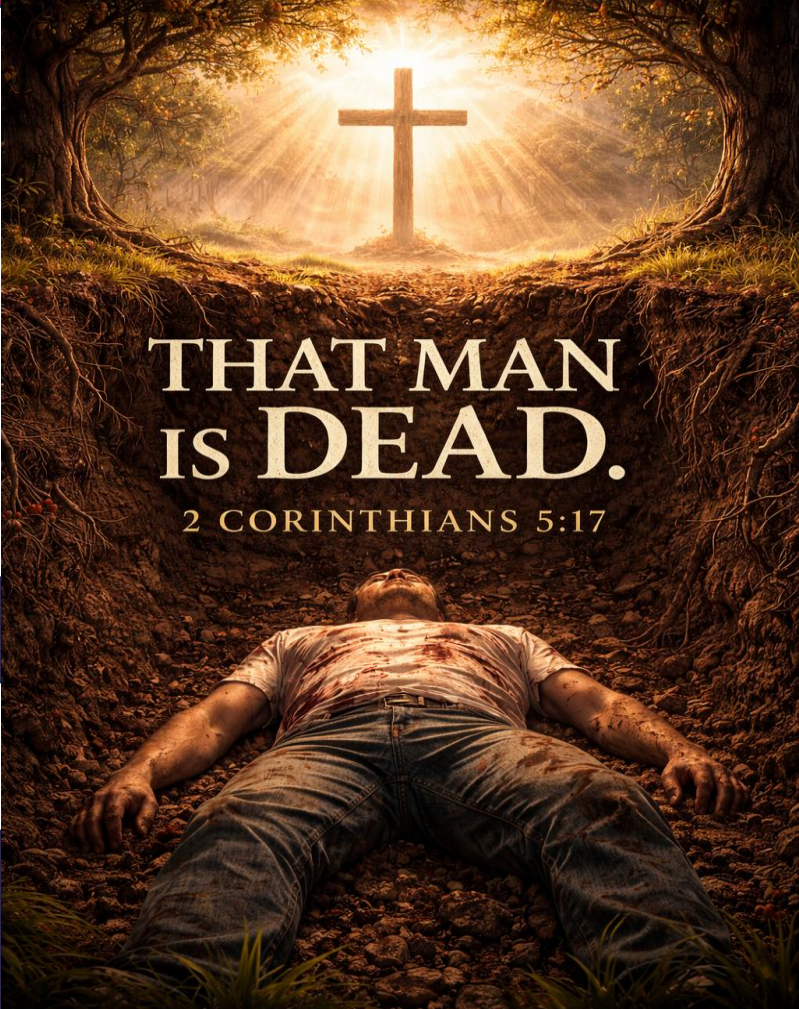


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