

A Resurrected Life

The Story

Jesus claimed He is life for believers.

John 11:25–26 (NIV) — Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

John 10:10 (NIV) — The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

God has given us the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38–39 (NIV) — Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for allwhom the Lord our God will call.”

What does a resurrected life look like?

- [The actions they took.](#)
- [The words that describe their attitudes.](#)

Acts 2:42–47 (NIV) — They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and the favor of all the people. *And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Christ’s body on the move.

- [God has saved us for a purpose. He is on the move.](#)
- [Many do not experience abundant life or a resurrected life. Why?](#)

Luke 19:10 (NIV) — For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Acts 1:8 (NIV) — But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV) — Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

God saved each of us for purpose.

- [To bring the dead back to life, resurrection.](#)
- [To be missionaries as individuals and as a family.](#)
- [To reach the world as a church, God’s Team.](#)

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) — For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Romans 12:4–6 (NIV) — For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith.

People are confused about what this resurrected life means, even believers. The book of Acts shows us examples of the disciples living a Resurrected Life.

Stephen and the Seven Servants (Acts 6-7).

- [Love leads to service. Elevated to service. In service is where they grew.](#)

Acts 6:1-6 NIV In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on



tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” ⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Peter was sent to Cornelius and discovers God's greater mission (Acts 10-11).

- [Faith and Obedience leads to purpose.](#)

Acts 11:15-18 NIV ¹⁵ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Peter and John heal the lame man (Acts 4-5).

- [Hope leads to Confidence in the face of persecution.](#)

Acts 4:13 NIV When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

