

Resurrection Life

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Fully Equipped to Serve and Influence
Through the Power of the Trinity

OR

God has Changed You so You
Can Influence Others

2 Cor. 3:4 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. *5* Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, *6* who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

We have every reason for confidence as we spread Jesus's fame.

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- Led by the Father in Christ's triumph (v. 2:14)
- Perfumed with Jesus's pleasing fragrance (v. 2:15)
- Commissioned to tell the truth of Jesus in full view of the Father (v. 2:17)
- Authored by Christ through the presence of the Spirit (v. 3:3)

The Father is the source of our beneficial influence in the world.

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The Spirit's presence imparts the benefits of the new, life-giving covenant.

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Romans 7:6 But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

Our influential lives grow from the New Covenant benefits secured by Jesus.

Luke 22:20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Jeremiah 31:31- 34 "I will make a new covenant..."

- *I will put my law within them..., (v. 33)*
- *I will write it on their hearts. (v. 33)*
- *I will be their God, and they shall be my people (v. 33)*
- *They shall all know me (v.34)*
- *I will forgive their iniquity (v.34)*
- *I will remember their sin no more. (v. 34)*

Reflection & Discussion

1. The Father makes you sufficient to influence and benefit others in his name.
 - a. How does that knowledge make you feel?
 - b. What's one practical action you can take to organize your daily life around this truth?
2. Read Jeremiah 31:33-34.
 - a. Note/discuss the benefits of this new covenant.
 - b. How might a joyful awareness of them shape interactions with the people you engage with on an average day?

SONGS

"RAISE A HALLELUJAH" – Jake Stevens, Jonathan Helser, Melissa Helser, and Molly Skaggs

"WHO YOU SAY I AM" – Reuben Morgan, Ben Fielding

"WORTHY OF IT ALL" – David Brymer, David Brymer, Ryan Hall, and Ryan Hall

"IN CHRIST ALONE" – Stuart Townsend, Keith Getty

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 22,876.74
WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$244,304.39
Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$324,837.00