

Resurrection Life

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Living to Please Jesus Overview of Resurrection Life

Postcards from "Resurrection Life"

- Ch. 2** · We carry Jesus's victory everywhere the Father leads us
- Ch. 3** · Our Spirit-transformed lives authenticate the gospel
 - Emboldened by the incomparable New Covenant, we tell the gospel of Jesus who opens eyes & hearts
- Ch. 4** · Enduring suffering highlights the power of the gospel & spreads the fragrance of Christ
 - Guaranteed a resurrection, we endure temporary suffering to share eternal life with everyone

We please Jesus when...

1 ...we live like we are reconciled to God

2 Cor 5:19...in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

- Alive to the Father through the Son
2 Cor. 5:21 For our sake [the Father] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- Cooperating with the Holy Spirit's work in transforming us into the Son's likeness
2 Cor. 4:18 And we all...beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.
- Confident in our call as ambassadors on God's behalf
2 Cor. 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. (see 3:6, 4:1)

2 ...our lives show evidence that we've been "gripped" by his love

2 Cor. 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all... that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

- Beholding and "stewing" over his sacrificial death on our behalf
- Living unselfconsciously for Jesus for the benefit others
- Viewing everyone in light of their potential for peace with God. (see 5:19)
- Sharing our knowledge of His love so others can experience it too.

3 ...we prioritize daily choices in the light of His commendation both now and in eternity?

2 Cor. 5:9 *So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

Titus 2:14 *(Jesus) gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

Life area	Priority	Motivation	Attitude	Relationship
<i>eg. hobby, family, koinonia, media use, work, exercise, relationships, finances, recreation.</i>	<i>e.g. worthwhile (eternal) or not</i>	<i>e.g. pleasing Jesus, loving others,</i>	<i>e.g. gratitude to God, joyfully giving, content, bitter, resentful,</i>	<i>e.g. how does this activity involve Jesus or other people? Is this giving life to others?</i>

Reflection/Discussion

1. What "postcard" from 2 Cor. 2-5 is most encouraging to you? Why?
2. In general, do you live like you have been reconciled to God in Christ? Under point 1, which of the three areas has the most room for growth?
3. What practices do you use to keep "stewing" over Jesus's love for you? Under point 2, which of the four areas has the most room for growth? Share this with someone who can encourage and pray for you.
4. Under point 3, use the chart to evaluate an area(s) of your life in light of pleasing Jesus and your future "Reward Hearing". Use this exercise during the week to develop a habit of evaluating your actions, words, and attitudes in order to please Jesus.

SONGS

"HOW GREAT THOU ART" – Maurice Hill

"WAY MAKER - Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

"GOOD GOOD FATHER" – Anthony Brown, Pat Barrett

"BUILD MY LIFE" - Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 27,132.15

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$809,107.22

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$866,232.00