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What's Keeping You Down?

We Weren't Created To Live Like The Dead

John 11:25 - *I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.*

Matthew 16:25 - *If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.*

Luke 24:1-8 - *But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ³ So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." ⁸ Then they remembered that he had said this.*

1 Corinthians 15:17 - *if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.*

The Significance Of Our Faith Is Based On The Validity Of The Resurrection

Jesus Christ The Son Of God Died For Our Sins, Rose Again, And Conquered Sin And Death For Our Salvation

1 Peter 1:8-9 - *You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. ⁹ The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.*

Philippians 3:10-11 - *I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!*

1) Raise Us From Spiritual Death In The Present And Physical Death In The Future.

2 Corinthians 1:5 - *For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.*

Colossians 1:24 - *I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church.*

We Can Only Truly Know Christ By Sharing In His Death

Romans 6:11 - *you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.*

Before We Can Walk In Newness Of Life, We Must Also Die To Sin

1 Timothy 1:15-16 - *This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. ¹⁶ But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.*

No Sinner Is Beyond His Saving Power

- **Paul Knew He Was A Sinner, But He Also Knew He Was Saved By Grace.**
- **Paul Couldn't Forget His Past, But He Chose Not To Live In It.**