



Because the
tomb,
where Jesus
was buried,
is empty . . .

**EVERYTHING
CHANGES!!!**

LIVING IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

“For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:10-11

All too often, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus without fully considering Its' impact for us today. Jesus Christ was totally sinless, yet he suffered from, and was humiliated by, the power and punishment of sin so that each of us could have the opportunity to be restored to a right relationship with God. Instead of dying for our own sins, we simply accept Christ's sacrifice for our sins and yield our lives to His leadership.

When we accept Christ Jesus as our Savior, we are “*born again*” by the power of The Holy Spirit. God considers us to have died on the cross and to have been raised up to new life through Jesus' Resurrection. Therefore, we have been given Christ's power to resist sin and live in obedience to God.

SIN ATTEMPTS TO REIGN PRIMARILY THROUGH DESIRES AND TEMPTATIONS WHICH INVOLVE THE BODY.

If something is dead, it is **NOT active or responsive**. Sin attempts to reign *primarily* through *desires and temptations which involve the body*. Being dead to sin means that those temptations and influences that once caused us to “*give in to sin*” *no longer have control of us* because we **CHOOSE** to become **UNRESPONSIVE** to them. We live out this choice by **REFUSING** to *feed, or exercise, our sinful nature, by REFUSING to carelessly expose ourselves to activities and areas that can trouble or tempt us.*

Instead, we **CHOOSE** to *exercise godly disciplines* that will *bring us closer to Christ* and *build our strength to resist Satan's temptations and the sinful tendencies of our human nature*. (For the full impact of this, get your Bible and read AND STUDY Romans 6.) We **CHOOSE** to consistently read and study God's Word, live a life of worship to Him, pray sincerely and continually, choose friends and companions who will positively impact our life for God, and serve God (get busy *actively* doing something *for* Him). We choose to live for God physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

For the rest of our lives, we continue **CHOOSING** to leave the old “me” dead, and **CHOOSING** *whom we will serve*. We **CHOOSE** to resist the desires of our flesh by **relying on the strength and power of The Holy Spirit**.

Don't be fooled - **WE ALWAYS HAVE THE CHOICE** to **NOT** give in to our flesh. We **CHOOSE** the things we do, the things we see, the things we think about, and the people we associate with. Therefore, *if we stop resisting the evil influences in these areas, we are CHOOSING to rebel against God*. If we continue in this rebellious way, we will once again become slaves to sin. *Spiritual and eternal death* will be the result. **We CANNOT sin against God without consequence or punishment just because we are under grace.** *Practicing sin leads to slavery to sin, which results in death - everlasting destruction without the Presence of God.*

However, if we continue to accept the freedom provided by Christ Jesus, - if we continue to present ourselves as His willing servants - we will grow and become more like Christ each day and experience eternal life - everlasting life in the Presence of God.

**Who/What are you in bondage to? Who/What is really ruling your life?
Are you walking and living in the Resurrection of Christ Jesus?**