



EASTER: THE RISING TO NEWNESS OF LIFE

The Apostle Paul wrote concerning Easter that as Christ rose from the dead, we should also rise to newness of life. At Easter time we should contemplate our own resurrection to a new life where all of the old things are passed away, and we live a resurrected life in Jesus Christ the Lord.

Romans 6:1-6

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

When we are born again Jesus raises us up to a new life. We are no longer the slaves of sin where we cannot help ourselves. If you listen to the radio there are so many who claim that they cannot control their own actions. This is true because they are the slaves of sin and they cannot contain themselves. The smoker

cannot stop smoking because he is bound to the cigarette. The drinker is bound to the bottle. The fornicator is bound to fornication. The adulterer is bound to cheating. The gambler is bound to a dream of a big win.

All of the people mentioned above are slaves to the sin. They claim that they cannot stop the behavior that causes them so much grief. The reason they cannot change their behavior is they have become slaves to sin. As a slave of sin, they will do what their master tells them.

The only hope for those who are bound to sin is Jesus Christ the Lord. Jesus will free you from the bondage of sin. Jesus will release the chains of sin that confine you to the ravages of sin. For those who have no hope, Jesus is the answer.

How many have tried to quit smoking and couldn't? Look at all of the products that are on the market that are supposed to help you quit smoking. The only help that really helps is to come to Jesus Christ the Lord and ask for his help. Jesus will take away the very desire to smoke a cigarette. That is something that all of the products that are on the market cannot accomplish.

When you come to Jesus, you will be raised to newness of life just like Jesus was raised from the dead two thousand years ago. The desire to sin will be swept away and a desire to live righteously will take over. No longer will you be saying that you cannot help yourself, for you have been raised to newness of life. With

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Jesus Christ everything becomes new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

All of the former excuses are no longer applicable when you are born again. You become a totally new creature, with the old desires dying and the new desire to live for the Lord taking precedence. With Jesus, you do not need some drug to quit smoking. All you need is to fervently seek the Lord and ask him to help you quit smoking.

The world would have you to believe that you cannot help yourself, or that you were born that way. With Jesus, your life becomes totally changed, and what you were compelled to do in the past no longer controls your life. Jesus truly makes all things new.

This resurrection is available for everyone. The table is set for whoever wants to be freed from the bondage of sin. Come to the Lord's table and partake in his goodness. Jesus will free you from the bondage of sin.

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