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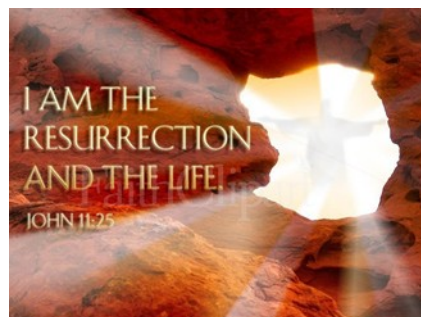
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People Who Die To Live Again

Mike King



People who die to live again are called “Christians.” Their existence here is an experience of transition from life-to-life. Job begged the age-old question when he asked, *“If a man dies, shall he live again?”* He answered his own question by an emphatic statement presupposing that it was so. He continued, *“All the days of my hard service I will wait, till my change comes”* (Job 14:14). The use of the word “till” indicated a resurrection and that man shall live again. He had earlier acknowledged that *“So man lies down, and does not rise. Till the heavens are no more...”* (v. 12).

The very same God that produced life initially can certainly prolong it in eternity (Ecc. 12:7). Jesus taught after-life and actually raised the dead to demonstrate the same (Jn. 11:14-44). Jesus told Martha that *“Your brother will rise again.”* After Jesus declared Himself to be the resurrection, she acknowledged in faith, *“I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day”* (Jn. 11:23-24).

Death is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity.

~ Milton ~

Death is God’s instrument for separating the body from the spirit (Jas. 2:26). The human body is buried a corruptible form, but will be raised as something immortal and eternal. So we conclude that man must die to live (I Cor. 15:34-57). This passage gives emphasis to the fact that flesh and blood housed in this mortal body cannot inherit the spiritual realms until the transition or change can be made. Death is the last “*enemy*” or hurdle that we must experience, but through Christ we have the victory. He quotes Isaiah 25:8 and Hosea 13:14 to substantiate this declaration.

Job said, *“I will see God”* (Job. 19:25-26); David joyfully acknowledged, *“I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever”* (Ps. 23:6); Solomon said that *“Man goes to his everlasting home and the mourners go about the streets”* (Ecc. 12:5); Paul was hopeful because *“There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness”* (2 Tim. 4:8); and Jesus gave the key to the matter for anyone living beyond death, *“Because I live, you will live also”* (Jn. 14:19).

Yes, we merely live to die. We are not to waste our pilgrimage here in anticipation of death to remove us from the world. Paul explained to the Philippians that we have a win-win proposition while here, *“For me to live is Christ and to die is gain”* (Phil. 1:21).

Are You An Irritable Christian?

When was the last time someone "got on your nerves?" The following story illustrates that sometimes the problem is unwittingly our own. After driving all night, an exhausted man decided to pull over and get some sleep. He had just fallen asleep when there was a knock on the window. He opened his eyes to see a jogger who asked, "Excuse me, but do you have the time?" The tired man replied, "It's 8:10." The jogger said "Thanks" and ran off. The sleepy man dozed off again but there was another knock and a hiker asked, "What time is it?" The wanna-be sleeper replied, "8:25." Fed up, the would-be sleeper put a sign in his window that read in capital letters: "I DON'T KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS." Not five minutes after he managed to doze off the third time, he was awakened again! Scowling, the man rolled down the window. "What?" he yelled with great irritation at the Boy Scout standing there. The Scout said, "It's 8:45. "

A verse found in 1 Corinthians 13 challenges us not to allow life's irritations to overly irritate us. After writing that love suffers long and is kind' (verse 4), the apostle Paul goes on to say that love "*is not provoked*" (verse 5b). This is a fascinating thought, all the more so because of its extended context. Even a surface reading of chapters 12-14 of 1 Corinthians makes clear Christians at Corinth were getting on each other's nerves! There was conflict and controversy over spiritual gifts and who could do what. It is quite clear that people who shared a pew were "getting under each other's skin." They were irritated by and with each other! To help them get over it, Paul reminds them that God-like love "Is not provoked" (New King James Version). The Revised Standard Version says love "Is not irritable." The King James is off the mark here when it adds the word "easily." Commentators point out the word "easily" is not in the original and was added by the King James translators. Paul did not tell the easily angered Corinthian Christians that love is not easily provoked — he told them love is not provoked — period. The thought is not that love can never be justly indignant; for the Son of God was the most loving person who ever walked God's green earth, and He was occasionally angered (Mark 3:5; John 2:14-17, etc.). But Jesus was not an irritable, touchy, easily exasperated person. Though surrounded by people who constantly said and did irritating things, He didn't carry His feelings on His sleeve and He didn't angrily threaten to quit serving the Lord over problems and irritations, even major ones. Some members of the church ought to take note and grow up, or better yet, toughen up. Some are far too thin-skinned and overly sensitive to perceived slights and wrongs from others. Why do our feelings get hurt so easily? Why so easily provoked? The verse under consideration suggests the problem may be more us than them. Love may not alter the irritating people who get on your nerves at times. But love will alter you and keep you from being a touchy, irritable Christian who is easily provoked.

~ Dan Gulley ~

Zebras and Wildebeests

Stopping so we could watch the zebras and wildebeests migrating from Masai Mara to Serengeti Kenya, the guide explained that the two massive herds travel together because the zebras have good eyesight but a poor sense of smell, and wildebeests have bad eyesight but a good sense of smell. By traveling together, both are less vulnerable to predators.

Just as God makes animals with different strengths and weaknesses, He makes people the same way. God made us to be dependent not only on Him but also on one another. The apostle Paul elaborated on this idea in his letter to the church in Corinth. As member of the body of Christ, we all have different gifts and abilities (I Cor. 12:12-31). The church is healthy only when we work together, look out for each other, and use our strengths to benefit one another. We can go a lot further together than we can alone. ~ copied

Anagrams - Places in the Bible

Rule James	Example: <u>Jerusalem</u>
A leg lie	_____
Big one	_____
To China!	_____
Any blob	_____
Chin rot	_____
Omit as a poem	_____
Seasonal itch	_____
A truss	_____
Manure cap	_____
I'm a Sara	_____
Hairy tat	_____

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PRAYER LIST

Joel Holley was admitted to the Tupelo Hospital last week to begin his next round of chemo but was unable to begin because of pneumonia. He has been moved to a step-down unit, room 301. He is on oxygen and is very weak.

Harvey Lovelady, father of *Nicki Weaver* successfully received the two needed stents Monday, at Baptist East Hospital in Memphis.

J. L. Eaton will have back surgery Friday, in Tupelo.

Nancy Petrowski, left for Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville on Monday to begin preparing for a bone marrow transplant. She will have a round of chemo before receiving the transplant. She is expected to be there for about 4months.

Betty Young, is at home slowly improving but is still very weak.

Continual Prayer list:

Eleta Grimmitt, Pat Reed, Joel Holley, Nancy Petrowski, Tetterian Wilson, Tony Cross, Glen Jumper, Joyce Gilmore, Eulene Hooper, Grace Anderson, Alicia Dukes, Rivers Robertson, Hudson Grisham, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn

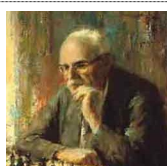
Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



Wise Thoughts

Enjoy when you can and endure when you must.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April 19.....Thomas Wall
April 19.....Harold Crowe
April 20.....Lynn Harrison
April 26.....Austin Garrett

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 28..... Larry & Linda Ashmore
April 28..... John & Brooke Mann



IT' S A GIRL



Congratulations to *Josh and Shelly George* on the birth of their daughter *Madison Tate*, born Thursday, April 10th. *Madison* weighed in at 10lbs 4oz and was 20 & 1/2 inches. She is being welcomed by big brother *Caleb*. Mom and baby are at home doing fine.

THANK YOU NOTE

To the members of the New Albany church of Christ

The family of *Shelia Beasley* wishes to express their sincere gratitude for your expressions of sympathy during their difficult time of loss. Thank you for everything, especially your prayers. Please continue to remember us in the hard days to come.

Sincerely,
Ronald Beasley & family

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION

A memorial contribution has been sent from the church to Pine Vale Children's Home in memory of *Shelia Beasley*. Please continue to remember this family.

MAYWOOD CHRISTIAN CAMP

Summer is around the corner and that means it is time to register for Maywood. We will be going July 13-19, *Jeff Goff* week. There are no longer paper registration forms. If you plan to attend you must go to www.maywoodchristiancamp.com to register and pay online. The cost is \$135 per camper. If you have any questions please see *Sarah Walker*.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship.....	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study....	7:00

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Roger Clayton	538-8195
Brad Pounders.....	316-7931
Harold Russell.....	507-1180
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Daniel Drummond
A.M. Prayer.....	Roger Clayton
Closing Prayer.....	Shane Crofts
P.M. Prayer.....	Anderson Parks
Closing.....	Gary Turner
Wed.4/23.....	Steve Todd
Wed.4/23.....	Richard Adams
Usher & Lock.....	Roger Clayton
Greeter.....	B & G Lyon

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	115
Sunday A.M.....	138
Sunday P.M.....	76
Wednesday.....	115
Contribution.....	\$3,872.00
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TURN IT AROUND

“Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country!” This challenge, made famous during the Kennedy presidency, suggest a like principle which should guide every Christian’s attitude toward the church. We should be less concerned about what is being done for US and more attentive to what we are doing for others.

- Ask not, therefore....whether this is a good congregation to be a member of, but ask whether I am a good member of the congregation.
-how much I am loved, but how much love have I shown.
-how many get well cards I received, but how many I have sent to others.
-who visited me, but who have I visited.
-how much I get out of classes, but how much I contribute to make the classes interesting and edifying.
-whether I was remembered in prayer, but whether I faithfully prayed for others.
-who did or did not speak to me, but how many others I greeted.
-whether my good work is recognized, but whether I have given honor to whom honor is due.
-how many of my prayer requests God has granted, but how grateful have I been for His innumerable blessings.

....to what extent my deeds have profited me now, but how my life will be remembered when I am gone.

“Look not every man on his own thing, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” who “came not to be ministered unto, but to minister” (Phil. 2:4-5; Matt. 20:28).

~ David Pharr, Bulletin Digest ~