

JESUS' LIFE, DEATH, RESURRECTION, ASCENSION AND RETURN!

1. JESUS' LIFE GIVES US THE EXAMPLE OF HOW TO LIVE.

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ...you will be blessed if you do them.” John 13:14-15,17b NIV

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35 NIV

Are you following Jesus' example?

2. JESUS' DEATH GIVES US FORGIVENESS OF SIN.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29 NIV

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! Romans 5:8-9 NIV See Ephesians 1:7.

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24 NIV

Are you experiencing God's love and forgiveness?

3. JESUS' RESURRECTION GIVES US VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH.

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 NIV

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14 ESV

Are you experiencing victory over sin in your life?

4. JESUS' ASCENSION GIVES US GOD'S PROMISE OF HIS SPIRIT.

[Jesus] gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit..., you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... Acts 1:4-5, 8 NIV

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” Acts 1:9-11 NIV See John 14:15-16.

Are you experiencing God's Spirit in your life?

5. JESUS' RETURN GIVES US CONFIDENCE FOR THE FUTURE.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸Therefore encourage each other with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 NIV

See Revelation 19:11-16, Revelation 21:1-5 & Revelation 20:11-15.

Are you encouraged by the thought of Christ's return?