

“Resurrected”

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John 11:1-44

“I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me though he may die, yet shall he live.”

I have called you out of your tomb. I let you die in your sins so that my glory would be evident to all who look on and who have observed your life. I allowed your death so that you may bring me glory. Dead things smell of decay, onlookers were afraid to approach you because you had been dead in your sins for so long that there was a wretched stench. You were unapproachable.

But I know my plans for you, I know what only you can do in My name.

(Jeremiah 29: 11) Come forth and produce fruit-abundantly. (John 15:16)

Take off your grave clothes. You cannot live when you are bound up in your death. (Hebrews 1:12) You now have life. Grave clothes belong on the dead not the living. I died to remove those grave clothes, why? Why would you put them back on?

Live your life in purity worthy of your calling. (Ephesians 4:1)

Colossians 3:1-17

As Christ called Lazarus to rise from the grave, we too have been called to a spiritual resurrection. We all may find salvation through our acceptance of Christ, but accepting freedom is our choice. Paul says that spiritual resurrection comes when we accept Christ, but throwing off the bondages of sin is a choice we make, God will not force you to give up those things, He wants you to give it up of your own free will. God can do amazing things through us if we allow Him to, but we are called to live pure lives. Sure we will struggle with sin our whole lives. We will make poor choices at times. Our flesh will cry out for things that are unhealthy for us spiritually, but we are no longer controlled by the flesh, we are to throw off our grave clothes, and be controlled by the spirit.