

# Learning to Walk in the Resurrection of Jesus

1. The Life that God has made available for us.

Romans 8:33-39

This passage lays out the blue print that God has prepared for our lives - what He desires for us to experience as a daily walk with Him.

- To be justified by the death and resurrection of Jesus and free from condemnation.
- Remaining in a genuine love relationship with Jesus even through difficult circumstances.
- Being completely victorious over the obstacles of life and satan by the power of Christ.
- A life that is not able to be separated from God's love by any power in hell or on earth!

2. This Life is only possible because of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

- We were created to be in fellowship with God and to enjoy His love and presence forever.
- As a result of sin in the world and the influence of satan, we are born with a sinful nature. We all have the natural desire to rebel from God and selfishly please ourselves.
- This sin nature separates us from Holy God and produces death in our lives. Left alone, our sinful nature condemns us to hell because we cannot do anything to be clean and free from sin in our own power.

- But Hallelujah! - Jesus our Hero and Savior has come to our rescue!
- He chose to die for our sin so that the death penalty for our sinful nature would be paid in full! He satisfied the righteous wrath of God against the sin in our lives.
- Now, through Christ, we can be restored to a love relationship with God. We can experience the life of freedom, fellowship, and victory that is described in the end of Romans 8.
- Jesus made the impossible possible for us!

3. Our “obligation” to experience the life that Jesus has made available.

- “Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation”
- Some say that because of what Jesus did, we have no obligations, we are free to enjoy all the benefits of Jesus’ death and resurrection without any personal cost or responsibility.
- This is simply not true and contrary to what Jesus taught when He said, “**If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**” Matthew 16:24
- And in Luke 14, Jesus clearly teaches that we must count the cost of being His disciple.



So according to this passage, what is our obligation to enjoy the life that Christ offers us?

- 1. Receive the Spirit of Sonship. (v.15-16) We were slaves to sin but now God offers for us to become His sons and daughters. It is a priceless gift that we must “receive.”
- 2. Reject the sinful nature. (v.9, 12-13) Jesus’ first message was to repent. We are commanded to “reckon ourselves dead to sin” (Romans 6:11) and to live holy lives through repentance, accountability, and the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:13)

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- 3. Be controlled by the Spirit. (v.9, 13-14)  
This passage instructs us to be “controlled by,” “live according to,” and be “led by” the Spirit. The Holy Spirit has direct access to everything available to God. As we give up control of our own lives to the power of the Spirit, we will begin to experience the full life that Jesus purchased for us. The Spirit will lead us into peace, freedom, and a productive life for the kingdom of God.

# Our Opportunity to Respond

- Would you like to be saved from the eternal condemnation that is the result of our sin? Will you receive the gift of becoming a son or daughter of God because of the death of Jesus?
- Will you commit to reject the old sin nature and live as righteous in Christ through repentance, accountability, and the power of the Holy Spirit to say “no” to temptation?
- Will you submit every part of your life to the total control of the Holy Spirit today?