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How can we experience the power of a new life in our everyday walk with the Lord? The answer can be found in Romans 6:4. “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.”

I want to draw your attention to the words *even so*. They mean the same thing as “just as.” Just as Jesus was raised from the dead by the glory of

the Father, so are we to walk in newness of life by that same glory. That glory is already in us. In spirit, we have already been resurrected to a level high enough to defeat anything the enemy would bring against us. The Father has enabled us as believers to live above the dominion of sin and death.

How has He enabled us? He gave us a reborn spirit and filled us with His own Spirit. Ezekiel 36:26-27 says, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Until we were born again and filled with His

Spirit, we were held captive by the things of this natural world. We were dead to God and alive to sin. Now, we have been crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20). We have died to sin and have been raised to new life together with Him (Ephesians 2:5-6). The old sinner we once were has died and we have become new creations on the inside (2 Corinthians 5:17). And that new creation lives in the image of Jesus Christ, who is the exact image of the Father!

Your spirit man has been resurrected with the same new life with which God resurrected Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-5 says, "But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us, even when we were dead (slain) by [our own]

shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him]...” (*The Amplified Bible*).

Colossians 2:9-10 in *The Amplified Bible* tells us that we have the potential to come to full spiritual maturity. “For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].”

God has given us Himself—His

very own nature, His own substance—His life. We call it *eternal life* or *resurrection life*. As we have seen, we have been given the same new life given to Jesus when God raised Him from the dead. And it's residing on the inside of us!

So how do we get that resurrection life to affect our circumstances and our daily walk with the Lord? As Romans 6:11 tells us, we are to live dead to sin with our relation to it broken, and alive to God and in union with Him.

We must change our desires and affection for natural things, and direct our attention to our new life in Christ. The power of our new life in Him will be manifest in us, and enable us to grow into mature believers. Colossians 3:1 says: "If then you have

been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God” (*The Amplified Bible*).

To continue walking in this power, we must follow the instructions given to us in Romans 7:5-6.

When we were living in the flesh (mere physical lives), the sinful passions that were awakened and aroused up by [what] the Law [makes sin] were constantly operating in our natural powers... so that we bore fruit for death. But now we are discharged from the Law and have terminated all intercourse with it, having died to what once restrained and held

us captive. So now we serve not under [obedience to] the old code of written regulations, *but [under obedience to the promptings] of the Spirit* in newness [of life] (*The Amplified Bible*).

We experience the power of this new life by obeying the promptings of the Holy Spirit. To become sensitive to His promptings, we must give Him our full attention.

If you are not yet experiencing this resurrection power of God in your life, you don't need more of God, He needs more of *you!* God wants your undivided attention so you will learn to hear His voice. You will then be sustained daily by His resurrection life in you through the Holy Spirit. He is in you to help, to strengthen, to

teach and to lead you into all truth. He is your perfect Counselor.

You will not experience resurrection power unless you set your affection on Him. If you want to reap the quality of life God has prepared for you, you must sow to the Spirit. It's just that simple. Galatians 6:7-8 says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

God's Spirit will make even your words alive with His power. If you will concentrate on maintaining your union with the Father, your words will have authority.

If however, you continue to sin, are

disobedient and live a selfish, carnal life, it will keep the resurrection life from flowing out. You can't keep giving your attention to the things of this world and expect to get dominion over sin. As you set your affection on God and sow to the Spirit, a growing process will take place. You will be "changed...from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Holy Spirit does the work in you, and you will begin to be more and more like Jesus. Sin will lose its hold on you.

Isaiah 3:10 says, "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings." If you do not live after your new nature of righteousness, then you will not partake of its benefits. Verse 11 says, "Woe unto the wicked! it shall

be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.” This goes right along with Galatians 6:7-8.

Now look at Isaiah 59:1-2: “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” Sin separates you from the power of God even though you’re born again. Resurrection life will lie dormant in you if you walk in sin.

Until your flesh is brought into obedience by the spirit, there is war raging in you. The flesh wants to dominate you, and the spirit is endeavoring to suppress the flesh. But you can win that war! Galatians 5:16 says, “This I say then, Walk in the

Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

The way to overcome sin and the flesh is not to try and stop sinning, but to walk after the new life God put within you. “And [you] have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him” (Colossians 3:10). Walk after that inward man and your outward man will come into subjection to the spirit. This comes through spending time in God’s Word and prayer.

Our destination, or goal, is to be like Jesus. Romans tells us that believers are predestinated to be conformed to His image (Romans 8:29). How will we get there? Romans 8:1-2 tells us we have enough of the resurrection life of God to walk in glorious liberty while

we are still on earth. We don't have to wait until we get to heaven for freedom from the law of sin and death. The life we already have in Christ Jesus *makes* us free from the law of sin and death!

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us,

who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (Romans 8:3-4).

The righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us as we walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.

The spiritual mind brings forth life. It marshals itself under the command of God, either by the written Word or by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. The spiritually minded person is open and ready to hear reproofs and corrections from the Spirit of God and to adjust his conduct accordingly.

To know and experience the resurrection power of God in our lives, we must constantly conduct ourselves within the sphere of the Spirit. As we do, this constant conduct prompted by the Holy Spirit allows Him to help

us walk free from the law of sin and death. When the Spirit of God is directing and controlling us, then there is no condemnation, or judgment, for us.

Romans 8:11-13 says, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken [make alive] your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." If we will give ourselves over to Him, resurrection life will dominate and subdue urges of our flesh.

The resurrection life of God in us by the Holy Spirit permeates from our inner man outward until the flesh

is in subjection to the spirit.

When Jesus was crucified, our old sinful nature was crucified. The Spirit of God is in us to enforce the death of our old nature. But the Holy Spirit will not subdue our flesh on His own. He helps us when we consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God. He is in us to teach and train us how to live habitually after this divine life we have been given.

This process begins when we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in the everyday affairs of life and into mortifying the deeds of the body.

If you don't know how to be led by the Spirit, make a decision to learn. Draw near to Him, and He will draw near to you. He will teach you. Tell the Lord, "I want to hear Your voice and do what You tell me to do. I want

to walk in Your resurrection power. I desire to experience the power to live a new life every day. By a decision of my heart, I put down the dictates of my flesh and mortify the deeds of my body. By the power of God, I receive a Holy Ghost refreshing in my life. In Jesus' Name!"

Then spend time daily talking to Him and reading and studying His Word. Be quick to hear and do the written Word and obey the promptings of the Spirit within you. You will experience His resurrection power and the victorious life He has planned for you!

Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to Romans 10:9-10: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved! You also said in Your Word, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). I'm also asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance

(Acts 2:4). In Jesus' Name. Amen!

Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive—not in your own language, but the language given to you by the Holy Spirit. You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to speak. Don't be concerned with how it sounds. It is a heavenly language!

Continue with the blessing God has given you and pray in the spirit every day.

You are a born-again, Spirit-filled believer. You'll never be the same!

Find a good church that boldly preaches God's Word and obeys it. Become part of a church family who will love and care for you as you love and care for them.

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