

**PRAYER**

- Ask God for the grace to let your testimony of a new life be a blessing to other people that they, too, can receive Jesus' gift of salvation.

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- Let Jesus search your heart and allow Him to change you and lead you to repentance in areas that are still not surrendered to His Lordship.

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- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel and for hearts to be ready to receive it as you do.

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**CONNECT**

- If you can live your life again, what will you change and why?
- Name one person whom you see as a good example. How does s/he influence your life?
- If you had the chance to address a graduating class in your high school, what will you tell them and why?

## WORD

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

John 20:19,20

## WHAT *What does the Bible say?*

Christ’s work on the cross means so much more than having our sins forgiven. Through Jesus, we are given brand new start or a clean slate! But before we go ahead and enjoy this newfound freedom, let us first understand: What does it mean to be alive in Jesus?

- **In Him, we have new life.**

<sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup>If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

Romans 6:4,5

On the cross, a divine exchange happened—Jesus’ life for ours. Jesus took on our sins and paid for it so we can have everything we need to start anew: forgiveness of sins, the power to live in righteousness (Romans 6:1-4), a new identity as sons and daughters of God, and the promise of eternal life. This is how precious Jesus’ gift is to us! How then can we have new life in Christ (Romans 10:9)?

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- **In Him, we have a new Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. . . .

<sup>36</sup>Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

Acts 2:32,36

Jesus is not your ordinary hero whose story ended up in sacrificial death. Yes, He suffered and died sacrificially on the cross, but He lived again! He conquered death so we could have eternal life! That is why we can be

confident in our faith because our Lord is victorious and we follow Him because we know that He reigns. How does it help your faith to know that you serve the Living God?

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- **In Him, we have a new message.**

*With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.*

Acts 4:33

*“Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people the full message of this new life.”*

Acts 5:20

Jesus’ work on the cross is not just for a limited few but is meant for the whole world (1 John 2:2). And before Jesus went back to heaven, He commissioned His disciples to spread the Good News (Matthew 28:19,20) and as His followers, we too bear the same gospel and calling to share it. Why does God want everyone to hear the gospel (1 Timothy 2:3,4)?

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## SO WHAT *What is the relevance of the Word to my life?*

- What areas in your life have been changed since you embraced the message of the gospel? What is God changing in your life right now and how are you responding?
- What does it mean to make Jesus the “Lord” of your life?
- Being alive in Him, how can your new life bring other people to Christ?

## NOW WHAT *How do I apply the Word to my life?*

- How can you grow more in this new life that you received from Jesus? What steps can you take to strengthen your relationship with Him?
- What areas in life do you need Jesus to take over as Lord? What hesitations or thinking must change so that you can fully follow His ways?
- Who are the people you know who need to hear this Good News? With whom will you share the gospel this week?