



◆ We were saved to belong to a _____
(John 1:12) "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:"

(Matthew 12:50) ""For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.""

(Ephesians 2:19) "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but ... members of the household of God,"

◆ We are redeemed to _____

(Matthew 28:19) ""Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, ..."

(Acts 1:8) ""But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me ..to the end of the earth.""

(2 Timothy 3:10) "But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,"

(1 Corinthians 9:16) "...., woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!"



behind, and followed Him. Now Levi had a new purpose.

Those two words are still being offered to you and me today, and they are still being offered by the same Person.

Just as Jesus walked up to Matthew and said, "Follow Me," He is calling us to follow Him. He wants us to make Him more important than getting rich, with all the goodies that go with it. He wants us to make Him Lord of our lives. Levi answered immediately and became a trusted disciple. I wonder what God will do with us when we decide to follow Him as Levi did--no questions asked.. One thing for sure, the old will go and our lives will be totally new. --DB

REFLECTION

- If Jesus were to stand in front of me and say, "Follow Me," what might be the first objections that would pop into my mind?
- If I were to "follow Jesus" today, what would that mean specifically? Would I have to change anything? Would anyone know the difference?
- If Jesus rose from the dead shouldn't that new life be evident in mine?

The blessings of following Jesus far outweigh the costs.



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Information for Visitors.

* We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.

* a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

No Questions Asked

Just two words.

That's all it took to change the future of a man whose purpose in life was to get money any way possible.

The man's name was Levi Alphaeusson, and his job was to collect taxes from people. Long before the IRS decided to get taxpayer-friendly, Matthew, as some people called him, knew every shrewd trick in the book to finagle money out of hard-working people. He always got what the detestable government said he should get--and then he got more for himself. His life consisted of getting money and then getting the things that money could buy. He was a Gen-X prototype if there ever was one.

Imagine what went through his mind when an increasingly famous person walked up to his tax collection booth and said two words that caused him to contemplate his future. Two words that made Levi wonder if he could stand to leave all that money, forsake all the benefits of ill-gotten wealth, and forgo all his relationships with cronies who sat with him on the dishonest side of the desk.

Levi made an immediate decision. He obeyed the two words of the visiting teacher, got up from his desk, left it all



Resurrection? So what's new?

(Colossians 1:13) "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,"

(Acts 17:32) "And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, ..""

(John 19:33-34) "But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. {34} But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out."

(Mark 16:9) "Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, ..."

(Matthew 28:9) "And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them,"

(Luke 24:34) "... "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!""

(Luke 24:15) "So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them."

(Luke 24:36) "Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them..."

(John 20:26) "And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!""

(John 21:1) "After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias....."

(Acts 1:9) "Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight."

(Acts 1:3) "to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days"

(Acts 10:39-42) ""And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. {40} "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, {41} "not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. {42} "And He commanded us to preach to the people, ...

(Romans 1:3-4) "... His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, ... was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, {4} and declared to be the Son of God, by the resurrection from the dead."

(Romans 4:25) "who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification."

(Romans 4:25) God gave Jesus to die for our sins, and he raised him to life, so that we would be made acceptable to God. [paraphrase]

(Ephesians 2:1) "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,"

(Ephesians 2:4-6) "But God, who is rich in mercy..., {5} even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ {6} and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,"

(Romans 10:9) "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

(2 Corinthians 5:17) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."



The New Testament gives us many ways in which Christians are made new through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Today we consider just two:

1. A new _____ / a new _____,

(Ezekiel 36:26) ""I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

(Matthew 15:19) ""For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."

(Hebrews 9:14) "how much more shall the blood of Christ, ... cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

(Ephesians 4:17-24) "This I say, therefore.... that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk,,"

[22] "that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man ... {23} and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, {24} and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

(Colossians 3:9-10) "Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, {10} and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,"



2. A new _____ / a new _____,

(John 17:22) ""And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

(Romans 6:3-9) "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? {4} Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, / that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. {5} For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, {6} knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with.... {8} Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, {9} knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him."

(Ephesians 2:8-11) "For by grace you have been saved through faith, {10} For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

(1 Corinthians 7:33-34) "But he who is married cares about the things of the world; how he may please his wife. {34} ... But she who is married cares about the things of the world; how she may please her husband."

◆ We were created for God's _____

(Isaiah 43:7) "Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.""

(Ephesians 1:12) "that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory."

(1 Corinthians 10:31) "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."