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**Staying Alive**

Romans 6:11-14 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. (12) Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. (13) Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. (14) For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. (KJV)

When one is born again they make a decision to do a radical role reversal; where one moment they go from floating downstream with the rest of the crowd, to going against the flow and a totally different way than man. What happens too many of God’s people that get called by Him is that they begin so well for a season and then revert back to their carnal way of thinking, which puts them back into the realm of sin. Instead of operating in living waters they end up back in the cesspool of this fallen world.

Romans 7:9-11 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. (10) And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. (11) For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. (KJV)

Paul was alive and well having found a totally new life in Christ for a season, only to find out that the old law was a death trap to his Spiritual life. I have seen many who begin so well in the Spirit, but then try to incorporate some works of the law back into the picture. Paul found out that in order to get a hold on His new life in Christ again he would have to put a do not resuscitate tag on the old law.

2 Corinthians 3:5-6 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; (6) Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. (KJV)

I don’t know why so many today still teach and preach mainly from the Old Testament and not the Epistles which were written to the Church to show them how to maintain a new life in Christ. You know, those that operate according to the letter of the law, self righteous people who are all caught up more in religion and rituals than in truth? God considers you an able minister and someone who will speak words of life that are not found in the works of the law anymore.

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: (3) Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. (KJV)

Do you know the word of God by heart? Because if not, then the Bible is just a bunch of dead stories that happen to other people and not to you. If you don’t learn to walk in the realm of the Spirit then you will fall for any cheap thrill in the flesh. Do take note of the fact that Paul refers to God’s people as being written epistles, a doctrine that brings life to the inward man by ignoring the works of the old one.

1Thessalonians 4:15-18 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. (16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (18) Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (KJV)

Those of you that are alive and are remaining in good standing with our Lord because of the fact that you became dead to self, will be given a ticket out of here before the time of tribulation takes place at the end. That end, could take place anytime now Church, so it would do you well to stay alive in the Spirit by being dead to the world.