

***Continuing the Celebration:
Living in the Light of the Resurrection***

This last weekend at church was full of joy as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. The Lord blessed the music, spirit and the gospel message. It was thrilling to be part of, and we look forward to this upcoming Sunday and following up with the prospects this week. Today, however, is not Easter. In fact, it is a very ordinary day—full of the usual duties of any other weekday, faced with the added fatigue of a full weekend. Yet, Christ is as risen today as He was on Sunday! Should not the resurrection influence today with as much power as it did 3 days ago?

What does the resurrection of Christ mean for us on a *non*-Easter day? How should we live every day of the week? In my recent devotions, three truths stood out to me concerning how those who know Christ as their risen Saviour should live—every day of the week. Each of these Old Testament commands are amplified through New Testament promises—promises of which we are assured because we serve a risen Saviour!

How should we live every day of the week in light of the resurrection of Christ?

Live in the fear of the Lord. Proverbs 14:27 & Hebrews 13:5-6

Some have called it “practicing the presence of God.” Indeed, Christ *is* with us—every moment of every day. Living in the awareness of God’s presence keeps us from sin, and it brings rest to our souls.

Christ has promised to never leave or forsake us. We can be assured of the constant presence of our living Saviour.

Live under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1 & John 15:4, 7

All of us have times when we feel weak and vulnerable and in need of a protector. At such times, we often remember a promise such as the one above. Yet, in truth, we *always* need a Protector. This is why we are to *dwell* in the secret place of the most High—not just to run there only in times of trouble.

As Christ’s disciples, we are to *abide* in Christ. Abiding in Him is not only an acknowledgment of our weakness, but it brings confidence and joy to our lives.

Live pleasing to the Lord. Proverbs 16:7 & 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

As Bible-believing Christians, we know that we are to live in a way that is pleasing unto the Lord. We want our ways to please Him.

Following a risen Saviour, however, adds an extra dimension to this. Beyond our basic accountability to God for our actions and lifestyles, we want to live *for* Him. We want to live in light of eternity. We want to share the gospel with the lost and occupy until He comes so that when we give an account at the Judgment Seat of Christ, we will hear the words, “Well done.”