



On Friday, death appeared to be final and irreversible. The disciples were devastated as everything they hoped for and believed in ended as Jesus' body was laid in the tomb. But on Sunday, they received a message that changed history – He is alive!

“Jesus Christ did not come to make bad people good. He came into the world to make dead people alive.” (Lee Strobel)

Luke 24:5–6, Ephesians 2:1–6

Because Jesus is alive...

1. You don't have to live with _____ and _____.
 - You don't have to live with guilt and shame anymore, because Jesus paid for your sins on the cross. He was nailed to the cross, so you can stop nailing yourself to the cross.
 - **Past** – “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins...” (*Ephesians 2:1*)
 - **Present** – “God who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ.” (*Ephesians 2:4*)
2. You don't have to live in the _____ of death.
 - The number one fear human beings have is the fear of dying. We fear death because we don't know what is going to happen after death.

- “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus...” (*Ephesians 2:6*)
- John 11:25–26
- 3. You can live with _____ in hopeless situations.
 - The resurrection means that places of impossibility can become places of possibility. God can take what is dead and bring life.
 - “For nothing is impossible with God.” (*Luke 1:37*)
- 4. You can live with _____ you will go to heaven.
 - Jesus was crucified and resurrected, defeated death, and made eternal life possible. (*John 3:16*)

Jesus is alive, but that truth will not bring you life unless you _____ and _____ the One who came to give you life.

Answers: guilt, shame; fear; hope; confidence; believe, receive



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