

Resurrection Life



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Fully Equipped to Serve and Influence Through the Power of the Trinity

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We have every reason for confidence as we spread Jesus's fame.

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- Led by the Father in Christ's triumph (v. 2:14)
- Perfumed with Jesus's pleasing fragrance (v. 2:15)
- Commissioned to tell the truth of Jesus in full view of the Father (v. 2:17)
- Authored by Christ through the presence of the Spirit (v. 3:3)

The Father is the source of our beneficial influence in the world.

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The Spirit's presence applies the rich benefits of the new, life-giving covenant.

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Romans 7:6 But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

Our influential lives bloom from the New Covenant benefits secured by Jesus.

Luke 22:20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Jeremiah 31:31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant... **33** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares Yahweh: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **34** And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know Yahweh,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares Yahweh. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Reflection & Discussion

1. The Father makes you sufficient to influence and benefit others in his name.
 - a. How does that knowledge make you feel?
 - b. What's one practical step you can take to organize your daily life around this truth?
2. Read Jeremiah 31:33-34.
 - a. List/discuss the benefits of this new covenant.
 - b. Identify your spheres of influence.
 - c. How might a joyful awareness of them shape interactions with the people you engage with on an average day?

SONGS

"FOUND IN YOU" - Paul Baloche and Andi Rozier

"GOD SO LOVED" - Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash

"O COME TO THE ALTAR" - Mack Brock, Steven Furtick

"WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME" - Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 20,869.00

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$221,427.65

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$288,744.00