

See New Life II

There are lessons learned after tragedy. There are new insights after darkness. There are new ways of doing things after old things become obsolete. Passover is an opportunity to move from bondage to liberation. Passover is a season to leave one diet and embrace another. Passover is a time to move from sickness to health. Passover is a season to pass from slavery to ownership.

I

New Life is a Process

^{NLT} **1Corinthians 5:6** ⁶Your boasting about this is terrible. Don't you realize that this sin is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough? ⁷**Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person** from among you. Then you will be like a fresh batch of dough made without yeast, which is what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. ⁸So let us celebrate the festival, **not with the old bread of wickedness and evil**, but with **the new bread of sincerity and truth**.

Purging is a process of going below the surface and cleaning out the old.

Purging is setting aside old things that have run their course.

Purging removes what was, to embrace what is to come.

John the Baptist knew when Christ appeared, he would decrease.

John 3:30 He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

- He must increase!

II

New Life is Promised

Everybody agrees the tomb was empty: Jews, Roman guards, followers and disciples all agree and report an empty tomb.

Everyone does not agree on what happened.

NLT John 20:1 Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ² She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, “**They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!**” ³ Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. ⁴ They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. ⁸ **Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed—⁹ for until then they still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead¹**

New Life must be seen in the darkness.

There is darkness before dawn.

There is silence before His voice.

There is a tomb before His triumph.

- There is rejected stone before the accepted cornerstone.
- The evening and the morning were the First day.

He promised He would rise.

He arose! He is risen!

We are risen with Him. **Colossians 3:1-3**

NLT Colossians 3:1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on

things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

- We are sent and go in His name to proclaim His resurrection life.

III

New Life is **Powerful**

^{NLT} **Acts 2:32** “**God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this.** ³³ Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. ³⁴ For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said,

‘The LORD said to my Lord,
“Sit in the place of honor at my right hand
³⁵ until I humble your enemies,
making them a footstool under your feet.”’

³⁶ “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, **to be both Lord and Messiah!**” ²

He is exalted with **honor** and **power** and **authority**.

- He is at peace and rest in His place,

The enemy is getting **lower** and **lower**, He is higher.

He is both **Lord** and **Christ**. **Acts 2:36**

- He is both ruler and anointed one.
- He is the King Priest ministry.

He is the more excellent ministry.

^{KJV} **Hebrews 8:6** But now hath **he obtained a more excellent ministry**, by how much also he is the mediator of a **better covenant**, which was established upon **better promises**.

It is His ministry we have abstained.

- It is His ministry we sustain.

It is His ministry that we claim.

- It is His ministry we proclaim.

We proclaim resurrection Life! We proclaim New Life! See New Life!