

Because He Died...Because He Lives!

Our lives can easily pull us in many different directions and often our view of how “life” is going can be slanted by the ups and downs of earthly concerns. Along with that, today’s world has developed into a mosaic of different cultures, numerous beliefs, and all kinds of different levels of conviction to serve God. All these things can make it very easy to lose focus as to what the driving force in our lives should be. Yet one of the amazing things about Christ is His power to unite us together in Him amid this diverse society (*Eph.2:13, 19.*) Our emphasis in life changes for the best, when we learn to appreciate how His sacrifice and His victory affect our daily living. (*2 Cor. 5:15*) When those things about Him truly drive our decisions, they lift us through challenges and the chaos that this world brings.

Because He Died

1. Remember that we can be free from the rule and scope and power of the demands of the world in which we live. (*Eph.1:7; Heb. 2:14; Col. 1:13-14; 1 Cor. 1:27-31*)
2. Our hope and the core of who we are become different when we embrace what He did. We are much more than what this world wants to make of us. (*1 Tim. 4:6-12; 1 Cor. 8:6*)
3. He did it for you – dwell on how much you are loved! (*John 10:17-18; Rom. 5:6-8; Matt.20:28; Rom.8:31-21*)

~Be humbled and compelled that He died for you, yet full of hope and awe because of what it means for you that He lives! (*Phil.2:8-11; Eph.2:4-6*)

Because He Lives

1. Eyes fixed on His victory over death will see us through the challenges and worries of today. (*Gal.2:19; Heb.12:2 & 1:3*) Earthly ways will fail, confidence in those things will falter –they cannot sustain us. (*Phil.3:4-8*)
2. There is nothing more sure and solid than a hope in Christ. (*1 Pet.1:3-6; Matt.7:24-25*) His victory over all things ensures that we can persevere through Him (*1 Cor.15:55-57; Phil. 4:13*)
3. Fear and doubt are more easily managed in our life when we are confident in Jesus. (*Phil.4:6-7; Ps.118:6-7*) Whatever may test us in this life, we are secure in Christ. (*Matt.6:34; Rom. 8:35-39 & 5:1-5*)