

Are You Serious About Living the Resurrection Life?

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Introduction: A Call to Transformation

Last week's message was one of the most important I've ever preached. ... I want to encourage you to go online and watch it. ... As you do, - I pray that the Spirit of wisdom and revelation will expand your heart's understanding concerning this truth.

I want to share a personal testimony - one that highlights the power of meditating on who we are in Christ. ... Over the past week, - as I have focused on the reality of being a chosen one, - I have experienced a radical shift in my soul. ... A deeper peace has settled in me; unlike anything I've known before. ... This became evident last week when a difficult situation arose, yet I was completely at peace. ... I have also experienced a new level of confidence in Christ.

Why am I sharing this? ... Because when you meditate upon the truth - and fix your thoughts on things above, - it transforms you into a new creation - a Kainos being.

Spiritual Reminder: Transformation Through Soul Expansion

This year, I hope your goal is transformation by His Spirit - - a transformation that occurs through soul expansion, - where you become a fully functioning Kainos being (a new creation in Christ). ... But how does this transformation take place? ... What you choose to believe will determine your destiny. ... I pray you bury this text deeply in your heart.

Proverbs 4:23 Easy English Bible

"Be very careful to keep your mind safe. ... The thoughts that you think make you the person that you are."

Complete Jewish Bible

"Above everything else, - guard your heart; - - for it is the source of life's consequences."

Let me ask you: What practical steps are you taking to guard your heart? ... How are you controlling your thought life? ... Remember - - There is no one-size-fits-all method. ... What works for me may not work for you. ... But if you are serious about transformation, - you must seek wisdom and guidance to develop a method that works for you. ... Get into the Word and ask the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to lead you.

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This morning, I want to address a text – that I briefly mentioned a couple of weeks back ... The Holy Spirit has placed upon my heart that we need to delve deeper into this scripture.

Colossians 3:1-2 The Message

"So, if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. ... Pursue the things over which Christ presides. ... Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. ... Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ that's where the action is. ... See things from His perspective."

Are You Serious About Living as a Kainos Being? If so, act like it.

In this context, serious means being deeply committed, intentional, and unwavering in living out our Kainos life in Christ ... It's also more than just acknowledging this truth - it's about: Actively embracing the truth ... It is about walking in this truth daily ... It is about living life with conviction, dedication, and a renewed mindset ... Here are a few scriptures to expand your understanding:

Fully Embrace Your New Identity

2 Corinthians 5:17 AMPC

"Therefore, if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah), he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!"

Walk in Obedience and Faith

Galatians 2:20 NCV

"I was put to death on the cross with Christ, - and I do not live anymore ... it is Christ who lives in me. ... I still live in my body, - but I live by faith in the Son of God - who loved me and gave Himself to save me."

Pursue the Things Over Which Christ Presides

What does this phrase really mean in a spiritual sense? ... One - It is a direct call to focus on heavenly priorities - - on the things governed by Christ - - rather than earthly distractions ...

Two - It is an invitation to align our thoughts, desires, and pursuits with Christ's reign.

Matthew 6:33 CEV

"But more than anything else, - put God's work first (*seek first His Kingdom*) and do what He wants. ... Then the other things will be yours as well."

Seeing Things from God's Perspective

What Does It Actually Mean?

Seeing things from God's perspective is about more than intellectual understanding - it requires spiritual revelation ... It means looking at our life – our circumstances – our challenges – our decisions – and viewing our identity – through the lens of the Almighty ... This will require us to make a shift from a limited, earthly mindset – and to engage the mind of Christ ... When we engage the mind of Christ, we align our mindset with God's wisdom, purpose, and kingdom values ... This is why it is so critical to expand our spiritual consciousness ... Without this expansion – it will be difficult to engage with the mind of Christ – and see ourselves as who we really are – a Kainos being.

How Do I See Things from God's Perspective?

Location – See Yourself Sitting Where HE Sits

Ephesians 2:6 AMPC

"And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus."

Mindset – Think Like HE Thinks

1 Corinthians 2:15-16 EEB

"But we have God's Spirit with us. So, we can understand the true value of all things. ... 16 As it says in the Bible: 'Nobody can know what the Lord God is thinking. ... But we think about these things in the same way that Christ thinks.'"

Romans 12:2 EEB

"Do not become like the people who belong to this world. ... But let God completely change the way that you think - so that you live differently. ... Then you will understand what God wants you to do."

Takeaway: Guarding Your Heart for Transformation

Let's be honest - - most of us struggle with truly guarding our hearts. ... This world constantly bombards us with perversion, deception, and distractions. ... If we're not careful, toxins build up in our hearts, and we become tolerant of worldly ideologies.

Be Selective of What You Allow In

Guard what you watch, listen to, and entertain in your mind. ... Be intentional about consuming content that strengthens your faith and avoid toxic influences that corrupt your perspective.

Matthew 6:22-23 Message

"Your eyes are windows into your body. ... If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. ... If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a musty cellar."

Take Control of Your Mind

Don't allow your thoughts to run wild. ... Identify and reject thoughts that contradict God's truth - such as fear, doubt, or bitterness.

2 Corinthians 10:5 NKJV

"Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

Final Thought

Guarding your heart is not about building walls in your life ... It's about creating healthy boundaries so that God's truth, love, and wisdom can direct your life.

- ✓ It means thinking on things above - not earthly distractions.
- ✓ It means focusing on your true identity as a Kainos being.
- ✓ It means intentionally aligning your heart with Christ's reality.

When you purposefully instill these principles into your life ... You will find that everything you do – will begin to flow from a place of faith, peace, and purpose.

Are you serious about living the resurrection life? Then act like it.