

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:13-26

Lyrics to Amazing Love by Charles Wesley

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? Who caused His pain!
For me? Who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite His grace!),
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,

For O my God, it found out me!
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Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my
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¹³For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. ¹⁹Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹envying, drunkenness, carousing, and

things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another. **Galatians 5:13-26 NASB**

Life in the Spirit...what does that mean? Today's consideration is Paul's treatment of the Christian life as life in the Spirit. In **Galatians 3:1-3**, Paul speaks of receiving God's Spirit and beginning in the Spirit (versus the flesh). In chapter **5:16**, he tells to walk by the Spirit, in chapter **5:18**, he refers to being led of the Spirit and in chapter **5:25**, he describes living by the Spirit. Let's be sure that we are all on the same page as to the meaning of these terms.

- **Beginning in the Spirit: Born of the Spirit.**

¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. **John 1:12-13 NASB**

³Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." **John 3:3-8 NASB**

You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? ²This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? **Galatians 3:1-3 NASB**

- The Well

But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." **John 4:14 NASB**

- New Government/New Kingdom

¹³For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **Colossians 1:13-14 NASB**

And Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus. **Acts 17:7 NASB**

- New citizenship

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. **Philippians 3:20 NASB**

- New species

¹⁷Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. **2 Corinthians 5:17 NASB**

- New relationships

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. **1 John 4:7-8 NASB**

- New Destiny

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" **John 14:25-26 NASB**

- Jesus resides in us and we have redemption, forgiveness of sins and life eternal.

- **Living in the Spirit**

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. **Galatians 5:25**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. **Acts 2:1-4 NASB**

¹⁷So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; ²⁰always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father. **Ephesians 5:17-20 NASB**

- The fountain: Growth

O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who forsake You will be put to shame.

Those who turn away on earth will be written down, because they have forsaken the fountain of living water, even the Lord. **Jeremiah 17:13 NASB**

- New Power

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. **Acts 1:8 NASB**

- New gifts

³Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is accursed”; and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. ⁷But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. **1 Corinthians 12:3-11 NASB**

For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in *his* spirit he speaks mysteries. **1 Corinthians 14:2 NASB**

¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What is *the outcome* then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also. **1 Corinthians 14:14-15 NASB**

- New fellowship

⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved. **Acts 2:42-47 NASB**

- New communication. **1 Corinthians 12:14 NASB**

'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all ^lmankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ Even on My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit And they shall prophesy. **Acts 2:17-18 NASB**

- Jesus provides a new environment

- Worship
- Communication
- Fruit

- **Walking in the Spirit** (see **Galatians 5:22-26**)

- The rivers of water: Giving

³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. **John 7:38-39 NASB**

- New consecration

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:1-2 NASB**

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. **Galatians 2:20 NASB**

- New message

but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here. **John 14:31 NASB**

- New motive

⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. ⁷So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. ⁸Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. **1**

Corinthians 3:6-9 NASB

- New ministry

¹¹And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. **Ephesians 4:11-16 NASB**

- Jesus presides, releasing a new life flow of revelation and impartation.
- The flesh and the spirit: contrast and class. (**Galatians 5:16-24**)
 - What is the flesh?
 - Greek word 'Sarx': body or muscular part of the body, skin...
 - Our human self-sufficiency.
 - Our earthly part.
 - All that man is by human birth, man in his weakness and mortality.
 - Our human creatureliness.
 - Everything earthly and human.
 - All that we are by nature and inheritance.
 - Life linked to our five senses.
 - All that we inherited from Adam.
 - Anything that is not an expression of the life Jesus in us.
 - What is meant by spirit? (**Galatians 5:16-24**)
 - The person of the Holy Spirit.

However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. **Romans 8:9 NASB**

- The union of the Holy Spirit and your spirit.
 - We are born dead.

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ²in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus. **Ephesians 2:1-6 NASB**

- People live dead.

But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives. **1 Timothy 5:6 NASB**

- We are one spirit with Him.

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be! ¹⁶Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body *with her*? For He says, "The two shall become one flesh." ¹⁷But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. ¹⁸Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. **1 Corinthians 6:15-20 NASB**

- How do we win the war? (**Galatians 5:16-17**)
 - Know who you are and what happened to you. (see **Galatians 2:20, 5:24-25** above)

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. ⁵Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. **Colossians 3:1-5**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin. **Romans 6:1-7 NASB**

- Know your weapons.

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵ *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NASB**

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **Hebrews 4:12 NASB**

Let the godly ones exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. ⁶ *Let* the high praises of God *be* in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, ⁷ To execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, ⁸ To bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, ⁹ To execute on them the judgment written; this is an honor for all His godly ones. Praise the Lord! **Psalms 149:5-9 NASB**

- **The fruit of the Spirit.**

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. **Galatians 5:22-23 NASB**

- This is singular: one fruit with nine flavors; love is a many flavored fruit.
 - Joy is love's strength.
 - Peace is love's security.
 - Patience is love's endurance.
 - Kindness is love's character.
 - Goodness is love's conduct.
 - Faithfulness is love's confidence.
 - Gentleness is love's humility.
 - Self-control is love's victory.
- The nine 'flavors' of the fruit of the Spirit.
 - **Love:** the essence of God's nature and His attitude toward us.

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. **1 John 4:16 NASB**

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. ⁴Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant, ⁵does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*, ⁶does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; ⁷bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of* prophecy, they will be done away; if *there are* tongues, they will cease; if *there is* knowledge, it will be done away. **1 Corinthians 13:1-8 NASB**

- **Joy:** the gladness of heart that gives us strength.

Then he said to them, “Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” **Nehemiah 8:10 NASB**

These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full. **John 15:11 NASB**

for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. **Romans 14:17 NASB**

- **Peace:** The presence in your person of the One who is the Prince of peace.

“The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You.” **Isaiah 26:3 NASB**

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. **John 14:27 NASB**

For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall. **Ephesians 2:14 NASB**

⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. ⁹The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:6-9 NASB

- **Patience:** Holy endurance and capacity to live by His time table and at His pace.

Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life. **1 Timothy 1:16 NASB**

⁹For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. **Colossians 1:9-12 NASB**

- **Kindness:** A disposition of good will towards others...not harsh or bitter.

The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged. **2 Timothy 2:24 NASB**

- **Goodness:** Active virtue... 'a good deed doer.'

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated *in Greek* is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did. ³⁷And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him, "Do not delay in coming to us." ³⁹So Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. ⁴⁰But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴²It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. **Acts 9:36-42 NASB**

- **Faithfulness:** Steadfastness, loyalty, fidelity, trustworthiness, a long term love.

These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful. **Revelations 17:4 NASB**

¹⁰“He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. ¹¹Therefore if you have not been faithful in the *use of* unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true *riches* to you?” **Luke 16:10-11**

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- **Gentleness:** Humility and meekness
 - Jesus-like attitude.

⁵Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **Philippians 2:5-8 NASB**

- A God-like value system.

³⁴Ascribe strength to God; His majesty is over Israel and His strength is in the skies.

³⁵O God, *You are* awesome from Your sanctuary. The God of Israel Himself gives strength and power to the people. Blessed be God! **Psalms 68:34-35 NASB**

- **Self-Control:** Yielding to His Lordship and His present-tense governance in our lives.
 - A choice, a decision of virtue.

⁵Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, ⁷and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love. ⁸For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 1:5-8 NASB**

- A decision to be ruled by God’s Word and God’s Spirit and not my opinion and agenda.

⁶Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ⁸“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. ⁹“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; ¹¹So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth;

it will not return to Me empty without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it. **Isaiah 55:6-11 NASB**

- There is no law that can make you or keep you from the Holy Spirit producing fruit in your life.
- We who belong to Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (see **Galatians 5:24**)
 - This is past-tense.

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. **Galatians 2:20 NASB**

But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. **Galatians 6:14 NASB**

³Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷for he who has died is freed from sin.

⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. **Romans 6:3-8 NASB**

- Let our beliefs be made manifest in our behavior. (**Galatians 5:25**)
- Spiritual growth and maturity produces desires for humility, unity, and bringing glory to God, not drawing attention to our strengths on the weaknesses of others. (**Galatians 5:26**)