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SERMON SERIES: The Power of His Resurrected Life

SERMON TITLE: The Power to Live this New Life

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Galatians 2:20

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.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Spirit-filled is the Christ controlled life where Christ has the freedom to have His way in your life. The Spirit-filled Christian is one who daily dies to himself and lives for Christ to be exalted and glorified. (Gal. 2:20) The potential power, the life of Jesus Christ in every believer, is released by faith as the Christian surrenders the control of his life to the Holy Spirit. Since it is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to glorify Christ, Jesus Christ then has the unhindered opportunity to work in and through the believer's life to perform His will. God has called us to a supernatural lifestyle. The only way to live this lifestyle is for Him to live His life through us as we submit to the control of His Spirit.

INTRODUCTION

Power is an essential part of our lives. This fact was not more evident than when this past winter many of us here in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex

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experienced widespread power outages. It was an unprecedented time! As record amounts of snow covered the ground and temperatures dropped to record lows, many lacked the power that would allow them to respond effectively to the challenges they faced. It seemed that a shutdown in power, signaled a shutdown in functionality. Trying to stay warm when furnaces were not working. Needing to shower when water heaters are not able to heat water. Wanting to feed ourselves but electric stoves and microwaves were inoperable. Families and couples sitting by candlelight not for ambiance or mood setting, but for survival. Our lives were thrown into a state of anguish and disarray, and at times seemingly in despair. We all clung to the hope that the power would be restored, and we would all be empowered to get back to life as intended. The spiritual observation here is that just as when the power went out in Texas, and the struggles and despondence that resulted, the same can be expected when life is lived the way God Almighty intended without the power of the Holy Spirit.

POINT #1 - Called to Share in Crucifixion

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Galatians 2:20

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NOTE #1: Discipleship – Commitment to Deny and Die

Luke 9:23-24

23 Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take **up his cross daily**, and follow Me.
24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

Disciple - to follow or adhere to the teachings of a teacher.

- ***To truly be Christian, is to be a committed Disciple of Jesus Christ.***

POINT #2 – Dying is Yielding, to the Holy Spirit

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.

John 16:13

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

- ***When the Holy Spirit guides us to something in our lives that does not honor God, our response should be to begin the process of its crucifixion.***

Galatians 5:16-17

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

NOTE #2: Dying Does Not Accommodate Wrong

“Old Habits Die Hard”

Crucify is forcible death – Bring into custody

- ***The Old Man must die to make way for the New Man to live***

Romans 6:3-4

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into

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Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Ephesians 4:17-24

This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Point #3: Gain is Greater Than the Loss

Luke 18:28-29

28). Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You."
29). So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30). who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

Matthew 19:27 "hundredfold"

- **God is not trying to get anything from you, He is intent on getting greater things to you.**

Not the God of Take, but the God of Give**John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that **He gave** His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.