

Spirit Abundance

Galatians 5:13-26

Being [spiritually] alive

Rock / Intelligent robot / Human being

Two models

Being good enough

“law” defines the standard & the remedy

Be given life by one who has Life

“a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ” Gal. 2:16

Christians are “free” from laws (model 1)



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13-15

16-18

19-21

22-26

The Big Idea

The Spirit of God

lives in, calls, and empowers all true Christians to overcome the pull of sin and self to love (humbly serve) God and people in an often stumbling journey

Being Spiritually Alive

“Bad” person:

Not even trying to be good

“Good” Person:

Doing a good job of doing good things by an act of will → active alive

Christian:

has the Spirit of God living inside who is shaping one’s life

Application

Become spiritually alive

Forgiven by Jesus → the Spirit lives in you

Radical step of realignment:

“Crucified the self” = agree with God that...

the self enslaves us and brings death

He alone is God and life and goodness

I trust in Jesus’ death to give me life

He is life

In His death, He offers His life to us

Like a newborn, we begin a journey

Daily choose to live alive

Humble, others-focused love

Guided by the Spirit

Empowered by the Spirit

In all circumstances

Forever needing forgiveness & help

“Since we live by the Spirit,

let us keep in step with the Spirit.” Gal. 5:25

Being Spiritually Alive

The decisive step:

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Gal. 2:20

The daily journey:

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” Gal. 5:25

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. What is the difference between being good, and being spiritually alive? How would you describe your situation?
2. How is the effort to “be good” different from someone who is “in Christ” and someone who isn’t?
3. What steps do you want to take, either to start the journey or to continue the journey? What gives you hope and strength for those steps?

Conversation Starter

What does it mean to be “spiritually alive”?

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