

The 12 Days of Easter, Day 4: The Life Which I Now Live



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“I have been crucified with Christ; 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 for me.

Galatians 2:20

live¹ [liv]

verb

1. to feed or subsist (usually followed by on or upon):
2. to dwell or reside (usually followed by in, at, etc.)
3. to pass life in a specified manner

As we consider the verb **live** in the passage above, we see that as followers of Jesus, we don't have to live out our lives on earth in our own strength. Rather, it is Christ who actually lives *in* us. The Greek word for *live* is **zao**. Exploring its meaning gives us amazing insight into what kind of life Jesus means for us to have. According to the Blue Letter Bible, **zao** means, “active, blessed, endless in the kingdom of God.” It

also means “living water, having vital power in itself and exerting the same upon the soul.”

During a recent vacation in Florida, I was riding with a cycling tour group. I could feel the sweat trickling down my head as I huffed and puffed my way to the next stop. Not accustomed to the heat and humidity, I felt my energy slipping away with each pedal. I finally made it to the break area and guzzled a bottle of cold, fresh water. My energy and vitality and desire to make it to the finish ramped back up, and I hit the trail again.

Too many of us are trying to live our lives without our spring of **Living Water**. We are huffing and puffing our way through jobs, callings, and relationships without tapping into our spiritual source of strength. Everyone has times of tiredness, but if we are not experiencing any active, powerful, blessed times of walking with God, then we need a fresh drink of Living Water. Perhaps we are quenching the Spirit through sin, or we are just forgetting to ask God to fill us with a fresh breath of His Spirit. When we live by faith in the Son of God, He gives us strength and power for the journey.

point to ponder

Are you living in God’s strength or your own?

prayer

Lord, we pray for your Living Water to infuse us with strength. Help us to live our lives being filled with your Spirit and equipped for service. Grow our faith in You as we walk together. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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