

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

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PART 4: LIVING IN FORGIVENESS

SEEKING REST

The Devil and the rest of the fallen angels never have any rest, meaning they are constantly tormented over the fact the stay of execution will be lifted one day and they will be cast into the Lake of Fire. **Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10**

Evil spirits have no rest. **Luke 11:24**

The Devil, fallen angels, and evil spirits all know that someday they will lose their freedom when they are cast into the Lake of Fire.

Unsaved people also do not have any rest because death is a certainty. Anyone who lived before 1900 is dead, and people often worry what will happen when they die.

Most people who lived through World War I and II are dead. People born in 1945 know that in 2020 they will be 75 years old and they are in the last stage of their lives.

Only a handful will still be living 25 years from now. As a person grows older, the unavoidable question creeps up... "Where will I go when my body dies?"

GOD GIVES REST

God offers rest to every human on this planet. I'm not talking about a good night's sleep, but eternal rest that comes from being born again and saved from your sins. God wanted to give the people of Israel eternal rest, but most of them refused. **Hebrews 3:7-19**

You are in God's rest if you have repented of your sins and made Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior. **Hebrews 4:1-3**

The apostle John wanted to make sure that people fully understood they were saved for eternity the moment they were born again. **1 John 5:4-15**

No person can work on their own and get into this rest; it is a gift that is bestowed upon anyone who repents of his sins and receives Christ as his Lord and Savior. **Ephesians 2:4-10**

Jesus wanted to make sure the disciples understood the eternal security of their salvation. **John 10:27-30**

Repentance leads to forgiveness and this in turn leads to peace and rest. **John 3:14-18**

PERSONAL CHOICE

The New Testament clearly states there are two ways a Christian can lose his salvation:

1. Taking the Mark of the Beast. **Revelation 14:9-11**
2. Willfully removing sections of the Bible and teaching others so. **Revelation 22:19**



These two actions can only be initiated by you. No one can force you into such an action. It is a decision based upon free will.

LIVING IN FORGIVENESS

As a child of God, you have been born again and saved by Jesus:

- ❖ You are no longer condemned to the Lake of Fire. **Romans 8:1-4; Galatians 3:13**
- ❖ There is no more shame and fear. **Genesis 3:9-10**
- ❖ You are a child of the King, a joint heir with Jesus. **Romans 8:14-17**
- ❖ You are a king and priest in the Kingdom of God. **Revelation 1:4-6**
- ❖ The power of forgiveness brings restoration. **Psalms 51:1-17**
- ❖ Resting in your salvation and forgiveness brings healing to the soul and body. **Psalms 103:1-17**

Are you resting or fretting? The choice is yours.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?