

**December 3, 2022**

The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**1 Cor. 15:45** *So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. (NIV)*

Paul had stated earlier in **1 Cor. 15:22** *For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. (NIV)* He’s writing this in the context of those who choose to trust in Christ as their Lord and Savior. It was sin that brought death of the body to man. It is salvation that brings life to the spirit of man by the infusion of the Holy Spirit Who will never die. We are so blessed if we know Him as Lord. He continues to walk with us and lead us where we ought to go. The ability to experience real life comes only from the One Who lives inside of us. We have all been born in the image of Adam, suspect to sin. But those who put their trust Jesus (the last Adam), will also bear His resurrection image. The first Adam was made of dust, but those who trust in Christ will be given an imperishable image that will never fade away.

Paul also stated this in one of the most impactful scriptures, **Phil. 3:7-12** *But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. (NIV)*

**Dear LORD,** may this also be our prayer just as it was Paul’s. We want to know You and the power of Your resurrection. We want to experience real and abundant life in You. In Jesus Name, Amen