

Jesus died that I may be truly alive. (2)

But how do I become truly alive?

Christians everywhere struggle with the challenge to be alive in Jesus. The struggle comes from having a sincere desire to belong to Jesus, *yet realizing that we are, in our own strength, powerless to live for him.*

The good news is that God does not only know about this need and struggle, but also provided for our struggle. The Lord made a plan:

The Bible says I have been “*crucified with Christ*”. This means that my old self with all its limitations has been put to death. This helps our understanding of who we really are, now that we are in Christ. **It releases us from the struggle to live the Christian life in our own strength.** (Galatians 2: 19 21)

But we need to become a new person.

The way God has chosen to deal with the old person, is not to improve it, but to remove it. This is what it means to be “*crucified with Christ.*” We received a new identity, because we are crucified with Christ. A new person rose with Jesus from the grave when we received him as our Saviour.

The first step to truly rise to true life, is to receive Jesus in faith.

The second step is to live in and for Jesus in all circumstances, through the power of faith in him.

And the good news is that, as God’s children, we have Christ living within us through his Spirit. The old person, who deserved only judgment, has died - has been crucified with Christ. I am a new person now, in Christ Jesus, who is truly alive.