When You Know You're Alive

Tony Mauck · Colossians 2:6–13

INTRODUCTION

- How do you know when you're alive? And that's what he's talking to the church at Colossae about in Colossians chapter 2.

1 As You Have Received Christ, So Walk in Him

Colossians 2:6–7; Jude 1:20–21

- As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.
- Now, if we are alive in him, there is a prescribed walk for us to follow.
- Build yourselves up in the most holy faith. Keep yourselves in the love of God.
- We start missing assemblies. We start neglecting spiritual pursuit, and we won't be established in our faith for very long.

2 In Him You Were Made Alive

Colossians 2:11–13; Romans 6; Revelation 1:5

- In which you were raised up with him through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead.
- This isn't about me earning or meriting anything. This is about my confidence in God that just as he caused Jesus to rise from the dead, he is bringing me to life again.
- He made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.
- When you were baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, through your faith in the working of God, you rose from the dead. And you were made alive.

3 With the Passing of Time, Our Perspective Gets Askew

2 Corinthians 11:14

- What happens to those who have been made alive? Who really stop living? Who go back to death.
- Don't allow the passing of time to affect your appreciation and your wonder in regard to the fact that as the children of God, we have been made alive with him.
- With the passing of time, our perspective gets askew.
- He's going to change or attempt to change your values as he causes your perspective to get askew. And as a result, he will undermine your confidence in God and His Word.

4 Sin Allures

- Sin is alluring. It's enticing us and inviting us all the time.
- It seems to offer so much, though it provides so little.

- Less than godly attitudes about ourselves, about others, or about our circumstances, even.

5 Conflicts, Disappointments and Words That Hurt

- We experience conflict in our lives, and that can take a toll on the vibrancy of our faith and our perspective.
- Brethren disappoint. We should dismiss a pie in the sky view of the local church that everything is going to be wonderful and bliss and happy all the time.
- We're real people too. And sometimes people in those positions make mistakes.
- Relationships fluctuate. Family members disappoint us.
- Words hurt. We're sensitive. And words can alienate.

6 We Lose Our Fire and Take It for Granted

Isaiah 53; Hebrews 10:19–25

- We lose our excitement for it because we forget about the fact that we were dead and we're alive.
- We should never get over the wonder of that.
- Brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way.
- Let us draw near with a sincere heart. In full assurance of faith.
- Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering. For he who promised is faithful.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you been made alive? Have you been cleansed by the blood of Christ? Have you been buried with Him in baptism? And if you've done that, what does your walk look like? Are you established in your faith? Overflowing with gratitude?

MY NOTES