

His 18- Rise up!

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. Ephesians 2:1-2

Tempting us to change Christianity to fit our preferred lifestyle or cultural preferences is a long standing tactic of Satan.

“We each stand from birth on the precipice between life and death. If its head long into Hell we want to go, we have to step over Jesus to get there.” -Matt Chandler

The actions and behaviors that we now do as a result of our redeemed view of eternity that should be our chief concern.

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” Ephesians 4:7

There is a unity of believers but also a uniqueness.

“We are called to an unconventional war using only the weapons of faith, hope and love.” -Erwin Raphael McManus

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

When we fight each other, when hatred, strife and infighting are the best characterizations of humanity, Satan wins.

“Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at things in life that don’t really matter.” -D.L. Moody

9 (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) Ephesians 9-10

Every day our lives must be a faithful response to Jesus’ victory on our behalf.