

## Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: Matthew 10: 39

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The cross was not the end of Christ's life. We know that three days later, He rose again from the dead – demonstrating His victory over sin and death. Likewise, His ministry was not completed at the crucifixion. An important part still lay ahead – working through believers by the indwelling power of His Holy Spirit and ultimately returning as the reigning King of kings.

But we need to understand that the cross is not an end for us either. We may be tempted to think of the Christian life as losing our life here so we might gain heaven – that we walk around as limited, self-sacrificing, dead people so we can experience the life to come. But that's not the picture Jesus gives us. No, we relinquish our imperfect and limited earthly existence so that we can gain Christ's powerful resurrection life (Philippians 3: 10-11). And that eternal life starts right now (John 17:3)

You have life – real, unmatched, everlasting, resurrection life. And just as Jesus is working in more powerful ways than ever, so you can have an even more fulfilling and eternally impacting existence. So, start living, know Jesus, and discover all you were saved to enjoy.

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