

**1 Peter 1:21-23 (New Living Translation) -** <sup>21</sup> Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. <sup>22</sup> You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart. <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to 1 Peter 1:21-23, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. Our topic is "A New Life to Live."

Elbert Hubbard said, "The greatest mistake you can make in life is continually fearing that you'll make one." My college football coach would say "If you make a mistake, make it while giving your best effort, this way you'll learn something great." Oftentimes the fear of mistakes or even the fear of the future can be problematic for many. It can be problematic because of dealing with the "what ifs." What if I fail? What if I lose my job? What if the market changes and I lose my investment? What if I look silly? What if I look silly or I get embarrassed? The list goes on and on. When you are wrestling with fears and unknowns about life and the future, you need clarity. Clarity is found in your ability to trust in God. Yes, through Christ, and you have placed your faith and hope in God because He raised Christ from the dead and gave Him great glory. (1Pet.1:21) Tell somebody, I've got a New Life to Live.

### **Operate in Power, Love, and a Sound Mind**

2 Timothy 1:7 teaches us that God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. While we can't control what the future holds, we can certainly take the right steps and do the right things to optimize the potential for our desired outcome. Deuteronomy 31:6 teach us to be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." When you woke up in the morning, be sure to remind yourself that God didn't give you a spirit of fear. Then remind yourself that you're going to operate in the power of God, because He has given you power (Holy Ghost Power), Love, and a Sound Mind. Tell somebody, I've got a New Life to Live.

### **Know Your Worth**

My brothers and sisters – know your worth!!! You are precious in the sight of God. The Lord paid the price for you with His precious blood. The scripture says, "You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart. (1Pet.1:22) In 1964 a car that was worth \$5,000 fresh off the assembly line was of fair market value. In 2025 that same car is not only an

antique, but it has increased in value exponentially. It may be worth over \$80,000 now. I came to remind you that your value has increased exponentially. Your value has gone up week after week, month after month, and year after year. You are priceless. Good God Almighty. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6) Tell somebody, I've got a New Life to Live.

### **You've been Born Again**

For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. (1Pet.1:23) Tell somebody, I've got a New Life to Live. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) Do you believe? Then tell somebody, I've got a New Life to Live. You've got a new talk. You've got a new walk. You've got a new lifestyle. When I think about the goodness of Jesus and all that He's done for me, My soul cries out Hallelujah. Thank you, Lord, for blessing us in our going out and our coming in. Yes Lord. You are worthy of the praises of your people. I've got a New Life to Live. Thank you, Jesus.

In closing, God didn't give you a spirit of fear, so be sure to operate in power, love, and a sound mind. Know your worth and understand that you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. You've got a new life. Yes Lord. My brothers and sisters your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. That means you've got a New Life to Live in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. Amen.