

Prisoners in Vietnam. Hanoi. Horrible. Isolated. Ate. Breathed. Alive. But not fully alive... not living life to the full.

“I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full.” **John 10:10**
Some people today are alive, but not fully alive. Not to the full . . .
. . . just eating, breathing, going thru the motions of life.

- **A way of thinking:** we’re born, we live, we die, that’s it.
 - Can’t take it /u... just waiting to die. Might as well sleep in **Casket**.
- **This year –have a radical transformation. Alive 2025.**
 - We’re born, we live, we sin . . . “the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Rom. 6:23**
 - We have **life**. Eternal life, but life to the **full now**.
 - **FAITH** - knowing God’s Word - teaches us a truth:
1 Cor. 15:22 – “For as in Adam all die, *so in Christ all will be made alive.*”
 - **We weren’t born to die, we were born to live.**
 - **Jesus Christ is the difference.**

Eph. 2:4-5 NLT - “⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much,
⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, **he gave us life** when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)”

- **Faith** is what allows us to see life in an entirely different way.
- Faith: believing in what you can’t see... in what was written for us.
 - Faith. Knowing Jesus lived... to die, and to live again.
 - His resurrection gives us resurrected life. **Resurrect:** new vigor.
Restore/revive/regenerate – **breathe new life**.
 - Everything we do has new meaning & purpose. Work for God.
 - **John 20** – Jesus appeared. **Breathed on disciples**. “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” Same mission.
 - **Peter:** fisherman. **Paul:** tentmaker.
 - What we do is merely an avenue for sharing God’s love.

“But God proves His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – **Rom. 5:8**

- Believe that? Experienced God’s love? Been changed by it?
- If so – you live with faith. **Faith assures us - we are loved.**
 - o Life is radically changed when you experience God’s love.
 - o A new life begins when U know the love of God. Receive H.S.
 - Knowing how much U are loved **changes everything.**
 - We are loved . . . not b/c we’re perfect.
 - **Too many struggle** trying to be great... do right... earn love.

To live **fully alive** means knowing you are **fully loved. Takes Faith.**

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we **might live through him.**” – **1 John 4:9**

- We aren’t going to find meaning & purpose in life outside of Jesus.
- *We live through Him.* It’s not about \$, jobs, things.... Dead-ends.
 - o **Our lives are the most alive when we aren’t living for ourselves... when we live in Jesus, through Jesus, for Jesus.**

We can’t have that life w/o **faith.** Resurrect your faith. Breath new life! Come **Alive in 2025.**

Everything else comes alive thru faith.

Next 3 weeks: Hope alive. Joy alive. Love alive.

Hope – defeat the negative attitude. Expect good things. Dry bones come alive. Exekiel 37.

Joy – it’s not what others do for us that brings joy to our lives.

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