



Because He Lives...I Love

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Every "because" point to something

Jesus Is Alive!

What does this really mean?

What do I say when I declare that Jesus Christ lives?

- He really came to this world
- He really died (to pay for our sins)
- He really rose from the dead
- He is really alive today
- He is really present today
- He is in me, with me, and leading me!

Because He lives...

I can love others as He loves me

1 John 4:7-11

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

How can the presence and power of Jesus in you empower you to love others more?

Because He lives...

I can forgive as He forgave me

Ephesians 4:32

³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

How can the astounding forgiveness of the one who lives in you move you to greater forgiveness?

Because He lives...

I can show grace as I have received it

Ephesians 2:6-10

⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Who needs to experience the lavish and amazing grace of Jesus through you and how can you show it?

Because He lives...

I can point to Him so that others can see Him

John 8:12

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Who needs to see Jesus and what story can I tell of his presence and power?

Because He lives...

I can walk in daily victory because He has won the battle

1 John 5:4-5

⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Where is the battle raging and what is your next step into full victory in the power of Jesus?

Because He Lives...

Everything has changed!