

Begin Again

Romans 8:1-10 KJV

I. How to Begin Again

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:1-2 NKJV)

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!’”
(Luke 15:17 NKJV)

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” (Ephesians 2:13 NKJV)

- Know who you are in Christ Jesus

II. Why Begin Again

“For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”
(Romans 8:3-4 NKJV)

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”
(Ephesians 2:10 NKJV)

“... being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;”
(Philippians 1:6 NKJV)

- Know that Jesus will finish the work he has started in you

III. The Results of Beginning Again

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.” (Revelation 22:12-14 NKJV)

- Know that Jesus keeps his promises

Christ's Prayer for All Believers' Eternal Life

John 17: 1-14

I. Christ's prayer to be glorified by the Father

"These words spoke Jesus and lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour is come: glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee.'" (John 17:1 KJV)

- A. Power to give eternal life
- B. Eternal life is to know the true God

II. Eternal life is more than endless existence

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hath sent." (John 17:3 KJV)

- A. It is a special quality of life that we as believers receive when we partake of the essential life of God through Christ.
- B. The present possession of eternal life requires a living faith in the Son of God.

III. They have kept thy word

"I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them to me: and they have kept thy word." (John 17:6 KJV)

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:17)

"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them: that they may be one even as we are one." (John 17:22 KJV)

- A. Christ's prayer for protection, joy, sanctification, love and unity.
- B. Jesus does not pray for His followers to "become" one, but rather that they may be one.