

HE GAVE ME A NEW PAST

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Do you believe Jesus is alive?

If he is alive, what difference does it make today?

MAIN IDEA: Because Jesus is alive, the 3 tenses of our lives (the future, the present and the past) are wonderfully transformed.

1. Because Jesus lives, we who have taken hold of him by faith NOW HAVE A NEW FUTURE.

“Because I live, you will now live.” **John 14:19**

2. Because Jesus lives, we who taken hold of him by faith NOW HAVE A NEW PRESENT.

“Be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:20** NLT

3. Because Jesus lives, we who taken hold of him by faith NOW HAVE A NEW PAST.

“Everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God.” **Luke 12:8-9** ESV

Peter's 3x denial (Luke 22:54-62)

“But Peter was unable to enter into & enjoy the new future and the new present because of a haunting past.”
Darrell Johnson

- Some of us are **weighed down by regret of guilt** over past actions.
- Some of us are **haunted by terrible, awful things** that have happened to us.
- Some of us are **bitter because of past hurts.**
- Some of us are **hampered by these videotapes** that keep whirling around in our minds.

Peter could not enter what he knew to be true. He could not embrace this new future and this new present because of his unresolved past.

QUESTION: So what is it that holds you back from entering into and enjoying life with the risen Jesus? What is your charcoal fire?