

## Revive

Resolve and Restore: Part 3

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**Thread:** *"If Your law had not been my delight, then I would have perished in my **affliction**. I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have **revived** me."* **Psalm 119:92-93 NASB**

*"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."* **Colossians 2:6-15 ESV**

- **Paul's bold tone underscores the seriousness of his instruction and his confidence in the truth of the Gospel.**

*"Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you."* **Colossians 2:16-18a ESV**

**Jesus is the fulfillment.**

- Jesus fulfilled the reason for the Old Testament food laws.
- Jesus fulfilled the reason for the Jewish yearly festivals.
- Jesus fulfilled the reason for adherence to a strict Sabbath.

*"These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh."* **Colossians 2:23 ESV**

*"If then you have been raised with Christ..."* **Colossians 3:1a ESV**

**You are free, unbound to choose.**

**Let's resolve the unresolved and embrace restoration.**

*"Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth."*

**Colossians 3:5-8 ESV**

**Deeds of the flesh**

- This represents who we are without Christ.
- This is who we become living in our own strength

*"Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your heart."* **Colossians 3:9-15a ESV**

**Jesus disarmed and conquered the rulers and authorities in the unseen world.**

- Remember you are an ambassador with the full authority of the kingdom of God in you.
- You are not perfect, but you are free to choose Christ and His path.
- This is why James writes to the church: *"So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* **James 4:7 NLT**
- *"Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions."* **James 1:14-15a NLT**

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* **James 1:16-17 NLT**

**Challenge:**

- Do you feel the desire to be revived by His Word?
- Is there a deed of the flesh you need to turn from?
- Is there a LIE, you need to replace with scriptural truth?
- Live up to your identity in Christ.