

“DEAD MEN AT THE DINNER TABLE”**ROMANS 6:1-6****JOHN 12:1-2****INTRODUCTION**

WHAT DID YOUR FAMILY AND FRIEND SAY WHEN THEY FIRST HEARD THAT YOU WERE BORN AGAIN?

WERE THEY ENTHUSIASTIC? WERE THEY SKEPTICAL? OR WERE THEY CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC?

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO KNEW US BEFORE WE KNEW THE LORD.

THEY KNEW US BEFORE WE STARTED ATTENDING CHURCH;

THEY KNEW US BEFORE WE BECAME BIBLE READERS;

THEY KNEW US BEFORE WE BEGAN LIVING A SPIRIT FILLED LIFE.

MANY OF THEM WENT TO SCHOOL WITH US, WHILE OTHERS WERE OUR DRINKING AND PARTYING FRIENDS, AND STILL OTHERS WERE OUR PARTNERS IN CRIME.

WHEN THEY HEARD THE NEWS THAT YOU HAD GIVEN YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST, WHAT WAS THEIR REACTION?

SOME OF OUR FRIENDS BELIEVED US WHILE OTHERS TOOK A WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE.

WE BECAME A PERSON TO BE OBSERVED FROM A DISTANCE AS OLD FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES MONITORED OUR MOVEMENTS AND ACTIONS TO SEE IF OUR CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS NEW LIFE IN CHRIST WAS FOR REAL.

SO MADE IT THEIR BUSINESS TO CHALLENGE OUR NEW LIFE, WHICH WAS A THREAT TO THEIR LIFE.

OTHERS WERE INFLUENCED BY OUR CHANGE AND DID THE SAME THEMSELVES.

AS TIME PASSED, MANY CAME TO BELIEVE THAT WE WERE TRULY SINCERE WHEN WE ANNOUNCED OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST, AND THAT OUR OLD SINFUL WAYS WERE TRULY DEAD.

ONE OF THE REALITIES OF LIFE IS THAT NO MATTER WHO WE ARE TODAY, THERE IS SOMEONE WHO REMEMBERS US THE WAY WE WERE.

THERE ARE MANY SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE TODAY WHO LIVE BALANCED CHRISTIAN LIVES, WHO ARE CONSERVATIVE IN THEIR THOUGHTS, AND ARE MODELS OF RESPECTABILITY.

BUT BEFORE THEY BECAME THE MODELS THEY ARE TODAY, THERE ARE THOSE WHO CAN REMEMBER WHAT THEY ONCE WERE.

- **THEY REMEMBER THE WILD PARTY MAN;**
- **THEY REMEMBER THE GIRL TEASED ALL OF THE GUYS;**
- **THEY REMEMBER THE STUDENT WHO CHEATED ON ALL OF THE TESTS THEY TOOK;**
- **THEY REMEMBER THE BRAGGARTS AND THE THUGS.**
- **THEY REMEMBER THE PROMISCUOUS AND THE WALL FLOWERS.**
- **IN FACT, MANY WHO KNEW YOU AT ANOTHER TIME HAVE DIFFICULTY ACCEPTING THE FACT THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER THE PERSON YOU USE TO BE.**

AT REUNIONS, YOUR OLD LIFE IS CONSTANTLY REHASHED.

YOUR OLD ANTICS AND EPISODES OF BAD BEHAVIOR ARE CONSTANTLY RETOLD FOR THE AMUSEMENT OF ALL PRESENT.

WHAT MANY OF THEM FAIL TO ACCEPT IS THE REALITY THAT THE PERSON THEY REFER TO IN THEIR MOMENTS OF

AMUSEMENT DIED AT SOME POINT AND A NEW MAN OR WOMAN IS CHRIST NOW LIVES.

SOME LIKE WHAT THEY SEE AND SOME DON'T.

THERE ARE SINE PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY HARD TO CONVINC.

THEY DON'T BELIEVE THAT WATER IS WET AND NEITHER DO THEY BELIEVE THAT FAT MEAT IS GREASY.

WHEN YOU TELL THEM THAT THE PERSON THEY KNEW NO LONGER EXISTS, THEY LAUGH!

THEY CAN'T BELIEVE THE PERSON THEY REMEMBERED SO WELL HAS TRULY CHANGED.

ILLUSTRATION

THERE WAS A CRAZY MAN WHO HAD TROUBLE ACCEPTING THE FACT THAT HE WAS NOT A DEAD MAN.

HE HAD STRANGE DREAMS OF HIMSELF BEING A DEAD MAN WALKING.

HIS FAMILY BECAME WEARY AND SENT HIM TO A PSYCHIATRIST WHO SPENT MANY SESSIONS TRYING TO CONVINC THE MAN HE WAS STILL ALIVE.

NOTHING SEEMED TO WORK. THE MAN WAS CONVINC THAT HE WAS DEAD.

FINALLY, THE DOCTOR TRIED ONE LAST APPROACH – HE PUT ASIDE HIS MEDICAL BOOKS AND DECIDED TO USE A LITTLE HOMESPUN HORSE SENSE.

AS THE SESSIONS BEGAN, THE DOCTOR ASKED THE PATIENT, “DO YOU BELIEVE A DEAD MAN CAN EAT?” THE MAN ANSWERED, “NO.”

HE SHOWED HIS PICTURES OF FUNERALS AND CASKETS AND ASKED HIM WHAT HE BELIEVED THE DEAD MAN ATE FOR LUNCH.

THE CRAZY MAN WAS FINALLY CONVINCED THAT DEAD MEN CANNOT EAT.

THE DOCTOR FELT GOOD, SO HE PUT THE CRAZY MAN TO A TEST TO SEE IF HE WAS CURED.

HE CARRIED HIM INTO THE NEXT ROOM AND SHOWED THE MAN A TABLE FULL OF THE BEST FOOD THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN.

WHEN THE CRAZY MAN SAW THE TABLE FILLED WITH COLLARD GREENS, FRIED CHICKEN, YAMS, RICE AND GRAVY, CORN ON THE COB AND CORN BREAD, HE BECAME EXCITED.

THE DOCTOR FELT GOOD. HE FELT LIKE HE HAD CURSED HIS PATIENT.

AS HE PLACED AN OVERFLOWING PLATE OF BLACK-EYED PEAS, NECK BONES, MACARONI AND CHEESE AND HOME MADE SWEET POTATO PIE IN FRONT OF HIS PATIENT, THE DOCTOR ASKED A QUESTION AS HIS PATIENT DUG IN, "YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE DEAD NOW THAT YOU ARE EATING ALL OF THIS GOOD FOOD, WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU?"

THE CRAZY MAN LOOK UP WITH A CHICKEN BONE IN HIS HAND AND SAID, "I GUESS I WAS WRONG, DEAD MEN CAN EAT."

IT'S JUST HARD TO CONVINCING SOME PEOPLE.

TRANSITION

MANY WHO HAVEN'T SEEN US IN A WHILE ARE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT WE ARE TRULY DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

THEY ARE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT OUR INTERESTS, OUR CONVERSATION AND OUR DIRECTION HAS CHANGED; AND THAT WE ARE NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST; OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY AND EVERYTHING HAS BECOME BRAND NEW.

AS CHRISTIANS, WE REJOICE IN THE FACT THAT WE ENJOY OUR BRAND NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.

THE OLD SINFUL MAN AND SINFUL WOMAN THAT ONCE WAS, NO LONGER EXISTS.

THOSE WHO COME LOOKING FOR THE DEAD MAN THEY KNEW, WILL BE DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE IN THE PLACE OF THAT DEAD MAN OR WOMAN IS A NEW CREATURE WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB.

EXPOSITION OF THE TEXT

THE TWO PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE THAT FORM THE BASIS FOR THIS TEXT BOTH SHOW INSTANCES OF NEW LIFE.

WHILE WRITING TO THE ROMANS, PAUL TRIES TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENS TO A PERSON WHEN HE BECOMES A CHRISTIAN.

WHEN A PERSON BECOMES A CHRISTIAN, HIS OLD LIFE WHICH ENJOYS SINFUL ACTIVITIES DIES.

IN THE FIRST SIX VERSES OF ROMAN SIX, PAUL ADDRESSES THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT A PERSON CAN BE A CHRISTIAN AND STILL MAINTAIN A LIVELY INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT IN LIFESTYLES THAT CONFLICT WITH A CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE.

CAN A MAN OR WOMAN BE A TRUE CHRISTIAN AND MAINTAIN THE LIFESTYLE OF A SWINDLER, DRUNKARD, FORNICATOR, ADULTERER, HOMOSEXUAL OR THIEF?

PAUL'S ANSWER IS IN VERSE TWO. THOSE WHO ARE TRUE CHRISTIANS HAVE DIED TO THEIR OLD SINFUL WAYS AND HAVE NO DESIRE TO WALK IN THAT PATH AGAIN.

A PERSON WHO IS REALLY AND TRULY A CHRISTIAN LOSES ALL DESIRE TO DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE AGAINST THE WILL OF GOD.

FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE OLD PERSON WHO LIVED BEFORE HE KNEW CHRIST DIES.

WHEN WE BECOME A CHRISTIAN, WE MAKE A SPIRITUAL CONNECTION WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST.

WE ARE BAPTIZED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A WAY THAT BURIES OUR OLD PERSONALITY, AND RAISES UP A NEW PERSON CONNECTED TO THE BODY OF CHRIST.

A NEW PERSON THAT IS GOING IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION, WITH A NEW INTEREST, NEW DESIRES, AND A NEW WALK.

THIS SPIRITUAL DEATH AND SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION IS WHAT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

IT IS THE POINT IN WHICH OUR OLD INCLINATION DIES AND OUR NEW PERCEPTION IN CHRIST RISES.

IT HAPPENS ON THE INSIDE AND IT SHOWS ON THE OUTSIDE.

AFTER WE HAVE BEEN SPIRITUALLY BAPTIZED, BEING BAPTIZED WITH WATER IS A SIGN TO OTHERS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE ON THE INSIDE.

JOHN THE BAPTIST TOLD HIS FOLLOWERS, "I INDEED BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER, BUT THERE COMES ONE AFTER ME, GREATER THAN I, WHO WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. (JOHN 1:33)

RAY STEADMAN SAID, THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT HAPPENED FIRST, HISTORICALLY ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST, WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME UPON 120 PEOPLE WHO WERE GATHERED TOGETHER IN THE UPPER ROOM ON ONE ACCORD. HE SAID THAT THEY WERE FUSE TOGETHER INTO ONE BODY, JOINED TO JESUS THE HEAD, AND THUS FORMED THE CHURCH, AND THEY BECAME ONE BODY IN CHRIST.

SINCE THAT TIME, MILLION HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST, AS THEY LEFT THEIR OLD LIVES BEHIND AND BEGAN NEW LIVES.

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH A SINFUL PERSON DIES AND IS BURIED WITH CHRIST AND EMERGES SPIRITUALLY CONNECTED WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST.

A PERSON WHO CONTINUES A LIFESTYLE OF SIN NEVER DIES TO SIN IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THAT PERSON WAS BAPTIZED WITH WATER BUT NOT THE SPIRIT.

THAT PERSON HAD THE SYMBOL BUT NOT THE SUBSTANCES.

IF THE OLD SINFUL MAN OR WOMAN STILL LIVES, THEN THE PERSON IS NOT A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

PEOPLE ARE NATURALLY CURIOUS WHENEVER A PERSON CLAIMS TO HAVE DIED AND NOW LIVES AGAIN.

THE CASE OF LAZARUS WAS EVEN CLEARER BECAUSE HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION WAS NOT A SPIRITUAL EVENT BUT A PHYSICAL ONE.

THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS WAS EXCEPTIONAL.

IN TWO OTHER CASES PERSONS WERE RESURRECTED A SHORT TIME AFTER THEIR DEATH.

CRITICS COULD CLAIM IT COULD JUST BE A MISTAKE CONCERNING THEIR REAL DEATHS AND THAT THE SUPPOSED MIRACLES OF JESUS WERE JUST A COINCIDENCE.

SINCE THE RESURRECTED ONE WERE CHILDREN, THEIR TESTIMONY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT.

BUT LAZARUS WAS A RESPECTABLE CITIZEN OF BETHANY, AND OLD ENOUGH TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS MANY WANTED TO ASK.

BECAUSE HE HAD REMAINED FOUR DAYS IN THE GRAVE, NO ONE COULD QUESTION THE FACT THAT HE WAS REALLY DEAD.

THE FRIENDS OF JESUS WERE PRESENT AT THIS SUPPER AND, ACCORDING TO VERSE 9, THE COMMON PEOPLE WERE THERE AS WELL.

THEY WERE PROBABLY NUMEROUS, DRAWN BY THE SAME CURIOSITY: TO SEE A MAN WHO HAD BEEN DEAD.

NOT ONLY WERE THEY CURIOUS, BUT THERE WERE MANY WHO FELT THREATENED BY LAZARUS, ESPECIALLY THE SADDUCEES WHO DID NOT BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

YET, THE NEW LIFE THAT LAZARUS WAS GIVEN WAS A GREAT WITNESS FOR CHRIST.

WHILE THE SCRIPTURE DOES NOT TELL US WHAT HAPPENED TO LAZARUS, ORAL HISTORY OF THE CHURCH REPORTS THAT LAZARUS BECAME A LEADER OF THE CHURCH IN MARSEILLES AND SERVED AS THE PASTOR OF THAT FLOCK UNTIL HE WAS BEHEADED BY DOMITIAN IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE FIRST CENTURY.

ALL OF HIS LIFE, HE WAS LIVING PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION POWER OF CHRIST.

I. PEOPLE WERE CURIOUS ABOUT THE NEW LIFE.

A. WHEN JESUS ATE SUPPER IN THE BETHANY HOME, LAZARUS WAS THERE AT THE TIME.

- 1. THE APPARENT PRESENCE OF BOTH JESUS AND LAZARUS ATTRACTED A CROWD OF CURIOSITY SEEKERS.**
- 2. THESE WERE MEN AND WOMEN WHO COULD NOT RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO GET A CANDID LOOK AT BOTH THE MEN WHO WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD AND**

THE MAN WHO RAISED HIM AT THE SAME TIME.

- 3. PEOPLE WERE NATURALLY CURIOUS TO SEE A MAN WHO WAS ONCE DEAD LIVING AGAIN.**
- 4. WORD SPREAD QUICKLY THROUGH THE CITY AND THE CROWDS BEGAN TO ASSEMBLE.**

B. PEOPLE ARE CURIOUS ABOUT BELIEVERS WHO SAY THEY HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN AS WELL.

- 1. AT WORK, THEY ARE OBSERVED BY CO-WORKERS WHO WATCH THEM FROM A DISTANCED.**
- 2. AT SCHOOL THEY ARE ALSO OBSERVED BY SCHOOLMATES WHO PRIVATELY TAKE MENTAL NOTE OF EVERY ACTION AND DEED OF STUDENTS WHO CLAIM TO BE BORN AGAIN.**

C. LAZARUS HAD BEEN BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE AND PEOPLE WERE CURIOUS TO IF IT WAS REAL.

- 1. THOSE WHO ARE BORN AGAIN CLAIMED TO HAVE A NEW LIFE AND PEOPLE ARE EQUALLY CURIOUS TO SEE IF THAT NEW LIFE IS FOR REAL.**
- 2. THE FIRST TEST OF THAT NEW LIFE COMES WHEN THE CURIOUS SEE THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY ALIVE IN CHRIST AND DEAD TO THE WORLD.**
 - a. EPH. 2:2 SAYS, “WHEREIN TIME WALKED ACCORDING TO THE COURSE OF THIS WORLD, ACCORDING TO THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, THE**

**SPIRIT THAT NOW WORKETH IN
THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE.”**

- D. THE CURIOUS SOON FIND THAT YOU ARE TRULY A NEW PERSON, ALIVE IN CHRIST BUT DEAD TO THE WORLD.**
- 1. THE MAN THAT LOOK AT PORNOGRAPHY, AND MADE SEXUAL ADVANCES TO WARD HIS CO-WORKERS DIED.**
 - 2. THE WOMAN THAT WAS ANGRY, HATEFUL, AND VENGEFUL TOWARD EVERYONE AROUND HER DIED.**
 - 3. THE STUDENT, WHO REGULARLY BREAKS THE RULES, DISRUPTS CLASS AND CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DIED.**
 - 4. THOSE OUTSIDE THE FAITH WATCH TO SEE IF IT IS SO.**

II. NOT ONLY WERE PEOPLE CURIOUS ABOUT THE NEW LIFE, BUT PEOPLE WERE CURIOUS ABOUT THE NEW RELATIONSHIP.

- A. WHEN THE CURIOUS FOUND LAZARUS, THEY WERE IMPRESSED BECAUSE, NT ONLY DID THEY SEE HIM ALIVE BUT THEY ALSO SAW HIM WITH CHRIST.**
- 1. THE TEXT SAYS LAZARUS AND CHRIST SAT AT THE SAME TABLE.**
 - 2. WHEN THE CURIOUS SAY LAZARUS, THEY ALSO SAW CHRIST.**
 - 3. PEOPLE WHO WERE INITIALLY ATTRACTED TO THE PHENOMENON OF LAZARUS' RESURRECTION GOT A CHANCE TO SEE CHRIST TOO BECAUSE WHEN THEY FOUND LAZARUS, THEY FOUND CHRIST.**

B. IT IS VERY SELDOM THAT YOU'LL FIND A CHILD OF GOD OUTSIDE OF THE PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

- 1. A SAVED PERSON ABIDES IN CHRIST AND CHRIST ABIDES WITHIN THAT SAVED HEART.**
- 2. REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES, A SAVED PERSON IS ALWAYS WITH CHRIST.**
- 3. IN DIFFICULTIES, CHRIST IS WITH HIM.**
- 4. IN SUCCESS, CHRIST IS WITH HIM.**
- 5. IN SICKNESS, CHRIST IS WITH HIM**
- 6. THE SAVED MAN OR WOMAN REMEMBER CHRIST'S WORD WHEN HE SAID IN MATTHEW 28, "AND LO I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE WORLD."**

C. SO THE CURIOUS WATCH TO SEE IF THERE IS TRULY A NEW MAN OR WHETHER THE OLD MAN STILL LIVES BUT IS JUST DRESSED DIFFERENTLY.

- 1. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WASHED IN THE BLOOD CAN SING THE WORDS OF THE SONG, "AND HE WALKS WITH ME, AND HE TALKS WITH ME, AND HE TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN, AND THE JOY WE SHARE AS WE TARRY THERE, NONE OTHER HAS EVER KNOWN."**

III. NOT ONLY WERE THEY CURIOUS ABOUT THE NEW LIFE AND THE NEW RELATIONSHIP, THEY WERE ALSO CONVINCED BY HIS TESTIMONY.

- A. VERSE II NOTES MANY WHO HEARD LAZARUS' TESTIMONY BELIEVED AND FOLLOWED CHRIST.**
- 1. THE SADDUCEES WANTED TO KILL LAZARUS BECAUSE HIS NEW LIFE WAS ATTRACTING SO MANY PEOPLE AWAY FROM JUDAISM.**
 - 2. IT WAS A FOOLISH THOUGHT, HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE SAME GOD THAT RAISED HIM ONCE COULD SIMPLY RAISE HIM AGAIN IF HE DESIRED TO DO SO.**
 - 3. YET, THE STRENGTH OF LAZARUS'S TESTIMONY PROVED STRONG ENOUGH TO CONVINCE MANY PEOPLE TO FOLLOW THE LORD.**
- B. TODAY THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO WATCH BELIEVERS AND ARE EITHER DRAWN TO THE CROSS OR REPELLED FROM IT BY WHAT THEY SEE.**
- 1. THOSE WHO KNOW US WELL WILL BE THE FIRST TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE PERSON THEY ONCE KNEW HAS DIED OR WHETHER OR NOT HE JUST JOINED A CHURCH.**
 - 2. THOSE WHO KNOW US KNOW WHETHER WE ARE REALLY NEW CREATURES OR WHETHER WE ARE TRULY BORN AGAIN.**
- C. THE CURIOUS COME TO SEE A DEAD MAN AT THE TABLE, BUT WHAT THEY FIND INSTEAD IS A NEW PERSON ALIVE IN CHRIST.**
- 1. THEY CAME TO SEE A DEFEATED MAN AT THE TABLE, BUT WHAT THEY FIND IS A MAN WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN THE VICTORY.**

2. **THEY CAME TO SEE A CONFUSED MAN AT THE TABLE, BUT WHAT THEY FOUND WAS A MAN CONFIDENT IN THE GOD HE SERVED.**
3. **THEY CAME TO SEE A DEAD MAN AT THE TABLE BUT WHAT THEY FOUND WAS A MAN WITH A STORY TO TELL.**

D. EVERY CHILD OF GOD OUGHT TO HAVE A STORY TO TELL.

1. **TELL THE WORLD ABOUT A DEAD MAN THEY ONCE KNEW, WHO LED A WILD LIFE THAT WAS TAMED AND TURNED OVER TO THE LORD.**
2. **TELL THE WORLD ABOUT A DEAD MAN WHO WAS LIFTED UP HIGH IN PRIDE BUT THE LORD SHOWED HIM THAT “BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT OF THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.”**
3. **TELL THE WORLD ABOUT A DEAD MAN WHO WAS INCONSIDERATE OF THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS BUT THE LORD SHOWED HIM THAT “BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY.”**
4. **TELL THE WORLD ABOUT A DEAD MAN WHO SOUGHT REVENGE, LOOKING FOR AN EYE FOR AN EYE, BUT THE LORD SHOWED HIM THAT BLESSED ARE THE MEEK FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.”**
5. **TELL THE WORLD ABOUT A DEAD MAN WHOSE MOTIVES WERE NOT PURE BUT THE LORD SHOWED HIM THAT “BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.”**

**E. JESUS EXTENDS AN INVITATION, SAYING
“BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK.”**

- 1. IF THE OLD MAN HAS DIED AND A NEW MAN LIVES, JOIN ME AT THE SUPPER TABLE.**
- 2. IF YOUR OLD WATERING HOLES HAS LOST ITS FLARE AND TEMPTING ATTRACTION; JOIN ME AT THE SUPPER TABLE.**
- 3. IF THERE IS A NEWNESS ABOUT YOU THAT MAKES YOU WANT TO STRIVE FOR COMPLETE PERFECTION IN THE LORD, JOIN ME AT THE SUPPER TABLE.**
- 4. IF YOUR OLD LIFE WAS FILLED WITH HATE BUT YOUR NEW LIFE IS FILLED WITH LOVE, JOIN ME AT THE SUPPER TABLE!**
- 5. IF YOUR OLD LIFE WAS DRENCHED IN DESPAIR BUT YOUR NEW LIFE IS FILLED WITH HOPE, JOIN ME AT THE SUPPER TABLE.**
- 6. IF YOUR OLD LIFE WAS PUNCTUATED WITH WRONG DOING, BUT YOUR NEW LIFE IS SHOWERED WITH GOOD DEEDS AND FORGIVING SPIRIT, JOIN ME AT THE SUPPER TABLE.**
- 7. IF YOUR OLD LIFE SWELTERED IN THE WILDERNESS OF SIN BUT YOUR NEW LIFE BATHES FREELY IN THE OASIS OF SALVATION...THE TABLE IS READY!**

CONCLUSION

- A. THE WORLD MAY BE LOOKING FOR A DEAD MAN AT THE SUPPER TABLE BUT HE PICKED ME UP AND**

**TURNED ME AROUND AND PLANTED MY FEET ON
SOLID GROUND.**

- 1. I'VE GOT TO TELL SOMEBODY, THAT MY OLD
MAN HAS DIED!**
- 2. I'VE GOT TO TELL SOMEBODY, THAT I MET A
MAN WHO CHANGED MY LIFE!**
- 3. I'VE GOT TO TELL SOMEBODY, THAT HE DIED
ON CALVARY!**
- 4. I'VE GOT TO TELL SOMEBODY, THAT EARLY
SUNDAY MORNING HE AROSE FROM THE
GRAVE.**
- 5. I'VE GOT TO TELL SOMEBODY...**