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- *“... By his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.”*

The new life we have in Christ begins now, and his ongoing transformative work in our lives is what empowers us to live into this new life every day!

- *“... Christ’s resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.”*

Jesus’ resurrection is the promise that **“He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Christ Jesus” – Philippians 1:6**

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This should not come as a surprise to any of us. Jesus displayed this transformative love & power when he walked this earth before His passion!

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Matthew 9:19-22 – This woman suffered physically for 12 years & Jesus healed her in an instant! Jesus has the power to do the miraculous!

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5) The Samaritan woman at the well

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4) The demon possessed man

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