

In Christ: Life in the Easter World
(Ephesians 2:5; II Corinthians 5:17)

“When anyone is united to Christ, (there is) a new world! The old order has gone, and a new order has already begun.” (I Cor 5:17, NEB)

= becoming Christian involves a radical move from one “world” to another

= the Easter Story is not merely about a day in the past, but about a life in the present

THE EASTER WORLD IS THE WORLD OF ONENESS WITH GOD – I Cor 6:17

- We enter the world of God-life as God’s Life enters us – Jo 17:24; 1:12

...the world of indestructible life – Heb 7:16,25

...the life that overpowers death and conquers evil – Acts 2:24; Ga 1:4; II Tim 4:18;
I Jo 5:18; II Cor 2:14; I Jo 5:4-5

THE EASTER WORLD IS THE WORLD OF INDWELLING GOD-LIFE - Col 1:27; Ga 2:20

- We are made “partakers of the Divine nature” – II Pet 1:4

...this requires a death and a life – Ro 6:3-11

...in Christ, we die to one world and are born again into another – Jo 3:3; I Pet 1:23

THE EASTER WORLD IS THE WORLD OF THE CHURCH – I Cor 12:13-14

- The church is not where we go, or what we do... it is who we are – I Cor 12:27

...we are an earthly community – Matt 6:10

...we are an ethical community – II Cor 5:14; Jo 13:34-35

THE EASTER WORLD IS THE WORLD OF PURPOSE AND MEANING – Ro 8:28-29

- We are “co-missioned” to be His witnesses – Jo 20:21; Acts 1:8

...we are empowered to tell His story with our lives – Acts 1:8

...we are ambassadors on a meaningful mission – II Cor 5:20

*AM I LIVING IN THE EASTER WORLD?