



I. INTRO

- A new lease on life has come to mean any new opportunity or kind of fresh beginning

II. MY NEW LEASE ON LIFE REQUIRES RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. The righteousness of Jesus makes it possible to live a new life that is triumphant over sin
- Ships don't sink because of the water around them; ships sink because of the water that gets *in them!*

2 Corinthians 7:10 (TPT) God designed us to feel remorse over sin in order to produce repentance that leads to victory. This leaves us with no regrets. But the sorrow of the world works death.

- B. Repentance is required when sin is revealed
1. Godly sorrow produces repentance
 2. True repentance leads to change
- C. Three types of death believers contend with:
1. Dead spiritually
 2. Dead physically
 3. Dead to sin

Romans 6:1-4 (AMPC) What shall we say [to all this]? Are we to remain in sin in order that God's grace (favor and mercy) may multiply *and overflow?* ² Certainly not! How can we who died to sin live in it any longer? ³ Are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with Him by the baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious [power] of the Father, so we too might [habitually] live *and behave* in newness of life.

"Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it." — John C. Maxwell

III. MY NEW LEASE ON LIFE BRINGS NEWNESS OF LIFE

- A. We see in the Bible references of our life before salvation as "the flesh," "the body of sin," and "the old man"
- This newness of life offers us a new lease on life
 - Newness of life comes through regeneration

Galatians 3:26-27 (AMP) For you [who are born-again have been reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified and] are all children of God [set apart for His purpose with full rights and privileges] through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ [into a spiritual union with the Christ, the Anointed] have clothed yourselves with Christ [that is, you have taken on His characteristics and values].

- B. Life in God's family brings provision

Psalms 84:11 (TPT) For the Lord God is brighter than the brilliance of a sunrise! Wrapping Himself around me like a shield, He is so generous with His gifts of grace and glory. Those who walk along His paths with integrity will never lack one thing they need, for He provides it all!



C. God provides the paths

- **You will know you are on the right path when the Holy Spirit in you puts your spirit at peace with each step you take in obedience and trust**

D. God gives the grace to walk the path

“Don’t ask God to guide your footsteps if you’re not willing to move your feet.” — Unknown

E. Life in God’s family brings life in my family

“A holy life will make the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns, they just shine.” — D.L. Moody

Proverbs 20:7 (AMP) The righteous man who walks in integrity *and* lives life in accord with his [godly] beliefs—How blessed [happy and spiritually secure] are his children after him [who have his example to follow].

IV. MY NEW LEASE ON LIFE BRINGS NEWNESS TO SERVE

Romans 7:6 (AMP) But now we have been released from the Law *and* its penalty, having died [through Christ] to that by which we were held captive, so that we serve [God] in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter [of the Law].

A. I am free to produce good works

Ephesians 2:10 (AMP) For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].

Matthew 17:24-27 (NKJV) When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the *temple* tax came to Peter and said, “Does your Teacher not pay the *temple* tax?”²⁵ He said, “Yes.” And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?”²⁶ Peter said to Him, “From strangers.” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free.²⁷ Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.”

B. I will serve with a new attitude

Romans 12:9-11 (VOICE) Love others *well*, *and* don’t hide behind a mask; love authentically. Despise evil; pursue what is good *as if your life depends on it*.¹⁰ Live in true devotion to one another, loving each other as sisters and brothers. Be first to honor others *by putting them first*.¹¹ Do not slack in your faithfulness and hard work. Let your spirit be on fire, bubbling up and boiling over, as you serve the Lord.