**A Nice Day to Begin a New life**

**2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (NLT)**

**Jesus’ resurrection offers me a new perspective and power to:**

1) **Love** my life and others in a whole new way

 **14**Whatever we do, it is because Christ's love compels us. Since we believe that Christ died for everyone, we also believe that we have all died to the old life we used to live. 15He died for everyone so that those who receive His new life will no longer live to please themselves. Instead, they will live to please Christ, who died and was raised for them. **16**So we have stopped evaluating others by what the world thinks about them. Once I mistakenly thought of Christ that way, as though He were merely a human being. How differently I think about Him now!

2) **Live** my life in a whole new way – with a whole new purpose

 **17**What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun! **18**All this newness of life is from God, who brought us back to Himself through what Christ did. And God has given us the task of reconciling people to Him. **19**For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. This is the wonderful message He has given us to tell others. **20**We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ Himself were here pleading with you: Be reconciled to God! **21**For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

**Additional Scripture:**

**1 Peter 1:18-23** (NLT)

**18**For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. **19**It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. **20**God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but he has now revealed him to you in these last days. **21**Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory.

**22**You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

**23**For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God

### 1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)

**24**He personally carried our sins
    in his body on the cross
so that we can be dead to sin
    and live for what is right.
By his wounds
    you are healed.