

How to Be Alive and Remain

Foundation Scripture:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Overview:

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

A. What is the meaning of “Alive and Remain”?

1. A great many Christians will not remain true to the Gospel (2 Thes 2:3). Many Christians will not be alive for they and many Jews will be killed. Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
2. To be alive when Jesus returns, make God the #1 priority of your every day. Mat 10:39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. One of the blessings of losing your life in Jesus is divine protection. Luke 10:19 Nothing of the enemy shall by any means hurt you.
3. To remain true to the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ, live the Word of God. Psa 119:105 Thy word [is] lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed; Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

B. How to be alive.

1. Many will be alive when Jesus returns. Mat 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: v32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats: v33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
2. **Master your tongue.** It guides your life. Psa 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. Pro 18:21 Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. Jam 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same [is] a perfect man, [and] able also to bridle the whole body. Jam 3:3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

3. **Master your body.** Without control, it will lead you into carnality. Extremisms of behavior (i.e., driving lusts) through demonic temptations will try to cause you to live a life focused on walking after the flesh. John G. Lake: To master diseases, demons and death, you must first master your body.
1Co 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring [it] into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.
Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.
Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

C. How to remain.

1. In the Great Apostasy, many will fall away from the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and [by] our gathering together unto him,
2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
2. **Love God.**
Mar 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this [is] the first commandment.
Mar 12:31 And the second [is] like, [namely] this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.
1Jo 4:20 for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
3. **Love the Word.**
Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
Start your day with the Word. Live the Word during the day. End your day with the Word.