

January 24, 2021  
Living Faith



### Key Scriptures

*Gal 5:1 NASB It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.*

*1Pe 1:3 NASB Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..*

### The Riddle of Strider

*All that is gold does not glitter,*

*Not all those who wander are lost;*

*The old that is strong does not wither,*

*Deep roots are not reached by the frost.*

*From the ashes a fire shall be woken,*

*A light from the shadows shall spring;*

*Renewed shall be blade that was broken,*

*The crownless again shall be king.*

—J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Riddle of Strider*, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*

### The Big Point:

Dead religion has been the biggest obstacle to the cause of Christ since the days of Jesus. When we received Jesus as Savior, we are born again into a living hope, partakers of the resurrection, set free from the the rules of religion. Jesus came so that we can experience a living faith in Him.

### Important points from the message:

- A living faith goes beyond today's problems.
- Our hope is in Jesus not religion.
- Life in the Spirit is the opposite of dead religion.
- Holy Spirit is here to set you free from religion and live real life.

### Important quote:

- *"I have confidence that my God will see me through this challenge."*
- *"Our faith is a living faith. It is active it is growing, it is developing, it is discovering a greater revealing of truth about Jesus Christ, His Spirit and His Father."*

### Questions that may get your group talking.

- How did Jesus confront dead religion?
- How is a funeral like dead religion?
- What does life in the Spirit look like?

### Questions that may get your group thinking.

- How did Paul's battle against dead religion look similar to the fight today?
- How does life in the Spirit set you free?
- Does the concept of freedom in Christ look scary?

### Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Text GoRLC to 97000 and sign up for a ministry team.
- Look for how Jesus wants you to experience life in the Spirit.