



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

Do you know that May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month? All motorcyclists are invited to attend the Kick-off for the event on May first, between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Monument Circle in Indianapolis. Please see our website for more information,

Life is fragile! This is something we who enjoy the presumably "dangerous" sport of motorcycling have always known. Most bikers have encountered unforeseen road hazards, unexpected weather conditions and the driver who invariably insists. "I never saw the motorcycle!"

Media coverage of the war in Afghanistan and the horrific loss of life in recent school shootings and stabbings and the weather related deaths such as the mudslides in Washington State reiterate how precarious life can be. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to all who have lost loved ones. Death is certain for all, whether we are young and it is "untimely" or we have lived a full life and quietly pass away in old age. Life is "a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." James 4:14

Another Bible passage says, "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this, the judgment." A popular idea is that "good" people go to heaven. Many people base their expectation of heaven on their performance in this life. Any day could be our final one here on earth. A sudden heart attack, a blood clot or a motorist cutting us off on the interstate could suddenly usher us into eternity.

Jesus Christ died on the cross to forgive our sins. "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) He conquered death by rising from the grave. When we place our trust in Jesus, who is the "resurrection and the life" we can view life not as a period, but a comma that precedes a glorious eternity with the Lord.

May is also a month for remembering all those who have given their lives for the freedom we enjoy in this country. As bikers we have myriad opportunities to support and honor our Veterans by attending many of the local rides. There are also those bikers who take time from their jobs and families to ride to Washington DC each year with the purpose of honoring our Veterans at the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Wall. (See May 22-27 on the events page at www.newliferiders.com) We are thankful for those who "go the distance" for us every day; members of the armed forces, law enforcement officers and firefighters.

As we ride to honor those who have given their lives for our freedom, I would urge you to invite Jesus, the One who died for us, into your heart and life.

We update the website www.newliferiders.com often. Please keep checking it for biking events and activities that you can attend and let your light shine for Jesus. Remember, if because of time or distance, you are unable to attend the listed activities, and you know of one closer to your home, go and share the love of Jesus. Be a blessing!

Please note: Our next Bible study will be on Tuesday, June 10. Kathy and I always look forward to studying God's Word with you.

Take a night off from dinner responsibilities and join us for good food and great fellowship at our next meeting on Friday, May 2 at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 25 South High School Road, located just off Route 465 at the corner of High School Road and U.S. 36, Indianapolis. Please feel especially invited. You don't have to ride to be part of our group. All are welcome.

As always, Kathy and I look forward to seeing you down the road.

*God bless,
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon*

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)