



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

Spring and the "real" riding season have arrived! It is a wonderful time of year for everyone as we look forward to the Easter Season and getting out on the road after a long winter. The plans of those of us who ride most of the year were somewhat thwarted by the snow that fell continuously.

Apart from the obvious joys of riding and the exhilarating feeling of freedom with the wind in one's face, there are those great encounters with other bikers at rest stops, scenic overlooks and gas stations. We have even met a number of motorcyclists in grocery stores! There is an instantaneous bond that those who do not ride will never understand. Of course, there are the occasional "retired" riders who want to tell you all about their first motorcycles. I always learn so much from these conversations. I once met an elderly gentleman who was quite sure I wouldn't know anything about the brand of bike on which he had his first ride, a 1934 BSA. At the time, I was in the process of restoring my '34 BSA! I pulled out the photos and we had a super chat. I think the pictures really made his day!

Recently, my wife, Kathy, and I struck up a conversation on a restaurant parking lot with a server who was coming on duty. She was a dear lady who obviously had her priorities straight. We liked her immediately. You see, she told us when she was married back in the sixties, she gave her husband a new Harley for a wedding present! She went on to tell us about her son who is the president of a motorcycle club in New York. We could hear the evidence of pride in her voice as she told us what a good son he is and what fine charitable work his group is doing. She said she bought him his first motorcycle, a "little Harley" for his eleventh birthday. At some point the bike was sold. However, he recently came across the bike was able to buy it back although "it was very expensive."

Hearing about this woman's son buying back the Harley made me think of what the Son of God did for us on Calvary's cross. We are just like that old bike. Jesus paid a great price to put us in a right relationship with God. "For ye are bought with a price..." 1 Corinthians 6:20 Jesus died on that cross to redeem us. The Apostle Paul wrote, "But now God's way of putting people right with himself is revealed. It has nothing to do with the law, even though the Law of Moses and the prophets gave their witness to it. God puts people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. God does this to all who believe in Christ, because there is no difference at all: everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. But by the free gift of God's grace all are put right with him through Christ Jesus, who sets them free. God offered him, so that by his death he should become the means by which people's sins are forgiven through their faith in him." Romans 3:21-25 (Today's English Version) It is my prayer that you have trusted in the One who died to purchase our salvation. During this Lenten/Easter season would be an excellent time to ask him into your heart and life.

The New Life Riders' Bible Study started out small but we had a great time of fellowship as we looked into God's Word together. Our next study will be on April 8 at 7:00 PM. Please read pages 5 through 8 in God's Promises for your Every Need. We will focus on the passage, Mark 12:28-34. Kathy and I look forward to studying with you.

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!

We hope to see you at our next meeting on Friday, April 4 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.

Kathy and I pray you will be blessed as you celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus this Easter.

*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)