



What To Do When You Wake Up In A Grave

Matthew 28:1-10, 1 Peter 1:3-4

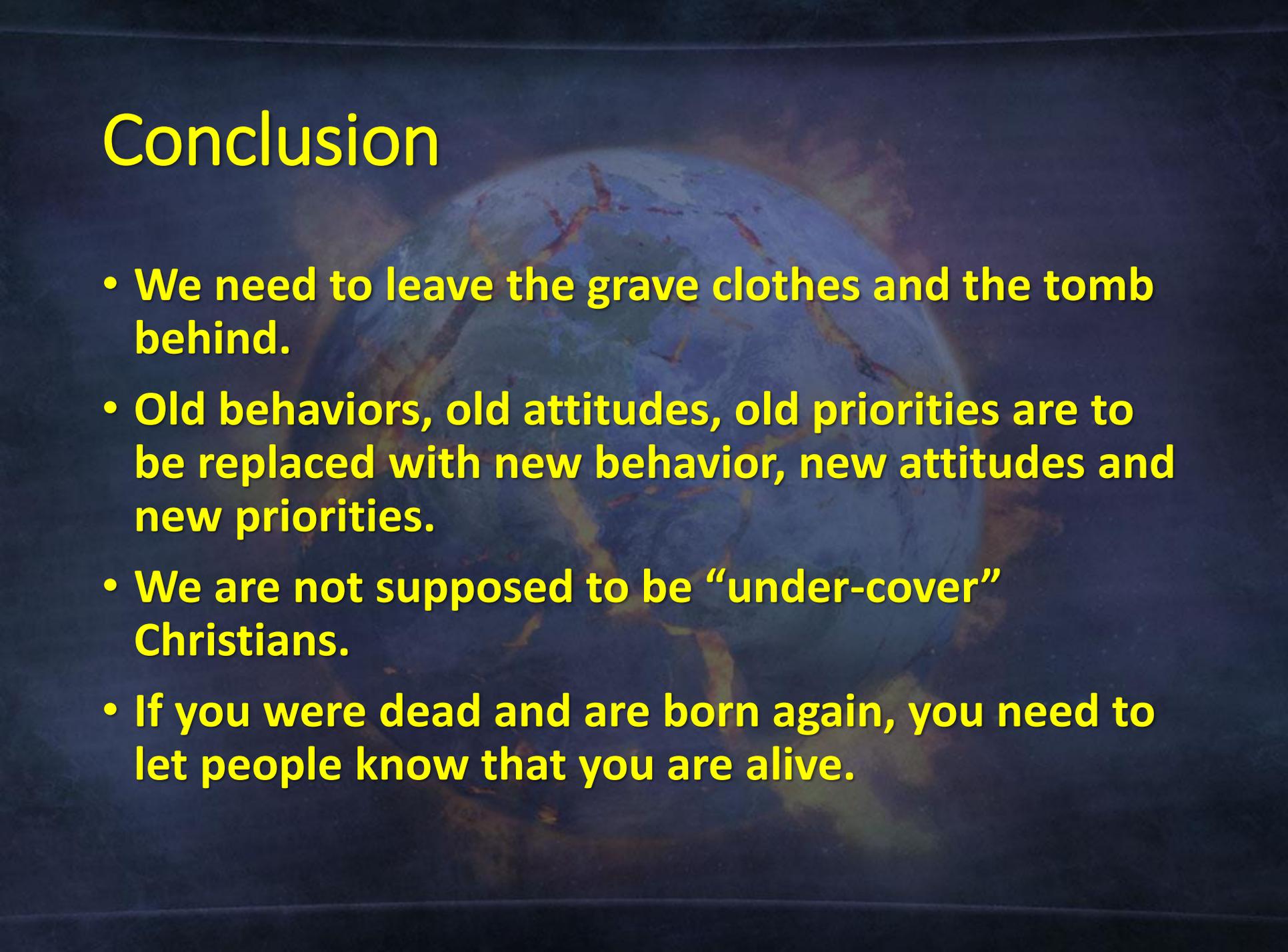
You Need to Understand, You Were Dead

- Some people and even some churches teach Jesus was not dead, but He was simply unconscious and in the coolness of the tomb He revived.
- The Romans crucified people all the time, and knew the difference between “He’s Dead” and “He’s simply sleeping.”
- People teach this because they find the resurrection hard to believe.
- In order for you to experience new life, you first have to realize that you are dead.
- Our new birth begins with the reality that we are dead, because if we are not dead then we do not need to be reborn.

You Need to Understand, You Are Now Alive

- When the women got to the tomb the next day, they found it empty except for the linens in which the body had been wrapped.
- Their first reaction was someone had stolen the body, which has been presented as another theory to disprove the resurrection.
- The grave cloths were left behind because tombs and grave cloths are for the dead, and Jesus was alive.
- Jesus' body was put in the tomb dead, and at some point, He was not dead.
- When we have been born again, we need to leave the things of the dead behind.

Conclusion



- We need to leave the grave clothes and the tomb behind.
- Old behaviors, old attitudes, old priorities are to be replaced with new behavior, new attitudes and new priorities.
- We are not supposed to be “under-cover” Christians.
- If you were dead and are born again, you need to let people know that you are alive.