

As the Father sent me so am I sending you?

The death of Christ Jesus is the birth of the church

The apparent end of the Gospel story is the beginning of the struggle of two thousand years

The resurrection the beginning of the apostles taking responsibility

Each day we begin

It is accomplished

However the child learns primarily by practice. Not really aware of the significance of a kindness, an act of concern for an adult can have massive effects. Much as we do not place huge levels of responsibility upon those not capable of bearing such burdens. Still there remains more expected of a child than the process of learning. A brother sent to care for a sister. A pupil expected to do her best. An opportunity given so that the individual can enjoy the goodness of life, and the beauty of a rainbow.

Do not be deceived, those years of childhood are a challenge.

It is accomplished but there is still much to do.

Young and free, like an advertisement for a fashionable new design of trainers, or hair cream.

The myth is that there are no responsibilities for a period after those teenage years. This is one great lie created for comfort.

To live more than a lie, involves the imitation of Christ. To seek out the truth, to face the challenges. To take the risks.

Not an imitation of David Beckham's aftershave lotion

These years are times when we are called upon to seek out our vocation to invest in the struggles of relationship. To move out of the comfort of the maternal home and into the unknown. Ironically it is in these years we begin the obligations that may evolve into positions of authority. Inspired not purely by greed or ambition. But from a passion for life in direct reflection of the passion of Christ.

Young or old, life is never free,

not if it is worth anything

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Then of course old age. Which keeps shifting its frontier's, and its character.

Is this not the time when the responsibility for paying children's bills should be ended? Even beyond that time the emotional dependency is more than real. Not just in what is said, but in how life is

lived. Setting example is a lived encounter not a series of instructions. How we grow old feeds those who follow with hope. How we die, often frames their lives for years to come.

The way we deal with depression, ill health, humour, the covid crisis, Blackburn Rovers, and even Bumbling Boris's impersonations of Winston Churchill.

All have their effect

In all we are called by the risen Christ to live he gift of life to the full and feed those we love with hope.

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The risen Christ proclaimed

"As the Father sent me

So am I sending you"

Have faith

And whatever the situation

Live in truth your life to the full.