

## Jesus Christ – Our Life

### Introduction

1. In the lists of priorities life is usually given a high value. The suicide, however, spurns life; the doctor fights for it in his patient; and, all nature men and women wonder about its meaning and how it can be maintained.
- B. The Christian, knowing the Bible, has added insight concerning life. He knows that there is physical life and spiritual life. While it is important to value physical life – the possession and implementation of spiritual life is even more important.

#### I. Life is in the Title God gives to Himself, Jeremiah 2:13; 17:13.

For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the Fountain of Living Waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. O LORD, the Hope of Israel, all that forsake Thee shall be ashamed . . . because they have forsaken the Lord, the Fountain of Living Waters.

Observation: These verses are a part of the explanation as to why the great nation of Judah was to be judged by the Babylonian Captivity. The people were prosperous, externally religious and seemingly quite secure. However, they had neglected the very heart of Biblical Christianity – a humble, holy, loving walk with God! In building their own cisterns they had left the fountain.

#### II. Life is in the Titles given to Jesus Christ, John 14:6; Acts 3:15.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. And killed the Prince of Life, Whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Observation: Jesus Christ is the creator of all life (John 1:3,4). It is in Him that all life finds its origin and sustaining. In His time on earth man was able to see the meaning of true physical and spiritual life. His life of love, holiness and truth was too much for us – we killed Him!

#### III. Life is the Paramount Need of the Non-Christian, John 5:40; Eph. 4:18.

And ye will not come to Me that ye might have life. Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.

Observation: The non-Christian, although he does not know it, is without spiritual life. He is described as "dead to God" (Eph. 2:1).

#### IV. Life is God's Provision through the Death of Jesus Christ, John 10:10,11.

I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the Good Shepherd; the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.

Observation: Here is man's provision of spiritual life. It is found in a Person, Jesus Christ. When we receive Him as Savior and Lord -- He gives us spiritual life (John 10:28).

V. Life is the Promise of the Gospel, John 3:36; 4:10

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the Gift of God, and Who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of Him and He would have given thee living water.

Observation: God's promise to all who believe upon Him is eternal life. This is what the Samaritan woman was without. Jesus Christ gave her the water of life. This is man's basic need -- spiritual life.

VI. Life is the Basis of the Believer's Assurance, I John 5:12,13.

He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God that ye may know that ye have eternal life . . .

Observation: God's provision of life is inseparably related to the Person and work of Jesus Christ. There is no possibility of having spiritual life and acceptance with God without personal faith in Jesus Christ.

VII. Life is the Key to the Believer's Daily Walk, Romans 6:4.

Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Observation: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the basis of the believer's daily life. Through His Death and Resurrection the kind of life we have received enables us to live in holiness, love and truth. This is why our daily life is described as a walk "in newness of life."

VIII. Life is the Content of the Believer's Service, John 7:37; Phil. 2:15,16.

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink\* He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. . . . Among whom ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth the Word Of life . . . .

Observation: Through receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord the believer can become a source of life to those about Him. The Christian is a priest and God can use him to bring life to those in death.

IX. Life is the Promise of the Believer's Future, II Cor. 5:4.

For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened, not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Observation: While the Christian knows that he has spiritual life now and is completely forgiven, he also knows that all of redemption has not been applied to him. We look forward to the redemption of the body (Romans 8:23). In that day all facets of our mortality will be destroyed by the life God has provided in Jesus Christ\*

Conclusion: Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift. (II Cor. 9:15)

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