

# Life in the Son

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**John 1:1-4** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.<sup>4</sup> **In him was life**, and the life was the light of men.

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish **but have eternal life**.

**John 5:24-26** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, **but has passed from death to life**.<sup>25</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.<sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

**John 10:10-11** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. **I came that they may have life and have it abundantly**.<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

*The eternal life that Christ gives is an abundant life of joy, peace, and contentment.*

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*Eternal and abundant life is inseparably linked to Christ Himself. There is no eternal life outside of Him and without Him.*

**1 John 5:10** Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

**1 John 5:11-13** And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.<sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

## I. Christ is the Only Source of Eternal Life

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- **It is a life of complete harmony with God.**

**1 Pet. 3:18** For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the righteous for the unrighteous**, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

- **It is life with a clear purpose.**

**John 4:34** Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."

- **It is a life filled with God's love.**

**Matthew 17:5** He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

- **It is a life of complete confidence in God.**

**Luke 22:41-42** And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. **Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.**"

**Luke 23:46** Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, **"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"** And having said this he breathed his last.

- **It is a life of deep satisfaction in God.**

**John 15:9-11** As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that **my joy** may be in you, and that **your joy may be full.**

- **It is a life marked by the power of God.**

**John 19:10-11** So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, **"You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above.** Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

- **It's eternal life.**

**Acts 2:23-24** this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> **God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.**

**Hebrews 2:14-15** Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

## II. Union with Christ is the Only Way to Eternal Life

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**Romans 8:11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**1 Corinthians 15:22** As in Adam all die, so **in Christ shall all be made alive;**

### A. How is union with Christ achieved?

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**Ephesians 1:13** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and **believed in him,** were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

*Eternal life enters our hearts together with Christ, and this is a result of faith, of trusting Christ with all of ourself in practice.*

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### B. How is our union with Christ expressed?

*Unity with Christ is expressed by the presence of Christ's life in us.*

**Galatians 2:19-20** For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ. **It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.** And the life I now live in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

**Romans 6:4-5** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, **just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.** <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**Ephesians 2:5-6** even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and **raised us up with him** and seated us with him in the heavenly places **in Christ Jesus,**

- Salvation in Christ is complete. It completely solves the problems of the guilt of sin and bondage to sin.
- Salvation in Christ is final. It's forever.
- Salvation in Christ is effective. It is necessarily life-changing, filling us with the life of Christ.

## 1. Meditate on your union with Christ

**Romans 6:11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### The life of Jesus Christ is...

- A life of complete harmony with God.
- A life of obedience to the will of God (with a clear purpose).
- A life filled with the love of God.
- A life of complete confidence in God.
- A life of deep satisfaction in God.
- A life that is marked by the power of God.
- It's Eternal life.

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15** For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

**Colossians 3:1-3** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.<sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.<sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

## 2. Submit your life to Christ

**Romans 6:12-13** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.<sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

**Ephesians 3:16-17** that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

**Romans 6:8-10** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.<sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.<sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

**Christ is Risen!  
And we are Risen with Him!**