Jesus the Giver of Life!

John 11:25-26 (NASB 2020) <u>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live,</u> even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:50 (NLT) You don't realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed."

I. Jesus is the giver of life!

***John 1:4-5 (NASB 2020) In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it.

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John 5:21 (NLT) For just as the Father gives life to those he raises from the dead, so the Son gives life to anyone he wants.

Isaiah 9:6 (NLT) For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 6:35 (NLT) <u>Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.</u>

John 10:10 (ESV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 14:6 (NKJV) <u>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.</u>

II. How does one Experience this Life?

John 11:50 (NLT) You don't realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed."

John 14:28 (NASB 2020) You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away...

1.) Pay for our sins.

Isaiah 53:5 (ESV) But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24 (ESV) <u>He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed.</u>

Hebrews 9:13-14 (NLT) <u>Under the old system</u>, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

2.) Give us the Holy Spirit.

John 7:38-39 (NLT) Anyone who believes in Me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'" (When He said "living water," He was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in Him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into His glory.)

John 16:7 (NASB 2020) But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

John 14:26 (NLT) <u>But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he</u> will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

John 14:12 (NLT) "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

III. You must live by Faith.

John 11:25-26 (NASB 2020) ..."I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live,

If He had to die for new life, we must die for new life!

***John 12:25 (NLT) Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.

Life: g5590. ψυχή psychē; from 5594; breath, i.e. (by implication)... these terms thus exactly correspond respectively to the Hebrew h5315, h7307 and h2416): — heart (+ -ily), life, mind, soul, + us, + you.

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Many never experience the ZOE life because they are not willing to log go of this one!

1 Corinthians 15:31 (NASB95) *I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*

Paul was talking about the ever-deepening death unto sin and unto the world.

Romans 8:36 (NKJV) As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

***Romans 6:4-11 (NLT) For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Romans 12:1 (NASB 2020) Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

God gave His very best, Jesus gave His very best...

John 12:3 (NASB 2020) Mary then took a pound of very expensive perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Live by Faith in Christ

Galatians 2:20 (ESV) 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.

Hebrews 10:38 (NASB 2020) <u>BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.</u>

Romans 1:17 (NASB 2020) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH."

***Romans 6:14 (ESV) For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

1 John 5:4 (NASB95) For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.