

THE MINISTRY OF LIFE 3 - JESUS' LIFE

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

I. JESUS' LIFE IS DIVINE LIFE - ZOE LIFE IS ETERNAL

Eternal life is about quality not quantity and is measured by relationship

John 5:24 NLT *“I tell you the truth, **those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life.** They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have ALREADY passed from death into life.*

- **CHRISTIANS LIVE IN CHRIST'S LIFE NOW!**

JN. 17:3 *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

A. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE LIFE OF CHRIST

- **THE LIFE WE HAVE IS STRESS TESTED** - *Crash dummies*
- **THE LIFE WE HAVE OVERCOMES ALL OBSTACLES** - *Resurrection*
- **THE LIFE WE HAVE BEGETS LIFE** - *WHEN WE ARE FULL OF LIFE!*

B. THE CREATOR OF ALL LIFE IS STILL CREATING LIFE

*Death is not measured by **biology** it is measured by spirituality*

1. BELIEVING IN JESUS IS THE WAY TO LIFE

JOHN 3:16 *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.***

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

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Rom. 6:4 Therefore we were **buried with Him through baptism into death**, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life**. (WE NOW HAVE THAT CAPACITY)

2 COR. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. A KAINOS BEING

3. THE LIFE WE NOW LIVE WE LIVE TO GOD - To please Him

Rom. 6:10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but **the life that He lives, He lives to God**.

II. RESTORING THE LIFE OF CHRIST INSIDE BELIEVERS

• GET IN TOUCH WITH THE LIFE THAT FUELS YOUR SALVATION!

1John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have **heard**, which we have **seen** with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have **handled**, concerning the Word of life— ² **the life was manifested**, [REVEALED] and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that **eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us**— ³ **that which we have seen and heard we declare to you**, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you **that your joy may be full**.

- **ILLUSTRATION- We went to see a PUPPY and came home with two.**
IF ETERNAL LIFE IS ABOUT RELATIONSHIP. RELATIONSHIP
REQUIRES INTERACTION AND CONNECTION

A. SPIRITUAL FREEDOM RESTORES OUR CAPACITY FOR LIFE

Is. 61:1 NLT The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has **anointed me** to bring **good news** to the poor. He has sent me to **comfort** the brokenhearted and to proclaim that **captives will be released** and **prisoners will be freed**.

² He has sent me to tell those who mourn that **the time of the LORD's favor has come**, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.

1. TO BE SET FREE IS TO BE FILLED WITH HIS LIFE - THE SPIRIT

OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS UPON US! ANOINTING IS TO BE MARKED (Smeared), SET APART AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

2. **HIS LIFE DELIVERS US FROM ALL OPPRESSION - ALL CAPTIVITY ENDS, COMFORT IS RELEASED, GOOD NEWS COMES**
3. **HIS LIFE RELEASES BEAUTY, JOY, PRAISE, RIGHTEOUSNESS - IT IS EVERYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE HIM. ALL LIFE SHOULD RESEMBLE IT'S SOURCE.**

B. GOD'S LIFE IS AN ABUNDANT LIFE

John 1:16 NLT ***From his abundance we have all received** one gracious blessing after another.*

1. **TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE - FOCUS**

Rom. 8:6 *For to be carnally minded is death, but **to be spiritually minded is life and peace.***

2. **DEATH AND SIN DO NOT RULE OVER ME - Spirit of Life in Christ!**

Rom. 8:2 *For the law (working PRINCIPLE not RULES - like gravity) of **the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

3. **HIS LIFE IN US EMPOWERS US TO LIVE LIFE AS HE LIVES**

Rom. 6:11 *Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves** (DO THE MATH) to be **dead indeed to sin, but alive to God** in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- **RENEW YOUR MIND AND YOUR MEMORIES**
- **RE-WRITE THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST'S SACRIFICE**
- **LIVE HERE ON EARTH BY THE RECORD OF WHO YOU ARE IN THE EYES OF HEAVEN**

Rom. 6:13 *And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but **present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead**, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.*

III. LIVING FROM CHRIST IS BETTER THAN LIVING FOR CHRIST

A. WHAT WE MINISTER TO OTHERS IS WHAT WE HAVE TO GIVE

1John 5:11 *And this is the testimony: that **God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.*** ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know that you have eternal life,** and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.*

1. **JESUS HAS THE KEYS! THERE IS NO DOUBT WHO THE LORD OF LIFE IS.** *Your eternal life has already begun and will never end!*

Rev. 1:18 *I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.*

2. **JESUS IS LIFE FOR THE HUNGRY AND THIRSTY - COME EAT AND DRINK!** *Be filled. Be satisfied. Be strengthened and refreshed*

John 6:35 *And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me (EAT) shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me (DRINK) shall never thirst.*

- **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MANNA AND JESUS IS A LIFE THAT NEVER ENDS**

JOHN 6:58 *This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. **He who eats this bread will live forever.**"*

- **BELIEVING THE WORDS OF LIFE CREATES LIFE IN US**

JOHN 6:63 *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing (LIFE DOES NOT ORIGINATE WITH US). **The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.** (GOD CREATES WITH A WORD - WE ARE NOW BORN AGAIN)*

3. **WHAT WE HAVE TO GIVE OTHERS IS THE LIFE WE HAVE RECEIVED!**

JOHN 10:10 MESSAGE *A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.*