



LIFE! LIFE! ETERNAL LIFE!

Do You Want It?

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JESUS said: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me though he die, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."—John 11: 25-26.

Life! Life! Eternal Life! What is Life? The world teems with life manifested in myriad forms. We scan the heavens and the great question of all questions is, "Is there Life?" Nature, on this earth, at least, delights in life; for it is the means through which all other things are appreciated and enjoyed. Without life all other things can have no objective existence.

But another fact, supreme above all other forms of life upon this earth of ours, towering above them, stands man. He lives, he

rules, he has dominion. He conquers the secrets of earth, sea, and sky; and yet in the midst of his days, in the pursuit of some great task, he suddenly dies. Longfellow may say, "There is no death," but truth and fact deny his fair speech, and the voice of the Lord Jesus rings out with the words, "Though he die."

Friend, you know it. You know that death meets every man. You know full well that death takes from you, with ruthless hands, the ones you love so well. It breaks right into your great ambitions and lays them in the dust. Death, yes Death, is an "enemy". The Bible calls it so. God never intended that man should die. Ah yes, the poorest and the meanest will grasp at the last straw—to live; for life is precious even to them.

But why? why does death stalk through the land, breaking up homes, and wrecking the mighty projects of mankind? "By one man SIN entered into the world and death by sin," and, lo! the world is a cemetery. One generation cometh, but another generation goeth. Poetry may seek to disguise the truth, but you know, you know it is the truth—"The living know that they shall die." Oh, what a picture!

But is there no hope? Yes, indeed. True, Christ recognized the terrible reality of death, for he said, "Though he die." But listen.—"yet shall he live."

How? Why? When?

"I am the resurrection and the life" (that is how).

"He that believeth on me (that is why) though he die yet shall he live" (that is when).

Here is the answer to it all. "God commendeth his own love toward us in that while we were yet **SINNERS** Christ died for us." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have **EVERLASTING LIFE.**" "The wages of sin is **DEATH**, but the gift of God is **ETERNAL LIFE**, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Why this precious gift? Is it not that we may know him, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom he has sent? All that we have and know is centered in God whose very name is Love.

Then come and give your heart and life to him who loved you and gave himself for you. "Let him that is athirst come and drink of the water of life freely." "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even **ETERNAL LIFE.**" "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned."

Are you going to be among those who "Shall be Saved"?

BED-ROCK THOUGHTS

THROUGHOUT the Bible, Life and Death are always in contrast. Both words are elementary. They have no synonyms. They cannot, therefore, be replaced by other words, nor can they be simplified by any attempt at definition. Even when used in a secondary sense, the primary meaning is always involved, else no reason for a secondary use would be apparent. To deny the reality of death amounts to a denial of the gospel of Christ, the Son of God, who came that he might redeem us from death.

It is repeatedly asserted in the New Testament that Jesus Christ died and was buried, and that **GOD** raised him from the dead. Has it occurred to you what tremendous issues would be involved had God not raised him from the dead? Paul says faith would be vain. The question is a reasonable one; it deserves meditation; it requires an answer; for every doctrine of the Christian religion is affected thereby. Test every item of your belief by this searching question and the inevitable result that he would have remained dead.

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