

“I AM THE LIFE”

John 14:6

Life_

Life is the theme of the Bible. It is the Life Book.

In the beginning – Living God – Creator, creating;

Tree of Life;

Adam – “breath of life”;

Multi-life, earth life;

Life in the Garden;

Pre-Flood life;

Post Flood life;

Tribal life, nomad life;

Life in the Wilderness;

Life on Promised Land;

Life under Patriarchs, Priests, Kings, Prophets;

Life and captivity, Life and conquest;

Life in Old Covenant times;

Life in New Covenant times;

Life B.C.; Life A.D.;

Life under Law, Life under Grace;

Sinful life; Saintly life;

Church life, Kingdom life;

Earth life, Hell life, Heaven life;

The Book of Life opened (Rev. 20:12)

Life on earth ending;

Life in eternity beginning;

Tree of Life.

Life !

Who? How? Why? When?

JESUS !

Resurrection Life,

Bread of Life,

Light of Life,

Door of Life,

Shepherd of Life,

Living Vine,

Living King,

Living Way,

Living Truth –

Life !

“The new and living way” – (Hebrews 10:20)

We have been studying the self-identification statements of Jesus in this series. We have studied the statements in the following order: “I Am The Resurrection”; “I Am The Bread Of Life”; “I Am The Light Of The World”; “I Am The Door”; “I Am The Good Shepherd”; “I Am The True Vine”; “I Am King”; “I Am The Way”; “I Am The Truth.” We come now to the last in this series: “I Am The Life.”

In 1776, 13 colonies and 56 representatives, met in congress and declared that no longer was America subservient to Mother Europe. They drafted the Declaration of Independence. The second sentence of the Declaration of Independence says:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

This statement is referring to physical life. However, there is a more important type of life and that is spiritual life, which can be guaranteed only by God, not government!

The principle of Life poses three great questions:

- Where am I going? It is a question of our journey, a question of the **Way**;
- Who am I? It is a question of the ultimate **Truth** about myself;
- Where do I come from? It is a question about the origins of **Life**.

The answers to these and other questions about life are found in the Book of Life, the Bible. I am purposefully restricting my comments by using scriptures to communicate truth about the all-important subject of Life. Human words will not suffice, argumentation will not avail, logic fails before the supremacy of the scriptures. Let us look more in depth at the meaning of Jesus words, “**I am the Life.**”

I. JESUS IS THE LIFE GIVER.

As physical life comes from God through the mother to the child, so spiritual life comes from God through Jesus Christ to us. Notice the:

A. The Testimony Of Scripture.

John 1:1-4 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.”

John 17:2 “For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.”

B. The Testimony Of The Savior.

John 5:26 –“as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.”

John 10:27-28 – “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

John 11:25-26 – “Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

II. JESUS IS THE LIFE GIFT.

A. The Life Gift Provided Through Jesus Christ.

Rom. 6:23 “The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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.”

Romans 5:11 “But we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.” (Past tense!)

B. The Life Gift Presented By Jesus Christ.

John 4:8-10 “When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’ The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?’”(For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

John 10:10 “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

John 20:31 “These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John 6:58 “Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

C. The Life Gift Possessed By Receiving Jesus Christ.

John 1:12 “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

Colossians 2:6 “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.”

1 John 5:11-12 “And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

III. JESUS IS THE LIFE GUARANTOR.

A. He Guarantees Eternal Life By His Reassurances To Us.

John 6:47 “I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life”.

John 6:51 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.”

B. He Guarantees Eternal Life By His Representative In Us.

I Cor. 2:12 “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God.”

II Cor. 1:22 “Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

Ephesians 1:13-14 “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”

Ephesians 4:30 “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

Either the Bible is true or it is false. Either God keeps his word or he does not. He promises that if you "believe in the name of the Son of God," you "have eternal life." You cannot lose your salvation, if you are a child of God. This is the truth of God's word, this is a written guarantee!

CONCLUSION

1. Jesus is The Giver, The Gift and The Guarantor of eternal life;
2. Jesus is the only One Who can provide eternal life with Himself in the place He has gone to prepare for us;
3. You can be born once (a physical birth) and die twice (a physical death and an eternal death) or be born twice (a physical birth and a spiritual birth – “born again”) and die once

(a physical death) and maybe not even then if Jesus comes for us before our physical death! How many births have you had? Only those who have had a second birth have eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4. Thomas a Kempis, in his book, "The Imitation of Christ" wrote:

"Without **The Way**, there is no going;
Without **The Truth**, there is no knowing;
Without **The Life**, there is no living."

5. Are you on The Way? Are you in The Truth? Are you living The Life?

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