

LIFE
Part2
Saved By His Life

You search and investigate and pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose and trust that you have eternal life through them. And these [very Scriptures] testify about Me! John 5:39amp.

In part one of this article we concluded that our hope, as a Christian, could be summed up in the very life of God. Jesus said, “*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*” John 10:10 For generations many Christians have been instructed that Eternal Life begins after our life on earth is completed. Our Spirit is then transported to a location called heaven to spend eternity with the Lord. John the apostle tells us that eternal life is not so much about a destination called heaven but about a person called Jesus. *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:11-13*

These three verses of scripture enable us to answer the following questions.

Where is eternal life found? [In the Son]

If you have the Son what else do you possess? [Life]

Why did John say he wrote these things? [That we may know we have eternal life]

When does eternal life begin? [He that has the son has life]

The Bible describes humanity as being dead in trespasses and sin and in desperate need of life. What do spiritually dead people need? What better salvation should God offer a spiritually dead humanity than the gift of Himself, who is life? John said, *in him was life; and the life was the light of men.* John 1:4 The apostle Luke said of Jesus, ‘*For in him we live and move and have our being.*’ Acts 17:28

Our salvation is to put on Christ. *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.* Galatians 3:27 Our hope as a believer is to be in Christ. *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away [the Adam life]; behold, all things are become new [the Christ life].* 2 Corinthians 5:17 We are being immersed into the very life of Christ through the process of freedom. The process of being made free has already begun in our lives and will continue in the ages to come. We are being made free by the very life of Christ. *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.* John 8:36

Paul says God’s love is displayed through reconciliation and life. “*For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*” Romans 5:10 We have been reconciled to God by His death on the cross and we are saved by His Life.

Illustration:

After working in and around the automobile business for many years you get a deep appreciation for the cost of buying, maintaining, and insuring vehicles. The poorest of us are unable to own personal transportation. The working poor try to maintain older vehicles for the purpose of getting to and from work. Imagine being a single mother fighting to keep your old clunker road worthy with no time and less money. With the car insurance premium having to go towards medicine for the children and living with the continuous uncertainty that this could be the last day old Betsey stays running, you stay stressed and overwhelmed. How will you hold on to your job when the car quits? The car is constantly overheating, bad brakes, and numerous other problems. Then one day on the way home, late at night after sixteen hours working two jobs, the old Junker quits for good and leaves you stranded on the side of the highway. Your heart sinks and your mind becomes flooded with fear as a sense of panic covers you like a blanket. Life is just too hard. What will you do now? Then, a miracle happens. Jesus, the supernatural car dealer of life, miraculously pulls up next to you on the highway driving the most beautiful car you have ever seen. You see in His compassionate eyes that He already knows your story. He lovingly hands you His keys and says, “Let’s exchange cars. I’ll take yours and you take mine.”

Our hope as a Christian should be the completed process of exchanging our life for His.

Paul told the Colossians that God’s plan of deliverance for humanity had been kept hidden for generations but now was being revealed. The supernatural manner in which God is raising His people to life from the dead is difficult for finite minds to understand. Knowing that man is much more comfortable with the known rather than the unknown we should avoid the temptation to substitute our own natural version of God’s salvation plan, that we do understand, in place of God’s glorious supernatural plan which is beyond our comprehension.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6 Jesus always spoke clearly and confidently of His role in our need for life.

HE IS OUR LIFE John 17:3