

The LIFE

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"Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. Thomas said unto Jesus, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going; so how can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, '**I am** the Way, the Truth, and **the Life**: no man comes to the Father, but through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now onward you know Him, and have seen Him.' Philip said unto Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you for so long time, and yet have you not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father!'" (John 14:1-6-9)

Life: from the Hebrew word **zoe**, which means: Life, (physical and spiritual). the vital spirit, the breath of life; the new born again life in Christ Jesus.

This title, '**the Life**', is part of a three-way title: Jesus is the Way; Jesus is the Truth; and Jesus is **the Life**. Jesus applies these three titles to Himself as a four-way answer to the question of Thomas, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going; so how can we know the way?' Thus, the context is: no person comes, or is received, into the Father's heavenly home apart from the nature of Christ as implied by His statement, "**I am** the Way, the Truth, and **the Life**, no man comes to the Father, **but through Me**."

To better understand what it means when Jesus says of Himself, "**I am the Life**" - consider these scripture passages:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was **Life**; and the **Life** was the light of men. And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness did not comprehend it." (John 1:1-5)

"Then Martha said unto Jesus, 'Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know, that even now, whatever You will ask of God, God will give it to You.' Jesus said unto her, 'Your brother shall rise again.' Martha said unto Him, 'I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.' Jesus said unto her, 'I am the Resurrection, and **the Life**; he who believes in Me, though he were dead, **yet shall he live**. And whoever **lives** and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said unto Him, 'Yes, Lord: I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who should come into the world.'" (John 11:21-27)

"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, **of the Word of Life**; for **the Life** was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you **that Eternal Life**, who was with the Father, and was manifested unto us; that which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, that you also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write unto you, so that your joy may be full. (1John 1:1-4)

And this is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, and this Life is in His Son. He who has the Son **has Life**; and he who has not the Son of God has not Life. These things have I written unto you who believe on the name of the Son of God; so that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the **Name** of the Son of God." (1John 5:11-13)

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Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say unto you, he who hears My word, and believes on Him (the Father) who sent **Me**, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but has passed from death unto life. Truly, truly, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and **they who hear shall live**. For **as the Father has Life in Himself**; so has He **given to the Son to have Life in Himself**; and has also given Him (Jesus) authority to execute judgment; because He is the Son of Man." (John 5:24-27)

"Then Jesus said unto them, 'Truly, truly,, I say unto you, Moses did not give you that bread from heaven; but My Father gives you the **True Bread** from heaven. For the bread of God **is He** who comes down from heaven, and gives **Life** unto the world.' Then they said unto Him, 'Lord, forevermore give us **this bread**.' And Jesus said unto them, '**I am the Bread of Life**; he who comes to Me shall never hunger; and he who believes on Me shall never thirst.'" (John 6:32-35)

"Truly, truly, I say unto you, He who believes on Me has **everlasting life**. **I am that Bread of Life!** Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is **the Bread** which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. **I am the Living Bread** who came down from heaven; if any man eats of **this Bread**, he shall live forever; and **the Bread** that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the **life** of the world." (John 6:47:51) "For the **life** of the flesh is in the blood..." (Leviticus 17:11)

"But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**. Much more then, being now justified by His Blood, (His Life) we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 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. And not only this, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the reconciliation." (Romans 5:8-11)

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body **the dying of the Lord Jesus**, that **the Life** also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we who live are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, so that **the Life** also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death works in us, but **Life** in you. (2 Corinthians 4:7-12)

It is not what we have done to receive eternal life; rather it is what Jesus has done with His Life, for us, that secures eternal life for us!! For you!! For me!! All to the praise and Glory of God the Father and to His Son Jesus Christ – "**Who is our Life!!**" (Colossians 3:4)

JESUS is ...

the Life,
the Bread of Life,
the True Bread from heaven who gives Life unto the world!

Even Eternal Life in the very House of the Father!

And Jesus will come again, and receive us unto Himself;
so that where He is, there we will be also!!!

Again, All praise and Glory be to the Father and His Son Jesus Christ! Amen!