

Life-giving Spirit

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“...So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption; It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power; It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, 'The first man Adam was made a living soul; the Last Adam is a **Life-giving Spirit**.' However the spiritual is not first, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man was of the earth, made-of-dust; the Second Man is from heaven.” (1 Corinthians 15:...42-45-47...; please read in context)

Life-Giving: From the Greek word **z opoioun** (zóopoieó) which means: life-giving, to make alive; (from **z égré** , "alive" and **poié** , "make"); properly, make alive; quickening, to quicken," figuratively: to cause what is dead to have life; to empower with divine life. Particularly used of God, and Christ infusing His life into the believer. The Lord infuses eternal life into each person when we put our faith and trust in Him.

Spirit: From the Greek word **pneuma** which means: wind, breath, spirit. The most frequent meaning (translation) in the NT is "spirit" ("Spirit").

Jesus is **the Life-giving Spirit** !! Jesus was/is fully a human being – a living breathing soul with a physical body. But Jesus is foremost a Spirit being, as are all born again believers, (see I Thessalonians 5:23). But unlike us, Jesus is, and always has been an eternal Living Spirit, and one in Spirit with the Father!!

Although 'we' were born a living breathing soul with a physical body, we were through Adam spiritually dead!! And yet the marvelous Good-news is that in and through, and by the wonderful work of Christ Jesus we are Given-life, Made-alive through spiritual rebirth in Christ Jesus!! The Goodnews is that we are forgiven of our sins and delivered from eternal punishment and separation from God. The even better Good-news is that we are spiritually born again into everlasting life - life eternal in the everlasting Kingdom of God!! This precious Goodnews is clearly proclaimed by the following passages from the Word of God:

“Jesus answered, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; **and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**. Marvel not that I said unto you, **You must be born again**. The wind blows where it goes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell from where it comes, and to where it goes; so is every one who is born of the Spirit.” (John 3:5-8).

“Then Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, except what He sees the Father do; for whatever things He (the Father) does, these things also does the Son likewise. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will shew Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises up the dead, and gives-life to them; even so the Son **gives-life** to whom He wills.’” (John 5:19-21)

"As the living Father has sent Me, and I live through the Father; so he who eats Me, even he shall live through Me. This is that Bread which came down from heaven; not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead. He who eats of this Bread shall live for ever. These things He said in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, 'This is a hard saying; who can hear it?' When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at this, He said unto them, 'Does this offend you? What then if you shall see the Son of man ascend up to where He was before? **It is the Spirit that gives-life**; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I speak unto you, **they are spirit, and they are life**.' " (John 6:57-61-63)

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“Now if Christ is preached that He rose from the dead, how is it that some say among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not risen. And if Christ has not risen, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is also in vain. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ; whom (as said by some) He raised not up, if it be that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain; and you are still in your sins. Then they also who have fallen asleep (died) in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, and has become the Firstfruits of those who have slept (died). For since through a man came death, through a Man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made-alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; and afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.” (1 Corinthians 15:12-23)

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the **Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; so that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For those who are after the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh; but those who are after the Spirit on the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is hostility against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if any man does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His (he does not belong to Christ). And if Christ is in you, but the body is dead because of sin; yet the spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised up Christ from the dead shall also give-life to your mortal bodies by His Spirit who dwells in you!” (Romans 8:1-11)

Jesus is the Spirit Being, God Himself, who has made us alive - 'living spirits' in Christ Jesus! It is as it says, “the gift of God is eternal life!” (Romans 6:23) And again:

“I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless **I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me:** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me. (Galatians 2:20)

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Who gives-life to whom He wills – even to us who believe on Him!
We live; yet not of ourselves, but rather through Christ Jesus who lives in us!
In Christ we are all born again - spiritually made-alive!

Christ is our Life!!

Lord Jesus I truly thank you for coming into my Life.
I thank you for Your Spirit who dwells in me!
Father in heaven I thank you for your Word which clearly explains who I am in
Christ Jesus – Your Beloved Son.

Please Lord be glorified in my life – always and always!