

GLORY OF ETERNAL LIFE

BEYOND DEATH

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“And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

MATTHEW 24:12-14

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“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

He is beyond death

Do you realize that death is the source of military power? The reason why guns, bombs and swords are powerful is because of the presence and power of death. Death has power to take people to hades, which is corruption, leaving them with no more opportunities to accept Christ, who is eternal incorruption. It's because of this that we pray and plan for people to not die until they receive Christ and fulfil His purpose for them on earth. That's why we cook food, build houses, go to work, and make money, so that people can be sustained on earth for eternal purpose, which is Christ.

Interestingly, the power of death has been overcome through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the representative of all mankind. Death might still be present but it's not powerful anymore, because it's been overpowered eternally by Jesus. Death has died in the death of Christ and is already scheduled to be locked in the lake of fire. The death of Jesus is the good-death, which is not corruption but incorruption of love. Everybody that has ever died, died because they sinned. They died because they had to, but Jesus never sinned,

and He didn't die because He had to, but because He wanted to. He died, not for Himself but for us. His death was a substitute for our death, and His resurrection vindicates this and justifies us before God. Meaning, we don't have to die anymore if we accept His death as ours, and His resurrection as ours!

In Jesus' words, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (*John 11:25-26*).

Jesus knew that God had sent eternal life to us in the person of Jesus Christ. He is God's grace to us. The only issue now is this, will we accept? will we believe? and more than believe, will we live also by Jesus Christ? When we live by Jesus Christ, we have a promise of never dying! Hallelujah. Like Enoch, like Elijah, we can live beyond death. This is the calling we've been called to. And even if we experience mortal death, holding this light of eternal life, we will immediately spring into a higher life.

This eternal life is the very life of God, without sin, without weakness, without sickness, without oppression, but with pure holy fellowship. This life is called divine love. This is what faith and hope works by.

My prayer for you is that you see this life, by revelation, and possess it, and live by it every millisecond of your earthly experience. This life and its operations is what is written about in all the epistles of the New Testament, because this life is what powers you, God's new man testament.

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AUTHOR'S NOTE

This book reminds us that Christ has redeemed us from dead works by His precious blood, into the realm of light and fire. This is a realm of resurrection. In here are the perfect eternal pleasures and judgements of God.

There's power availed in Christ. This prophetic power is the power of the HolySpirit, in the name of Jesus. This power works in and through disciples of Jesus who work out this salvation of God.

This book is also a prophetic and practical study through the resurrection with focus on reigning by light & fire.

My prayer is for the eyes of your heart to be flooded with visions and revelations of the Lord Jesus.

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THE GOSPEL OF THE GLORY OF CHRIST

LIVING ETERNAL LIFE PRACTICALLY

We've looked at the fact that eternal life is living with Jesus Christ, which proceeds from our spirits, through the activity of our souls, and the demonstration of our bodies. All our faculties are engaged and involved in life-eternal.

The Bible tells us that anyone who is joined to Christ is one spirit with Him (*1 Corinthians 6:17*), even though I personally believe that verse is talking about being one spiritual body with Him because of the immediate context of the verse and of the revelation being espoused by Paul. Another verse says the same thing. Paul said “**...we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church**” Ephesians 5:30-32. By this, we see that we are one spiritual body with Jesus. We must grow in the consciousness and the practice of this deep spiritual union and reality.

Elsewhere, we read that we have one mind with Christ.

“The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 2:15-16, showing us that by the Spirit, we’ve received and obtained the mind of Christ. He had said earlier, **“Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.”** 1 Corinthians 2:12, to show us that when we received the Spirit of God in us, that came with a new mind, which is an aspect of the Spirit of God. To have the Spirit of God, is to have the mind of the Spirit. It’s to have the spirit of our minds renewed (*Ephesians 4:23*), and once this is the case, we now should be renewed in that new mind. We should bring all our thoughts of God and ourselves and our experiences under that renewed spirit, which is the mind of the Spirit. The mind of the Spirit is a spirit. For that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (*John 3:6*), so, we have the spirit of wisdom and understanding in the knowledge of God, because the Holy Spirit’s pattern of reasoning is what we’ve obtained. It’s more of an obtainment than an attainment. This is how come we can “know”

things we didn't learn. This is spiritual discernment, and spiritual knowledge. This comes by the spiritual wisdom of faith, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is Himself God and the wisdom of God for our daily living in Zion and in Christ. So then, to be transformed simply means to allow our new mind, which we have by the indwelling Spirit in us, to govern our present thoughts on everything. Our thoughts on the past, the present, the future. Our thoughts on God, on ourselves, on others. Our thoughts on failures, ambitions and the likes. It's this mind that is discerning, and can discern things spiritually. This is how we can receive things freely given us by the Holy Spirit. Discernment is like a spiritual gate, for receiving or rejecting things. Whatever we don't believe, we reject, and whatever we believe, we receive. This believe is by spiritual discernment of the Word and presence of God. This is eternal life at work in our souls.

And the same way we have a renewed mind, we also have renewed hearts/desires (*Galatians 5:16-18*), and renewed wills (*1 Corinthians 14:14*). We only have to keep believing this daily, walking by the Spirit.

It goes without speaking much that our spirits are

renewed as soon we accept the sacrifice of Jesus' blood and body on the cross of Calvary to be for us, and as us. We become new creation (*2 Corinthians 5:17*), by the regeneration of the Spirit and the renewal of the Holy Spirit (*Titus 3:5*). If anyone is not reborn of the Spirit, they cannot even as see or perceive the kingdom of God (*John 3:3*). In Paul's words "**The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**" Romans 8:16.

We see from ***Romans 8***, and ***1 Corinthians 15***, that this eternal life is the basis of our faith, which is momentary living in the presence of God by the Holy Spirit. It's the basis of our hope, which is mental conception of the progress of our momentary living, the vision of eternal life that stirs us unto deep and passionate pursuit in confidence, and it's the basis for our love walk, which is how deep and spiritual our dispositions are and how aligned our will is to the will of God. This love is endless, and is the goal of faith, and of hope. Eternal love is the heart of eternal life. It's the presence of God with us today, helping us today and empowering us to continue with Him today. This is love.

So then, we must learn to live by faith, to stay in hope and to walk in love. Let's consider these three practically.

(a) **LIVE BY FAITH**

How do we practice faith? Let's learn from Jesus Himself.

There was a time when Jesus was walking with His disciples and they came to a fig tree which had only leaves and no fruit because it wasn't the season of its fruit bearing. That's what the Bible said (*Mark 11:12-14*). Apparently, Jesus didn't think so. Jesus knew that He, as the Son of God, and God, is beyond the limitations of time and space, and seasons. Everything yields to Jesus every time, irrespective of its season in regards to its weakness. From the ordination of that tree, it was made to be fruitful every time. This is how Jesus saw it. And because of this, Jesus cursed the tree, and didn't wait to see what will happen, He simply continued His business.

“As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain,

Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Mark 11:20-25,

When Jesus cursed the tree, it died, but this wasn't evident to everyone in the physical realm immediately. The next day it was visible. And Peter was surprised to see that Jesus' words affected the tree. Peter asked Jesus, how so? How could physical words have so much spiritual authority and power, and Jesus said it's by faith. Then, Jesus taught them how He used faith in that situation.

The power wasn't in the words, but in the place from where the words came. The words came from a place of authority. The words came from God. Jesus spoke as someone speaking from the kingdom of God. There was the backing of the kingdom of God against the darkness of barrenness that this fig tree was exhibiting.

So then, faith is a transporter that takes us from a place without authority to a place of authority. Faith moves us from being men, to being as God. Jesus said “have faith in God”, that means, enter into God, enter into God’s economy. When we enter into God, so many things will be approached from there.

Jesus explains further. Jesus explains this partnership of God and man, and how it works. Jesus implicitly said that God is willing to share His kingdom and authority and power with man, and man only needs to accept this gift of access, and enter into God. Man is to do this by faith alone. This faith alone comes by complete consecration to God as disciples, who are growing in repentance. This faith is not rooted in their consecration, though it can be disturbed by their lack of consecration to the grace of God. This faith is rooted in God in grace.

This faith is being completely convinced that as God is, so are we. It’s entering into the authority and position of God. Faith is entering another position. If something cannot oppose God, then, it cannot oppose us. That’s faith. We are to be full of God-consciousness, not in a sense of the presence of God, but that we are the

presence of God, and we are one with God. We have been anointed by God Himself.

When we enter into this place of God, and authority, there's no need to pray like a mere man, we can command mountains and situations in accordance to God's Will. We can say what God would say. We know this because we've entered the position of God. When we enter into God, we see His will, both generally and specifically in that situation. This is by the consecrations of faith. This is what it means to "have" the faith "in God". We must enter into God, through the Gospel of God and the Spirit of God.

After believing, and going ahead to act from that position, just the way God will act, speaking to things for the accomplishment of His Will, then, we keep staying in that position, insisting and expecting what we said to come to pass, irrespective of the oppositions or the contrary circumstances. We would insist, by refusing to come down. This is what Holiness is. We enter into God by righteousness. We must be skilled in righteousness to be able to enter into God quickly. When we enter into God, we would see that

we have superior authority and superior power. This can be manifest as wisdom, gift, or power. Then, after we move in righteousness, either by a word or an action, we stand our ground. Often, we would face opposition and will have to do warfare, and get stronger at it.

“Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him”, after we act in righteousness, we have to maintain that posture and that position. That’s what abiding is all about. This holiness is how we stand in righteousness by grace and faith. We insist on what we know to be true not only until we see it manifest, but until we see it fully manifest. We take it as done and true.

It’s this person, this “whosoever” that believes that what He says will come to pass, that it will be done for. Meaning, God knows that He is the one who will accomplish the declarations of our faith for us. It’s by His power that what we declare comes to pass. So then, we must believe that God is supreme and God’s word in our mouths, will be accomplished by the power of God.

Jesus then said, **“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours”**, meaning when we pray, what’s most important is where the prayer is coming from and where we are abiding in our heart and soul and consciousness as we pray. No wonder Jesus said **“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”** John 15:7. This is the way to receive. It’s by faith. We are to ask by faith, and we are to receive by faith. Faith is connecting with God in spirit and with the things of the spirit. It’s faith that converts what is in our minds to spirit, and what is in our spirit to will and mind.

Whenever we ask, in accordance to God’s will, we should believe that we’ve received it, and it will be ours. This is how we hold on to God’s Word by faith. We hold on to God, and to the things of God, by faith.

The writer to the Hebrews also explains how we practice the new covenant by faith. How we practice faith. He said: **“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.**

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.” Hebrews 11:1-3, meaning, when we hear of the promises of God in the new covenant, we are to immediately accept them, and plan to enjoy them, live by them and do them. Once we assume this posture, we are in faith, and that disposition of spirit is the substance of what we hope for. This faith is light, assurance, conviction and confidence of God and spiritual things. This is how the people of old walked.

Whenever we are in faith, we begin to know things from another perspective. This is spiritual knowledge and spiritual understanding. This understanding is that the Word of God can create everything. It's what is unseen that creates what is seen.

So then, as believers, we are creatives together with God. Good works are works of creativity, they are supernatural works, they are holy and great works. These works are an outflow of combination of spiritual realities, expressed in time. This makes believers the most important people on earth. We are the light of the world, and the salt of the earth. We are the ones bringing down heaven on

earth (*Matthew 6:10*). We are the expressions of God in man and to man. We are the bringers of eternal persons, and heavenly things into the earthy spaces. All these flow through the Holy Spirit, by His fruit in us and His gifts through us.

Another thing that affects our faith in God, and in receiving is our love walk, because faith works by love (*Galatians 5:6*). Faith works by holiness, it's sustained by abiding in fellowship. What disturbs this fellowship is 'unforgiveness' and bitterness. So Jesus said "**And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses**". What disturbs our faith, and our position in God, and flow in the things of the Spirit is our love walk. We are called not to have anything against anyone. This is the consecration of faith, which is a consecration in love. We should not have any issue with anyone at all.

With this, we have the foundation of the practice of eternal life, through sincere faith.

I believe it's the Holy Spirit that told me that faith is