

faith when he died. The land of Cana was a imperfectad  
of a Christian life. Israel never free of her enemies.  
Rom. 8:37-39

"Because I Live"

John 14:19

Intro.

Life is the most <sup>Matter</sup> important that ever claims our  
attention. Life was God's first and greatest gift to  
the creatures he created. Life brings obligation as well  
as opportunity, life is a trust and man is not free to do  
as he pleases with his life, because it concerns other  
people. T. W. Thoms

I. Because The Life of Jesus

He does not say when I shall live after my resurrec-  
tion from the dead, but because I do live, divine life  
which he was even then living. Christ life was a con-  
tinuous life, he was a prison of death for a short while,  
and the disciples were afraid that would be the end of his  
life, but he says his life is a continuous life. This was  
manifested by his glorious resurrection. After his death  
the world saw him no more, those only that see Christ with  
an eye of faith shall see him forever.

That grieve them that their master was dying and they  
counted upon nothing else but to die with him, but Christ  
says no, I do live, and because I live, ye shall live.  
The Christian life is bound up in the life of Christ. As  
sure and as long as he lives those that by faith are united  
to him shall live also. They shall live spiritually, the  
life of a Christian is a kin of that of the Lord. A spirit-  
ual life is an immortal.

II. How may we have this life?

Now if Jesus says, because I live, ye shall live  
also, how is one to receive this life? As to the life  
promise to the disciples it can be no other than the new  
and blessed life of fellowship with God, which begins here  
and reaches perfection hereafter.

This life is represented as dependent on the life  
of Jesus. These words were spoken almost two thousand  
years ago, and since then Jerusalem's wall have crumbled,  
martyrs gone to stake, people have stood by graves with  
these words as promises,

What is the real basis of such hope? Jesus himself,

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pointed this out, in the familiar conversation, with a man by the name of Nicodemus. He urged upon the necessity of being born again. That if he would like which would included for ever, which also includes now and tomorrow, because time is but a comma compared with eternity.

The soul must be transformed by a conversion experience. This life is God given.

### III. When does this life begin?

Jesus here speaks of life, is he talking about life after death? or just speaking of life in this world. These disciples had a vague feeling about eternal life. John 6:47. He that believeth hath life", the eternal is the believers present possession, the assurance that eternal life has already begun in us, we are living forever now. Each of us must cross the last river which is known as death, which is but a rest or a pause and Jesus will add the remained measure in eternity. We do not wait till eternity to begin living with Christ.

We are living forever in our influence. Human experience that no man lives to himself or does he die to himself. This is an unconscious influence, we go no where without it. It is wonderful, and yet it is dangerous.

We are living forever now, in the souls that we win Christ. The only opportunity is now. Jesus pointed out to the woman at the well, the passing to eternal.

We are living forever now, in his delightful companionship. No one can rob us of our friendship. Earthly friendship may fail, but Jesus is alive for ever more.

### IV. Some evidences of this life.

Shall we live hereafter Christianity alone, a clear and satisfactory answer to this question. Sir Phillip Sidney on his death bed, reviewed the reason on which we base our hope on a resistance—a conscious existence hereafter. He was brighten by promises of this scripture.

#### 1. A worthy life is evidence

Happiness comes through worthy living.

Usefulness comes through worthy living. No one wants his life to be wasted. There is a great danger today finding themselves conforming to world standards. John L. Hill said, "I wish every Christian would so live that when the end of the earthly life is reached he will be able to entered the Fathers house without a change of ideal of change and practices."

#### Living an abundant life.

For some a good salary, car, home, may be an abundant life. People of our nations are increasing in prosperity, Luke 15.

Church may have a fine building without life Rel. 3:17

The Abundant life is spiritual in nature. Luke 12:23  
Rom. 8:6

John 10:10 Life is different from what the world offers, because it is a confident life and because of who we are. I John 3:2 A relationship which never can be broken because we are born into the kingdom by his blood. The Lord sent death to each home under the blood, and children born into a home have no power to change that relationship.

A Roman lad once found an object lying on the street which appeared to a coin, trodden upon the feet, mud, badly corroded, no way of identifying it, but as soon as surface of soil was clear away, the imagine of Caesar. The lad know he had found a coin of value. Sin may do its worse to us, the exterior may bare many marks, but the living Redeemer comes in and clears away the sin. *Stamp'd upon our souls*

Because whose we are, we are claimed through the life of creation, and the right of redemption, the most powerful proof, that theirs powerful, is the result of it in redeem lives. Paul was convinced when he saw Stemphen