

# Issue of Life - What Is Life?

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*The issue between God and man is the issue of life, and it is the difference between life and death, and we can live under the law of the spirit of life by abiding in Christ.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the unchanging nature of laws, using the example of gravity. He explains that the law of sin and death operates because humans live in the flesh, not recognizing that even the good in the flesh is still under this law. The speaker highlights the need for deliverance from this bondage, which can only be found through Jesus Christ. The sermon also discusses the working of the law of the spirit of life, which brings separation from worldly things and brings light and revelation to expose and judge everything.

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## Transcript

Romans chapter 8 verse 2. Romans chapter 8 verse 2. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and of death. 1st John chapter 2 verse 27. And yourselves, the anointing which ye have received from him abides in you, and ye have not need that anyone should teach you.

But as the same anointing teaches you as to all things, and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, ye shall abide in him. Go back to the gospel according to John chapter 1 verse 4. John chapter 1 verse 4. In him that is in Christ was life, and the life was the light of man. 2nd Corinthians chapter 7 verse 1. 2nd Corinthians chapter 7 verse 1. Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us purify ourselves from every pollution of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in God's fear.

Galatians chapter 6 verse 17. Galatians chapter 6 verse 17. For the rest, let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the brands of the Lord Jesus.

2nd Corinthians chapter 3 verses 17 and 18. 2nd Corinthians chapter 3 verses 17 and 18. Now the Lord is the Spirit, but where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

But we all, looking on the glory of the Lord with unfailed faith, are transformed according to the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Lord the Spirit. Dear Heavenly Father, we are in thy presence,

and we do desire that thou wilt quicken thy word to our hearts. We pray that thy words will truly be life and spirit to us.

Deliver us from just hearing the letter of thy word, and not entering into the Spirit. So Lord, we do trust thy Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth, and to thee be the glory, in the name of our Lord Jesus. Yesterday morning we shared together on this matter of the issue of life.

God is a living God. His very nature is life. Therefore you find that the issue between God and man is none other than the issue of life.

If it is not of life, it is not of God. If it is not of life, then it is not acceptable to God. So you find that from the very beginning to the end of the word of God, it is always this matter of life that is the issue.

God's issue with us, and our issue with God, is none other than that of life. It is not in teaching, it is not even in doctrine, it is not in organization, it is not in method, it is not in anything else but in life. That is the issue.

Therefore it is of extreme importance that we know what life is. We know that life, because that life is different from any other life. It is different from the human natural life.

It is the eternal life. The very life of God. The very nature of God.

And it not only has all the attributes that God has, but it is actually God himself. The Son himself. He that has the Son has life.

He that does not have the Son has not life. Now this morning we would like to go a step further, to consider together before the Lord on this matter of the law of life. You know, every kind of life carries with it a nature.

And that nature of life actually is its law. We usually think of natural law as the physical law around us. For instance, we live upon this planet, and we find ourselves under the force of the law of gravitation.

We are being pulled to the center of the earth all the time. There is the physical law, and we call these physical laws natural laws. Now that is true because God the Creator, he has put these laws in the physical universe.

But we must remember that there is not only the external as it were, physical laws around us. But we find that there is an inward law that is within us. There is a moral or metaphysical law, if we want to use that word, that God has put within us.

So the natural law is not just referred to the physical laws. Natural law also refers to that inward law, the law that we are born with. It is the law of nature, whether it is the nature around us or whether it is the nature within us.

So our consideration before the Lord this morning is not regarding the external law that surrounds us, but it is the law of life, the law of nature, the natural law that is inborn, or that we have inherited. And this is the law that we would like to share together this morning. Now every life has its nature or its law.

For instance a bird. A bird is born with the nature of flying, and flying actually is its law. For a bird to fly is natural, it's right.

For a bird not to fly is unnatural, and it's not right. You know, life grows according to its natural law. If you are against that natural law, you'll suffer for it.

But if you follow that natural law, you'll grow according to it. And the same thing is true with a fish. A fish is born with the nature of swimming, and swimming is the law of the life of a fish.

If you take a fish out of the water, it dies. And the same thing is true with us human beings. Now we have to go back a little bit to understand this natural law that is within us.

For when God created man, he created man with a soul. Man is a living soul. Man has a personality.

He has a soul life, or we may say, soulical life. But that soul life that God has given to man, when he was created, is neither holy nor sinful. In other words, it is neutral.

Think of Adam. When he was first created and put in the garden of Eden, before he fell into temptation. So far as his life is concerned, that is, his natural life is concerned, it is neutral.

He is not holy, but neither is he sinful, because he hasn't committed sin yet. But then you'll find the unfortunate thing happened in the garden. Adam fell into sin.

And because Adam fell into sin, sin entered into his life and reigns over him. In other words, here you'll find that life, which today we call natural life, is a sinful life. That natural life of Adam is under the law of sin and of death.

Adam, after he fell, was under the natural law of sin and of death. In other words, in Adam, in that life, there is that natural law. It is natural to that life.

And that natural law is the law of sin and of death. And this is not only true to Adam. But this is true to all who are in Adam.

That is to say, we who inherit from Adam his life, we also receive from him that natural law. That governs that life. And that natural law is the law of sin and of death.

That's the reason why you find in 1 Corinthians chapter 15, it says, in Adam all died. We who are in Adam, we who live by that Adamic life, we need to remember that that life is governed by a natural law. Just like our physical body is governed by the law of gravitation.

But there is an inward law within us that governs, that rules over, that natural life of Adam. And it is the law of sin and of death. Adam and Eve, they ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

And you know today, we always judge people according to that knowledge. Adam's sons, we are all Adam's sons. And Adam's sons you'll find, with some people they are more evil than good.

With other people they are more good than evil. And with some people there seems to be an equal amount of good and evil. And we always judge people that this man is good, that man is evil.

Or the other man is so-so, you know, we always judge in that way. In other words, we judge people by good and evil. And this good and evil actually is according to the knowledge of good and evil.

Some people we consider them as good. Why? Because according to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he seems to be good. And to other people we think he is evil because according to the same tree

we feel he is evil.

But the good that we consider is not acceptable by God. In other words, you'll find even the good in Adam is dead in the eyes of God. That is the reason why we cannot be justified by our good works.

Because our righteousness is all before God as filthy rags. They cannot cover our nakedness, they cannot satisfy God's righteousness. To God it is no good at all, but to man we say it is good because we judge by the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Now so long as we are in the realm of good and evil, we find we are under the law of death and of sin. The good that we want to do, we cannot do. Why? Because we are under the law of death.

The evil that we know we shouldn't do, we do it. Why? Because we are under the law of sin. Remember that we who are in our natural state is hopeless and helpless.

It is important for us to realize one day that so long as we live in Adam, so long as we live by this natural life that is the result of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we are under that law of sin and of death and there is no escape. Now what is a law? A law is something that acts or reacts always in the same definite way, given it the same condition, regardless of time. For instance the law of gravitation, it is a law.

Why? Because that law always acts in the same way. Whether it was in the first century or whether it is now in the twentieth century. Whether it is in London or it is in Santa Barbara.

Whoever drops a thing, you may be a white, you may be black, you may be a yellow, but if you drop something it goes down. Now that is a law, the law of gravitation. It disregards any person, there is no partiality there.

It is universal and so long as you are on this planet earth, that is the way it will act. Now that's a law. Now brothers and sisters, do you know that you are under that law? Romans 7, there are different interpretations about that.

Some people think that Romans 7 is Paul's experience as a Pharisee. In other words, it was the experience of Saul, the Pharisee. Other people think that it is the experience of Paul, the believer.

After he had believed in the Lord Jesus, he experienced such things. But dear brothers and sisters, actually it is not essential. Whether you think of Romans 7 as applied to Paul's experience as a Pharisee in the past.

Or whether you apply it to Paul as one who has met the Lord. It makes no difference. Why? Because as long as you live in the flesh.

That law of sin of death operates. Whether it is before your conversion or after your conversion. It is exactly the same.

Here you find a man, he knows the law. And by the law here is the commandments. You know we have the commandments.

And here is a man who knows the commandments. And of all the commandments, there is one commandment. You know ten commandments? There is one among the ten that really governs our

inward desire.

All the other commandments may be applied externally. But there is one commandment of the ten that deals with the inward heart. And that is thou shalt not covet.

Thou shalt not be greedy. And sure enough you find this man is bothered by this one commandment. But the law in Romans 7 does not refer to the commandments.

The law in Romans 7 refers to the inward law. The law of nature. The law of sin and of death.

Now the commandments, they give the occasion for the inward natural law to work. The commandments are holy, righteous, spiritual. But unfortunately that man is fleshly, is carnal.

And therefore you'll find the inward natural law of Adam takes the advantage of the holy, righteous, spiritual commandment and attack that man to make sin more sinful and death more deadly. In Romans 7 you'll find it is a battle between the will and the law. Here is a good will.

I want to be good. I want to please God. I do not want to be greedy.

And if any man is of a strong will, certainly Paul is one of them. He has an iron will. So here you'll find he is exercising his will to fight against a law.

The law of sin and of death. I will not do, I should not do. But I will do everything that I must do.

And he starts out to do it. He may be able to succeed for a little while. You know if you hold this Bible, this Bible is a very small one.

It doesn't weigh too much. I carried it because it's light. Certainly I can hold up this Bible for an hour.

My arm, my will, I will tell my arm, hold it. Do not let it be dropped. And I can do it for an hour.

But after an hour, my arm began to ache. And I began to shake. And maybe after an hour and a half, my arm dropped and the Bible go down to the floor.

The law of gravitation. Your will cannot conquer a law. No matter how strong your will is, you cannot conquer a law.

Because a law never changes. It is permanent. Perpetual.

And it is always there. Asserting its force. Never ceasing.

And that's the reason why you cannot fight against a law. Why does that law operate? Because in Romans 7, you find that man is living in the flesh. Not in the bad flesh, but in the good flesh.

That man has enough sins to reject that which is bad. Evil. Out of the flesh.

But that man doesn't have the sense of seeing that the good of the flesh is still flesh. It is still of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And it is still under the law of sin and of death.

And because he does not see it, therefore he fights against that law. As if he does not belong to that law. And the result is failure.

Defeat. Until one day he discovered, oh wretched man that I am. Who can deliver me from this body of death? Until one day he confessed that in me, that is in my flesh, there is no good.

And when that day comes, the deliverance comes. Thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So brothers and sisters, here we discover one thing.

And that is, we who are in Adam, we who live according to the flesh. Whether it is before you are saved or after you are saved. As long as you live in the flesh.

As long as you consider that there is still some good in your flesh. As long as you try to use the good of your flesh to please God. You will find eventually, not only the good is bound by death.

But the evil will also come forth. In other words, you will fall into sin. There is no hope to Adam.

In Adam all died. But in Christ, all have received life. So here you find the salvation is in Christ Jesus.

We thank God that our Lord Jesus came into this world. And when he came, he brought another life into this world. In him was life.

He brought a new life into this world. And as we mentioned yesterday, through the cross, through death and resurrection, he has released that life to us. And as we believe and receive him, we receive that life in us.

Today dear brothers and sisters, we are in Christ. In 1 Corinthians chapter 1 verse 30 it says, by God ye are in Christ Jesus. Do you know that as you believe in the Lord Jesus, not only his life has entered into you and become your life.

But at the same time, God has put you into Christ. So today we are in Christ Jesus. In Adam we all died.

But in Christ Jesus we all live. We live by a new life now. And thank God, just as the old life carries an old nature and is under an old law.

So this new life that we have received today carries with it a new nature. And it is driven by a new law. Now what is this new law? This new law is called in the scripture the law of the spirit of life.

In Christ it is the law of the spirit of life that operates. In Adam it is the law of sin and death that operates. When we are on this planet earth, the law of gravitation operates.

No matter where you go, no matter what you do, you are under the law of gravitation. Because you are on this planet earth. But suppose you go into outer space.

And people are going into outer space. When you go into outer space you escape the law of gravitation. Because in outer space the law of gravitation does not exist.

You float. You are under a higher law. A higher law operates in the outer space.

But suppose you return to earth. Then what happens? You find that the law of gravitation again exerts its force upon you. You cannot escape that.

The only way to escape is permanently stay in outer space. Then you escape that law altogether. But unfortunately men always come back to earth.

Now spiritually it is the same thing. Brothers and sisters there are two realms. One realm is in Adam.

And the other realm is in Christ. If you are in Adam, you are under the law of sin and of death. And there is no escape.

Sometimes you wonder why. We are saved. We know we are saved.

We are sure we are saved. We know that we have the life of Christ in us. But sometimes we wonder why is it.

Why is it that we find ourselves still under the law of sin and of death. We cannot do what we should do. We do what we should not do.

Oh wretched man. We cry out. Why? Sometimes we even wonder whether we are saved.

We think if we are saved it shouldn't be that way. Brothers and sisters it is very simple. You need to abide in Christ.

It is true that God has put you in Christ. This is your position. But if you do not remain in that position.

Abide simply means make your home there. If you do not stay in your new home. If you return to your old residence.

Then you will find the old law is upon you. And there is no escape. So the secret is to abide in Christ.

Abiding is a daily thing. Abiding is a daily experience. It is important therefore for us believers.

Knowing that we are in Christ Jesus. Thank God for that. That we should live permanently in that position.

Abiding. Now how do we abide in Christ? I remember many years ago we had a young people's conference. And during that conference I asked the young people a question.

I said how do we abide in Christ? And these young people gave me different answers. Some said you abide in Christ by praying. If you pray then you abide in Christ.

Others say you abide in Christ by reading the scripture. And all kinds of different answers. Now brothers and sisters how do we abide in Christ? If we want to live under the law of the spirit of life.

We must abide in Christ. But how do we abide in Him? There is one verse that gave us the secret. It is the key of abiding.

And that is 1 John 1 verse 27. 1 John 1 verse 27. Chapter 2 verse 27.

1 John 2 verse 27. And yourselves the anointing or the unction which ye have received from Him abides in you. And ye have not need that any one should teach you.

But as the same anointing teaches you as to all things and is true and is not a lie. And even as it has taught you ye shall abide in Him. Now thank God.

When we believe in the Lord Jesus. You know God does this so much for us. When we believe in the Lord Jesus.

He has not only given us a new life. His own life. Uncreated life.

A life that is released through Christ Jesus. Available. Receivable.

And this life of Christ is now in us as our life. But at the same time you will find when we are saved. God has quickened our dead spirit.

You know because of sin our spirit as an organ was dead so far as God is concerned. But when we believe in the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit of God will quicken our dead spirit and make it living.

Becoming a new spirit. And then the Holy Spirit will come and dwells in our spirit. Now brothers and sisters this is what happens to you.

Lots of things happen at the same time. You receive a new life. And you receive a new spirit.

And you receive the indwelling Holy Spirit. Not only a new spirit. Your spirit is renewed.

That is it is made alive unto God. You can commune with God now. But then you will find the Holy Spirit comes in and dwells in your new spirit.

And the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Life. In other words He is there in charge of that life. We do not know how to handle that life.

So God gives us the Holy Spirit to abide in us. In other words to make His home in us. He will never leave us nor forsake us.

He is always here. He abides in you. In your spirit.

In your new spirit He makes His home there. And He is to manage this new life for you. Because you do not know how to manage this new life.

He is called the Spirit of Life. And when the Spirit operates the law is life. Whenever the Spirit operates it brings in life.

You know in John chapter 14 to chapter 16. You know our Lord Jesus tells His disciples about the coming of the Comforter. Another Comforter.

And when the Spirit of Truth shall come. He will reveal Christ to you. He will guide you into all truth.

He will take what is of Christ. And He will make it known and make it real to you. Now that is the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is in charge of this new life. He is to bring to your knowledge and experience of this new life. He is to exert this new law upon you.

And that is the work of the Holy Spirit. Just like the law of sin and death is a law. So the Spirit of Life is also a law.

It never changes. If you are in Adam the law operates. If you are in Christ a new law operates.

The Spirit of Life operates. It is just as natural. It is supernaturally natural.

You know sometimes we think of our Christian life very unnatural. Before we believe in the Lord Jesus we live a natural life. That is we live naturally.

We commit sin is a natural thing. To do good is unnatural. We find it very difficult.

And we always go the easy way. And we live a natural life. But after we got saved, brothers and sisters, did you discover you begin to live an unnatural life? Why? Because you try to live a Christian life by your Adamic life.

And that is very unnatural. And it is so unnatural that after you become a Christian for a year you begin to be very tense. And two years you got nervous.

And maybe three years you broke down. Because it is so unnatural. You know? And some people even think that everything you have to pray therefore when you eat you have to pray Lord should I eat one serving or two servings.

And if you try to live in that way my, the strain upon you is great. But remember, spiritual life is natural. It is supernaturally natural.

It is spontaneous. It is effortless. That is what the law is.

Will is something that you have to exert it. There is an effort. Self made effort.

But the law does not make any effort. It is just there. It is spontaneous.

It is always so. It never changes. Brothers and sisters, do we see this? Do we see that as naturally we live in Adam so now as supernaturally natural we shall live in Christ? This is what Christian life is all about.

And it is the law of life. The spirit of life. If we live in the flesh we are under the law of sin and of death.

But if we live according to the spirit then you will find the law of the spirit of life. Thank God the Holy Spirit is so faithful. As one brother said, he is your resident boss.

He is so faithful. And he teaches you in all things. He is always there.

In all things. Big things and small things. And whatever he teaches is true and is not a lie.

Brothers and sisters, how do we abide in Christ? Obey the teaching of the anointing. And you abide in Christ. Follow the Holy Spirit.

And you abide in Christ. The mind of the flesh is death. If you mind the flesh, it is death.

If you mind the spirit, it is life and peace. So long as you do according to the teaching of the anointing. Brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit is within us as the anointing.

In other words, he is always there anointing us. And when he applies that anointing there is a soothing feeling. Peaceful feeling.

He is always telling us what is of God. What is of life. It is not a matter of good and evil.

You know, Christians should not be governed just by good and evil. Christians should be governed by a higher law. Life or death.

Many things are good. But they are dead. Life is the criteria.

And the spirit of life is always there working. Bringing life into us. And as you obey the Holy Spirit, life comes in.

And more life, more obeying the Holy Spirit. It is a cycle. And that's the way you grow.

You grow naturally. Supernaturally natural. In the Holy Spirit.

I want to quote to you something written by beloved Austin Sparks. When he tries to explain something he always uses big words. But if you understand it you always go to the very heart of it.

Now here is what he says about that law. A law is a fixed and established principle. It has potentialities.

It means that if you are adjusted to it and governed by it certain results are inevitable. That the potentialities which it contains will most surely find expression when that law is established. So that what we have here is that the mark of things being of God the Holy Spirit is life.

If anything is of God the Holy Spirit it will live. Its key characteristic will be life. That is a law.

An established principle. But there is another thing we must notice at the outset. This is that in a matter of life as a fixed principle the life is in Christ Jesus.

We come to see that life is in all its manifold expressions in Christ Jesus. To know life we must know Him. We must understand Him.

Now this law of the spirit of life is so important. We need to know it. How do we come to know this law? We come to know this law by its expressions.

By its manifestations. In other words, wherever this law of the spirit of life works you will find certain expressions. And by these expressions you know that law is operating.

So brothers and sisters this is where you need to watch. First of all when the law of the spirit of life is working it always brings in light. Revelation.

Enlightenment. Why? Because the spirit of God is the spirit of wisdom and revelation. He is the spirit who reveals.

Who reveals that which He has taken from the Son. He reveals the Son in us. This is the very nature of the Holy Spirit.

Revealing. He is the spirit of wisdom and revelation. Our God is light.

In 1 John 1, verse 5 it says God is light and there is no darkness in Him. In James 1, verse 17 it says He is the Father of lights in whom there is no variation nor shadow of turning. In other words, our God is perfect light.

There is no darkness. There is no variation. There is no shade.

There is no shadow with Him. That is our God. That is His life.

And you find when the Lord Jesus came into this world He said in Him was life and the life was the light of man. There is light in Him. He is the life and in that life there is light there.

Think of our Lord Jesus. Think of His life on earth. He lives a life full of light.

In other words, you find He always knows the Father's will. He always does the Father's will. You find that He is transparent.

He is like a mirror. Whenever somebody comes to His presence what is inside that person is revealed because He is transparent. You cannot hide anything from Him.

He is deep but no hiding. He is very open but there is no foolishness there. He does not have two faces.

He never pretends. He is always true. Why? Because He is light.

He is light. So you find that God is light. Our Lord Jesus during His days on earth lived a life of light.

And the Holy Spirit today who dwells in us is to bring us into that very light. So whenever the law of the Spirit of light works you find it always brings in revelation. Light and light.

You know, we live in darkness. The whole world is darkness. Even what we consider as light reasoning, rational knowledge, ethics.

These are darkness. Not light. There is a verse in Isaiah that I like very much.

Isaiah chapter 50 verse 11 because it does tell of our situation. Isaiah 50 verse 11 Behold all ye that kindle a fire that compass yourselves about with sparks walk in the light of your fire and among the sparks that ye have kindled this shall ye have of my hand ye shall lie down in sorrow. In other words, we surround ourselves with the fire that we ourselves kindle.

We think we are walking in the light. Whether it is tradition, whether it is reasoning, we walk in the light. But remember, this is the fire that we kindle ourselves.

And the result is we lie down in sorrow. There is only one place where we can get light. In Psalm 36 it says In thy light shall we see light.

Brothers and sisters, it is only when we come to the Lord, to his life, and his life will shine upon us and expose everything. In our Ephesians it is said Things, it is light that exposes everything and reveals the true character of all things. When the spirit of life is operating, invariably you will find there will be light and revelation and enlightenment.

It will expose everything of its true character. It will judge everything. It will slay everything.

Kill everything. But at the same time it will heal. It will heal.

That is light. You know, in our Christian life, if anything is not from revelation, if anything does not come by revelation, by the Holy Spirit revealing to us, nothing lives. You may have the best in understanding, exposition, of the word of God, mentally.

You may memorize the verses and know them by heart as it were, but not by heart, by your brain. You will find nothing living. It is dead.

The word is true, but if there is no revelation, if the spirit of life does not work and brings in light and enlightenment, it is dead. It has no power. But when the Holy Spirit takes the word of God and reveals it to you, opens it to you, immediately you will find there is life, there is power.

So how do you know that the spirit of life is working? When there is light within you. By revelation I do not mean something very deep or something very mysterious. By revelation I simply mean the Holy Spirit takes the things of God and opens it to us.

That we really see it in our heart and we know it is life. It is living. It is reality.

It works. That is the way we know the law of the spirit of life is working. Now number two, I have to hurry.

I have four more minutes. Number two, you will find when the law of the spirit of life is working, there is always separation. Our brother has mentioned that last night.

God is holy. Now what is holy? Holy simply means it is separated from everything that is common. We are being separated from everything common.

Separated unto He who is uncommon. So whenever the spirit of life is working, you will find it always separates. And the spirit of life is working in your life, you know, in your lifetime.

It doesn't mean that it operates only once. You know, once upon a time, when the spirit of life is working, you are separated from sin unto righteousness. Thank God for that.

But it doesn't end there. If the spirit of life is operating in your life, you will find the separation goes on continuously. As our brother mentioned last night, stage after stage, you will be separated from the world.

And even separating from the world gets deeper and deeper. First separated from the things of the world. Then separated from the fashion, the mold of the world.

And then you need to be separated from the spirit of the world. We need to be separated from the flesh. Not only from the bad flesh, but from the good flesh.

We need to be separated from the self-life in us. And as we are separated, then we are consecrated unto God. That is the way the law of the spirit of life operates.

And is that law operates in us today? You know it. And thirdly, you will find, whenever the law of the spirit of life operates, there is the mark, stigmata of the cross. Just like Paul said, do not bother me.

I have upon my body the scars, the mark, the stigmata of Jesus Christ, the cross. If there is no wounds, no scars, you know the spirit of life is not operating. Do not think that Christian life, you can live a Christian life without any wounds, any marks of the cross.

It is impossible. Because when the spirit of life operates, he always leads us to the cross. Look at our Lord Jesus.

By the eternal spirit, he offered himself spotless. The cross leads us to the spirit, and the spirit leads us back to the cross. And finally, wherever the law of the spirit of life operates, there is glory.

There is glory. Brother Sparks explains glory as God is satisfied. Whenever God is satisfied, glory appears.

And you know, brothers and sisters, when our Lord Jesus was on earth, in John chapter 1 verse 14 said, the word became flesh, tabernacle among men, full of grace and truth. And then he said, in parenthesis, we have seen his glory, even as the glory of the only begotten with the Father. When our Lord Jesus was on earth, you know, his glory as the Son of God is veiled.

What man sees is his moral glory of the Son of Man. You see a man, full of glory, but it is the moral glory of the Son of Man. That eternal glory of the Son of God is always veiled.

It comes out only once on the Mount of Transfiguration. But those with spiritual eyes can see, penetrate through the moral glory of the Son of Man into the eternal glory of the Son of God. Why is it there is always glory? Because the Father is always satisfied.

And brothers and sisters, when the spirit of life is working in us, invariably you will find there will be glory. We behold with unveiled face upon him as a mirror. And we will be transformed, according to that image, from glory to glory by the Lord.

The Holy Spirit is bringing glory into us that we may one day be led into glory. Thank God that we may please God, that we may satisfy the Father. Thank God Christ can be formed in us.

Thank God this is His will. And this is what He is doing. Shall we pray? Dear Heavenly Father, we do praise and thank Thee that Thou hast put us in Christ Jesus.

We thank Thee that the law of the spirit of life is working. We pray that we may abide in Him, that we may know the law of the spirit of life. Lord, we do desire that there will be glory unto Thyself.

In the name of our Lord Jesus.

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