

Life in Christ

Text: John 10:10

Introduction

Having been created by God for His glory (Isaiah 43:7; Colossians 1:16,17), man without Christ is out of his element. St. Augustine said, “We are restless, ‘til we rest in Thee.”

Unfortunately, man finds it difficult to learn from another’s experience. We might consider Solomon who sought for fulfillment and satisfaction in the acquisition of wisdom, worldly pleasure, art, and agriculture, and material possessions.

His verdict: Vanity—all is vanity (repeated 25 times in Ecclesiastes).

His exhortation: Fear God and obey the commandments.

How different are the promises of Christ.

Message

1. Christ is the giver of life.

He is life—“in him was life” (John 1:4).

a. The eternal Word (John 1:1; Colossians 1:17; 1 John 1:1; Revelation 19:13).

b. The omnipotent Creator (Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2; Revelation 4:11; Ephesians 3:9).

c. The loving Savior (John 10:10,18; Luke 19:10; Romans 5:6–8; John 15:13; 1 John 4:9,10).

2. Christ’s life meets man’s need.

a. Peace (John 14:27).

b. Joy (John 15:11).

c. Hope (Luke 21:28).

d. Comfort (John 14:18).

e. Life (John 10:10).

Conclusion

The life Christ gives is not just an extension of the life we now live, with all its sorrow, sickness, war, and death. We shall be changed at His coming; we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:2). Then there will be no more tears, death, sorrow, crying, or pain (Revelation 21:4). Rather, “I will make all things new” (Revelation 21:5). Because of the life in Christ we can sing:

“O that will be glory for me,

When by His grace I shall look on His face,

That will be glory, yes glory for me.”

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