

## Jesus - The Life

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John 14:6; Isaiah 35

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Jesus declared Himself as "the Life"

John 14:6

- Life - the condition or state of being alive
- Bible speaks much of life
  - God gave life Gen 2:7. Threat of loss of life: Gen 2:15-17
  - Adam & Eve didn't die instantly physically but died spiritually
  - Jesus "I am the Life"... He restores what was lost at the Fall
  - Romans 5:12-14; 15-21
  - We can't restore our life by works or law - Gal 3:24
  - Jesus - God's way of restoring our Life Eph 1:3-6

How is Jesus "The Life"?

- Jesus came to be what we are not – Holy & Obedient to the Father
- Jesus said: I am the bread of life: Jn 6:35-40
- Look to the Son – believe in Him Jn 6:40
- Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the Life" Jn 11:25
- Believe Jesus - don't harden your heart Heb 4:7-10
- Know the Gracious Great Exchange 2 Cor 5:21

Believers: Jesus is "your Life"

Jesus saves us and enables us to live abundantly

- John 14:6; John 10:10
- So many miss the abundant Christian life

How to have an abundant life in Christ:

- Study Romans chps 5-8 and Galatians chps 2-3
- Remember these truths:

You are saved by Faith Alone in Christ Alone by Grace Alone

- Galatians 2:16-17; Rom 5:15-17

You walk in salvation by Faith Alone in Christ Alone by Grace Alone

- We have an abundant life in Christ as we keep our eyes focused on Jesus
- Too often we try to keep ourselves saved: Gal 3:1-5
- Instead Remember:
  - I'm a sinner - Rom 3:10-11
  - God's grace is greater than I can imagine - Rom 5:8-10
  - God saved me to be holy Eph 1:4; 1 Pet 1:15
  - I am to live by faith moment-by-moment Gal 2:20

Make it Practical:

- When you are tempted: "Stop, I was crucified with Christ, He died for me so I would be holy like Him, I don't have to sin."
- "Christ lives in me." He gave me His Holy Spirit who makes it possible for me to live in obedience. I must not believe the lies of the deceiver.
- "I live by faith" - Christ died to pay for my sins, He rose again so I am counted as holy - I can walk in holiness because God enables me
- Jesus restored the Life (with God) lost in the Garden - we don't have to wait until glorification to experience that abundant life - Walk in Faith in Jesus!

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