

## The Life Jesus Gives

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Easter was an outdoor event. Easter was a celebration of life as it was meant to be: full, abundant, strong, eternal! Jesus is the Life Giver. So many people today are seeking more out of life, but they are looking to the wrong sources. I want us to consider the result of the resurrection and the life Jesus came to give. Easter represents a fresh start, a new beginning! This is what we have come to celebrate: life in Christ!

Four facts of life Jesus gives . . .

### ☐☐ The Life Jesus Gives is Spiritual

Much of world today focuses on the physical needs of the body. Life is a physical thing, but it is also a spiritual.

Many of us can quote John 3:16. The opening verses of chapter 3 is a discussion with a religious man who has a need to understand the importance of spiritual life.

*Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

*Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"*

*Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*

*"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

*"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:3-6, 8*

When Jesus speaks of our need for birth, He is speaking about a birth of the spirit, a new beginning, a new life source.

The quality of the life you live is based on the source of life you depend on.

Think of **common life sources** in our world today:

**People:** We can't control them

**Places:** We get bored with them

**Possessions:** We never get enough

**Pleasures:** We get obsessed with them

Dry wells. Empty lives. Our need is not something physical; it is something spiritual.

Nicodemus was a religious man, but not necessarily a man whose spiritual needs had been met.

When you understand who Christ is and what He has done, you realize how great it is to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life. Everyone of us needs to come to the One who provides the source of spiritual life.

### ☐☐ The Life Jesus Gives is Powerful

Everyone who has ever truly met Christ, is transformed!

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*

II Corinthians 5:17

## ☐ The Life Jesus Gives is Fruitful

What part of the grocery store do you like? Nothing is more inviting and beautiful than the produce section.

*“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”* John 10:10

When I see that word “abundant,” I think of garden, one that is overflowing.

When Christ is in you, He gives you a new source and expression of life.

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”* Galatians 5:19-23

The Christian life is one that Christ lives in you by the power of His Spirit and resurrection. Contrasted with this is the old life, the products of the natural man without Christ.

The fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23 provide a fantastic picture of the values and virtues needed in our lives, homes, churches and communities. Once we receive the gift, we begin to open the “packages” and enjoy the benefits. Do you need some of these in your life?

*“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, unclean-*

*ness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outburst of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”* Galatians 5:19-21

In contrast, Galatians 5:19-21 gives us a look at what life is like without God.

Jesus came to give you a new life with new fruit, a new nature unlike the one with which you were born.

## ☐ The Life Jesus Gives is Eternal

*“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”* John 10:28

Eternal life! Life that lasts forever!

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* John 3:16

You were made to live forever, not a recycle plan, but a genuine reality in time, space and eternity. You will live forever, either in heaven or hell. Jesus came and took our sins, our separation from God, so that we might experience life abundant through Him.

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