

Living and Not Dying
Part 1

Introduction

Overview

This series is targeted for fundamentalist Bible Believers, who are sold out to God. It will be most meaningful to those who have chosen to live under the Lordship of Jesus; to those who believe that the Word of God in the Bible is the final yardstick, the ultimate truth. This type of Christian will believe and accept the Word of God over the teachings and opinions of all others and, more importantly, even over their own current beliefs.

A. What is Life?

1. God is life and death is separation from God.
Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
Psa 36:9 For with thee [is] the **fountain of life**: in thy light shall we see light.
Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eat thereof thou shalt surely die.
Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
2. Physical death is simply sleeping. God is the God of the living.
Luk 20:38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.
Joh 11:13 Howbeit Jesus spoke of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Joh 11:14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
3. God has put this life in Jesus and Jesus is in us. Life is in us.
1Jo 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:
Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life:
4. The second death is to be feared. It is eternal separation from God in the Lake of Fire.
Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
Rev 20:15 whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.
Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and his angels.
Rev 21:7 He that overcomes shall inherit all things and I will be his God & he shall be my son.

B. Living and not dying by overcoming threats to one's Life.

1. Foundation Scriptures.
Psa 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
Eze 16:6 When I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee [when thou was] in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee [when thou was] in thy blood, Live.
2. Overcoming sickness and disease - the Story of Healing.
 - a) 800 years before Jesus.
Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
Isa 53:5 But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

- b) During the ministry of Jesus.
 - Mat 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with [his] word, and healed all that were sick.
 - Mat 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare [our] sicknesses.
- c) After the death and resurrection of Jesus.
 - 1 Pet 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, **should live unto righteousness**: by whose stripes ye were healed.
- 3. Overcoming calamity and evil.
 - Psa 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
 - Luk 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
 - Mar 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
- 4. How to overcome.
 - a) Confess your sins.
 - 1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 - b) Forgive everyone everything. – Be a loving and forgiving person.
 - Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.
 - Mark 11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.
 - Matt 18:33 Should you not also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?
 - Matt 18:34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.
 - Matt 18:35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.
 - c) Declare the end from the beginning with the warfare prayers of Affirmations.
 - Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
 - Tit 3:8 [This is] a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly.
 - Mar 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.
 - 2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
 - Ep 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- C. Living and not dying by being raptured.
 - 1. Be alive and remain.
 - 1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
 - 1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
 - 1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to **meet** the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

2. Live and not die.

1 Co 15:51 Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. AMPC Take notice! I tell you a mystery (a secret truth, an event decreed by the hidden purpose or counsel of God). We shall not all fall asleep [in death], but we shall all be changed (transformed).

3. Prepare to be here during the tribulation.

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue it and have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Joh 17:15 I pray not that thou should take them out of the world, but that thou should keep them from the evil.

Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

4. Prepare for the Return of Jesus.

1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1Jo 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.

D. Living and not dying by overcoming death.

1. Death.

1 Co 15:26 The last enemy [that] shall be destroyed [is] death.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and

Heb 2:15 deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage **again** to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

2Ti 1:7 God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, **who hath abolished death**, and hath brought life and immortality (i.e., exemption from death) to light through the gospel:

1Jo 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not [his] brother abides in death. *"We" refers to born again believers so that "death" has to be referring to physical death.*

2. Life.

John 14:6 Jesus is the way, the truth and the **life**.

1 Cor 15:45 Jesus, the last Adam, is a quickening spirit (life giving spirit). *He has restored all.*

Joh 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Joh 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

Joh 6:58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread **shall live for ever**.

Joh 6:66 From that [time] many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

Joh 6:67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

Joh 11:23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Joh 11:24 Martha says to him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Joh 11:26 And **whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die**. Believest thou this?

3. Redemption.

a) Substitution – Jesus took it all for you.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus.
Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that hangeth on a tree:

Col 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened (*i.e., made alive*) together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

b) Justification.

Rom 8:1 [There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me **free from the law of sin and death.**

c) Righteousness.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That **the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Rom 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit for

Rom 8:6 to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be **spiritually minded [is] life** and peace.

d) Holiness.

Rom 6:20 For when ye were the servants of sin (*i.e., not born again*), ye were free from righteousness. Rom 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed (*i.e., things of sin*)? for the end of those things [is] death. *But we are saved by grace, not by works, so this "death" must refer to the body.*

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. *But we are saved by grace, not by works, so this everlasting life must refer to the body.*

e) Living and not dying one step at a time.

Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts

Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members [as] instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members [as] instruments of righteousness unto God *i.e., every step of righteousness moves closer to life.*

4. Overcoming.

a) Mat 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned; so speak words of life for your **tongue is a tree of life** (Pro 15:4); and death and life are in the power of your tongue (Pro 18:21).

b) Jam 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. **Make a commitment in your heart never to sin again.** Ask the Holy Spirit to help you especially with your tongue.

c) Pro 3:18 **Wisdom is a tree of life**, so seek knowledge on these topics because the engrafted word, is able to save your souls (Jam 1:21).

d) 3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou may prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospers.