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The Vital Union – With Eternal Life!

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Our Connection To “Eternal Life” In Christ Jesus

LIFE IN THE SON!

“Life in the Son” would be a cardinal teaching and central axiom of the Christian faith. Here are some Scriptures that point out to this revelation.

1Jn. 1:2 (For the life (Eternal) was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was *with* the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

1Jn. 5:11-12 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is (((in))) his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

This Eternal Life is the actual person of Jesus Christ. The Life is given to us and received; this eternal life which is in his Son through our relationship with this vital life-giving union.

Jn. 5: 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself...

Christ is our “in” with God the Father and living faith is our “in” with Jesus Christ. The result is the flow of Eternal Life into our human spirit and soul.

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Our life is “in Him”... this is where Eternal Life dwells as it flows to us through a living faith.

Rom. 6:23...the gift of God is eternal life (((in))) Jesus Christ (ASV)

All the Apostles of the New Testament agree Paul included that Eternal Life is “IN” Jesus Christ and that the gift of God is that we receive it through living faith.

1Jn. 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life (Eternal) is in his Son.

OUR LIVING FAITH – THE VITAL LINK TO HIS ETERNAL LIFE!

The Apostle John is here tell us that Jesus is *Eternal Life* and that that *Eternal Life* comes to us as we have placed our faith in His sacrifice, in the person of Jesus as our Lord and Savior. While we would agree in the revelation brought forth by the Word of God that our salvation in “By Faith Alone,” an in agreement that faith itself is our vital connection, the Bible also explains the salvation which comes through being in Christ is not just a once and for all appropriation, the act of a one moment of faith, but a continuous process of appropriating through a living faith daily in each of our lives. Living faith is a continual living intimate relationship that a

person has with a Living Lord by which our spirit is daily entwined as *one spirit* with the Living Eternal Lord of Life!

1Pet. 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

The perspective here is that in one moment, in our beginning we place our faith in Him, yet we continue ahead in this relationship of living faith placing our faith in a continual process daily *until the moment of the our consummation of this salvation*. The word *sozesthe* is greek for *salvation* itself meaning *a salvation- past, present, and future* received by grace through our *living faith*.

Heb. 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. Living faith is what it takes to continue to receive this eternal life. The person that draws away from *a living faith* has no faith at all.

ABIDING IN THE ETERNAL LIFE OF THE VINE!

John the Apostle in his gospel goes on to tell us that; **Jn 1:4 In him was life (eternal)** and that in **Jn. 15:1-** Jesus said he was Eternal Life itself. Let's look...

Jn. 15:1- I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 ABIDE IN ME, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Here Jesus is careful to tell His disciple that He is the very source of *Eternal Life*. He is telling them however so they might see their relationship to Him and how this vital union causes them to receive *Eternal Life*. The Vine being that *Eternal Life* flows into the branch which is by their personal living faith. We must therefore recognize the relationship as they did to the vital union (Vine to Branch) and that living faith which keeps us in a continual union with Him from whom we derive this *Eternal Life*. So *Life Eternal* itself being *the person* of Jesus Christ comes to us as we not in one moment alone in faith have *union* with Him, but as we are continuously having a living faith with this union through an intimate relationship with Him that He calls "Abiding."

Jn. 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself

John's Gospel goes on to teach us this concept by showing the source of *Eternal Life* as he explains the Lord's words saying *Eternal Life* in the Godhead *is given* to the Son by reason of this vital union. Again, for believers the spiritual vital union with *Eternal Life* is Jesus the source through whom we are actively receiving from and

having this intimacy with, *SO FAILURE TO ABIDE IN HIM WHO IS OUR LIFE IS TO FORFEIT OUR OWN CONNECTION WITH THIS ETERNAL LIFE SOURCE!*

Jn. 6:53-57 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

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

THE AMPLIFIED MEANING

If we examine some different translations like Williams, Montgomery, and Verkuyll who *amplify* some word meanings and expressions and merge them in this passage. The vital union with Eternal Life is revealed here as imperative to our salvation. (This is taken from this same passage above starting from verse 54)

“Whoever continues to eat feeding upon my flesh and drinking my blood, continues and remains to live in union with me, and I will raise Him up on the last day.

For my flesh is nourishment indeed, and my blood is refreshment indeed.
He that feasts on my flesh, and drinks my blood, dwells in union with me and I in Him.

Just as the living *life-giving* Eternal Father has sent me, so whoever keeps on nourishing on me will live (eternally) because of me.”

If we are getting His point about Eternal Life we would have to factor in that Eternal Life was not a static relationship but a vital on going union between us who have a living faith and intimate relationship with the source of *Eternal Life* the person Jesus Christ.

Jn. 10:26-28 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

The salvation and Eternal Life that Jesus is taking about here that brings assurance and eternal security here is seen in relation to ones vital union with Jesus Christ through a living faith and not a static relationship.

Again, notice what is brought out through amplification by the Wuest’s translation of 1956 starting with verse 27 which renders its word meanings “listening,” “know them by experience,” “take the same road” and “I am giving them eternal life.”

“The sheep which are truly mine are in a habit of listening to my voice and I know them by experience, and they take the same road that I take with me and I am giving them eternal life.”

First of all, here Jesus is saying the sheep which have assurance and eternal security are *those who are listening to His voice*. This points out of course that the one He is talking about is *having an intimate relationship with Him* and notably is *having an on going experience with Jesus Christ through interacting with His Holy Spirit*. The verse also tells us the Lord is saying that *the one He is giving Eternal Life to is the one following Him, following Him in His path*. Finally here we see that *the action word “giving”* is used, in the passage **“I am giving them eternal life”** is being received through their on going relationship with the Lord in this vital union.

2Tim. 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

By experience the Lord says He knows us and it is by this statement and the one above that we know that He truly knows who are His own. Those who are truly His are experiencing an on going relationship with Him and He is giving them *Eternal Life*. Jesus has made us one spirit with Him if we are truly giving ourselves to an intimate relationship with Him.

ONE SPIRIT WITH THE LORD!

1Corin. 6:17 ... he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Living faith takes us from the start and joins us to the Lord our human spirit with His Holy Spirit. The vital union is then established for us to continue in this living faith receiving from Him by way of intimate fellowship the continual Eternal Life which flows from being one with His life.

Heb 10:19-23 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

We have been given direct access into receiving from this *Eternal Life* by way of His blood sacrifice from which we can enter daily drawing into living contact with His person through the Holy Spirit bringing *Eternal Life* into our spirit which secures us each day by living faith.

FEASTING UPON ETERNAL LIFE IN THE SON!

Remember Jesus said;

Jn. 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

It is this *feasting* upon *Jesus the Living Bread* daily that He says if any man continues to nourish upon he will live for ever!

Jn. 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

When our spirit is nourishing upon His Spirit in this vital union we are always made SATISFIED through the Eternal Spirit of the Lord.

Matt. 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

This filling is obtained daily in our devotion time of intimacy with our Lord.

OUR SPIRIT IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD!

Heb. 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live (eternally)?

Since we are selves are spirits which have come from the Father of all spirits we can only be persevered eternally by being in subjection with Him intimately. In this intimacy of fellowship we are submitting ourselves unto His Lordship and continually given eternal life by way of this continuing vital union.

Phil. 3:9 And be found in him...

Although Paul here in the verse points to having the Lord's righteousness his remark is also refers to "being found" at the Lord's coming "in Him."

Heb. 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him

Heb. 3:6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Heb. 6:11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

AS BRANCHES STAY CONNECTED!

The word Greek for salvation here - *sozesthe* presents a continuous salvation here of which we are not to neglect. This represents a *past, present, and future* tense salvation which comes through our vital union with Him by intimate fellowship.

It is *our living faith and intimate fellowship with Him* that secure us as we continue to hold steady in faith unto the end. Assurance is to them who stay connected to Him through this vital union.

2Tim. 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Paul says that he has kept a consistent living faith with this vital union.

1Pet 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith (through living faith) unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

This connection of intimacy with Him *translates into power to keep us secure.* The comments of salvation *to be revealed* is speaking toward the end results with come to all *who stay in contact with the Eternal Spirit.*

Acts 13:43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

Paul and Barnabas understood the continuation of living faith in grace and exhorted the congregation of believers to continue in an intimate relationship with the *Eternal Life* which they had there first received.

Rom. 11:16 ...if the root be holy, so are the branches.

By this *living faith*; connection of intimacy *we receive into our spirit the Holy Spirit's power* to live pleasing to the Lord.

Phil. 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

This *Eternal power* works into our very *spirit* and *will* as we are continually in fellowship and causes us to carry out what is pleasing to the Lord.

1Jn. 3:6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

By contrast here it says that sin is dealt with when we are abiding in Him. Those here who claim to be in an active vital intimate union with Him are making false claims and not eternally secure.

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him

The eternal salvation *which comes through living faith and is current intimate relationship* is given to those which are having spiritual interaction in obeying the Lordship of Jesus Christ in their lives.

1Jn. 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth

Anyone's claims of fellowship with the Lord while one is walking contrary and not in harmony with God's word and Spirit would be considered and discernable as those who are liars without intimacy. Walking in the intimate fellowship with the Lord causes one to remove themselves from this way of living.

1Jn. 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life (Eternal Life); and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Possessing continual *eternal life* is by our continue living faith - fellowship of our spirit with His.

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