



ALIVE IN CHRIST

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"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

"Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; 26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: 29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily." (Colossians 1:25-29)

INTRODUCTION

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

Quote: "Under the law, God demands righteousness from man. Under grace, He gives righteousness to man through Christ."

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." (John 1:17)

Quote: "A mystery is a sacred truth previously concealed."

"For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to youward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)" (Ephesians 3:1-4)

Quote: "The mystery is that today God is uniting Jews and Gentiles in the church (Ephesians 2:11-22)."

1. Alive in His _____

A. He Indwells at _____

PERSONAL PRESENCE

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love," (Ephesians 3:17)

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Quote: "God sent Jesus, not only to get us to Heaven, but to get Heaven in us."

HOPEFUL PRESENCE

Definition: *hope*—joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation

"For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;" (Colossians 1:5)

Quote: "To be in Christ is the source of the Christian's life; to be like Christ is the sum of His excellence; to be with Christ is the fullness of His joy."—**Charles Hodge**

B. He Indwells by His _____

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Quote: "Be sensitive to the One indwelling your humanity."
—**Major Ian Thomas**

WE CAN HEAR HIM IN HIS WORD

WE CAN SPEAK TO HIM IN PRAYER

2. Alive in His _____

Quote: "No one who gives His life to the Lord will ever regret it."

A. _____

WE PREACH

Definition: *preach*—to announce, declare, make known

"But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." (1 Corinthians 1:23-24)

WE WARN

"And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh." (Jude 22-23)

WE TEACH

"Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:7)

"A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;" (1 Timothy 3:2)

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Colossians 3:16)

B. _____

Definition: *present*—to place beside or near, to set at hand, to present a person for another to see and question

3. Alive in His _____

A. The _____ of Our Labor

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;" (Philippians 1:27)

STRIVE IN ATTENDANCE

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: " (Hebrews 10:24)

STRIVE IN WITNESS

STRIVE IN STEWARDSHIP

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:2)

B. The _____ of Our Labor

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:12-13)

Quote: "Repentance is stepping out of independence and back to dependence."

HIS WORKING

WHICH WORKETH MIGHTILY

Quote: "Paul surrendered his availability to God's ability. Paradoxically, he became stronger through Christ as he became weaker!"

CONCLUSION _____



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