

IV Comparison of man's life and God's life:

A Man's life is short, limited, fragile, sinful, destructible, not able to overcome death, not capable to fulfill God's will, that is, God desires to express Himself through man—Psa. 90:10; Rom. 7:18-19; Gen. 1:26.

B God's life is eternal, unlimited, strong, holy, indestructible, and death-overcoming. Only by obtaining God's life can man fulfill God's eternal will—2 Tim 1:9-10.

V The gospel of God is that God wants to give us His eternal life, which is Christ as life to be our life—Col. 3:4a:

A In order for God's divine life to enter into us, who are filthy and sinful, to be our life, God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ became a man. He was crucified on the cross to redeem our sin, and He shed His precious blood to cleanse our sins, and on the third day, He was resurrected and became a life-giving Spirit.—John 1:14, 18; 3:16; 1 Pet. 2:24; 1 Cor. 15:45b.

B We must use the right organ, our human spirit, which is the deepest part of our being, to believe into (receive) the Lord Jesus as our Savior. In this way, immediately He will come into our being to be our life, supply and everything—John 1:12; 15:5.

C If we receive the Lord Jesus in this way, not only we won't perish in the eternal future, but also today we can experience Him as our life and enjoy all the riches of His life—Col. 3:4a; Eph. 3:8,11; Phil. 1:19-20; 4:6-7.

Christ

Is

Our

Life

Scripture Reading:

1 Thes. 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that every one who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

Col. 3:4a When Christ our life is manifested.

Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

4:6 In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition

with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses every man's understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

2:5 Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).

I The Bible tells us that man has three parts, spirit, soul and body—

1 Thes. 5:23:

A Man's Body is the organ to contact the physical world.

B Man's soul is the organ to contact the psychological world.

C Man's spirit is the organ to contact God—John 4:24.

II The New Testament was written in Greek and in Greek three words are translated as "life" in English:

A *Bios* is our physical life, and is related to our physical body.

B *Psuche* is our psychological life, our soul-life, and is our "human" life—Gen. 2:7; 1 Cor 15:45a.

C *Zoe* is God's life, and is related to our spirit.

III Jesus Christ said, *I am the resurrection and the life* (John 11:25); *I am the way and the reality and the life* (John 14:6); *I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly* (John 10:10b). In all these verses the word *life* is *zoe* in Greek, which refers to God's life: