

Seeing Through Jesus' Eyes

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Wallace Stevens says, "The way through the world is more difficult to find than the way beyond it."

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind. To set at liberty those who are oppressed; **(Luke 4:18 NKJV)**

Isn't that what Jesus offered us-clarify? A simple prayer rises from my heart: Jesus, take away the fog and the clouds and the veil, and help me to see, give me eyes to really see.

The glory of God is man fully alive.

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 NKJV)**

That's different from saying, "I have come to forgive you. Period." Forgiveness is awesome, but Jesus says here, He came to give us life.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. **(1 Corinthians 15:54 KJV)**

Death is swallowed up in life.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. **(Colossians 3:4 KJV)**

I am the Bread of life. **(John 6:48 NKJV)**

For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. **(John 6:33 KJV)**

He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water. **(John 7:38 AMP)**

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. **(Proverbs 4:23 NIV)**

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. **(Psalm 16:11 NIV)**

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **(John 1:4 NKJV)**

And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. **(John 5:40 KJV)**

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. **(I John 5:11, 12 NKJV)**

“Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.” **(Acts 5:20 NKJV)**

God intends life for you. But that is eternal life, meaning, because of the death of Jesus Christ you can go to heaven when you die. What did Jesus mean when He promised us life?

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. **(Psalm 27:13 NIV)**

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.” **(Luke 18:29, 30 NIV)**

Jesus doesn't locate his offer to us only in some distant future after we've slogged our way through our days here on earth. He talks about a life to us in this age.

For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. **(I Timothy 4:8 NKJV)**

Our present life and the next. When we hear the words eternal life, most of us tend to interpret that as, " a life that waits for us in eternity." But eternal means "unending," not "later." The Scriptures use the term to mean we can never lose it. It's a life that can't be taken from us. The offer is life, and that life starts now.

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. **(Romans 6:4 NLT)**

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **(Colossians 3:3 NKJV)**

The glory of God is man fully alive! Now! His happiness and my happiness are tied together. My coming fully alive is what He's committed to? If we knew that our lives and God's glory were bound together. You can't separate the two.

The offer is life. Make no mistakes about that. So then, where is that life? Why is it so rare?