

MORTALITY IS SWALLOWED UP IN LIFE



For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle [tent] is dissolved [destroyed, demolished, dismantled, or taken down] , we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked [or disembodied]. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened [sigh, have a painful longing]: not for that we should be unclothed, but clothed upon [or not that I want to be stripped...Moffat's: not because we want to just get rid of these "clothes," but because we want to know the full cover of the permanent house that will be ours...Phillip's: wishing to put our heavenly body over it...TCNT: rather we would cloth ourselves afresh...Knox: but that we would be further clothed...RSV: rather, our desire is to have the new body put on over it...NEB], that mortality might be swallowed up of life [that our dying nature might be swallowed up by life...Con: so that all that is mortal may be absorbed in Life...TCNT: so that our mortal part may be absorbed into life immortal...NEB: and have life swallow up our death...Beck]. Now he that hath wrought [or prepared, formed] us for the selfsame thing is God, who hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit [who has given us his Spirit as a pledge...TCNT: who has given us His Spirit as guarantee...Wey: because He has given me the Spirit as first installment of future bliss...Wms: when he gave us the foretaste of his Spirit...Knox]. 2 Corinthians 5:1-5
As a people flowing out of the Utterances of God, the principles mentioned in the above passages do not find

themselves fulfilled exclusively after physical death, but is rather seen and experienced as a foretaste of that which is to come as well. It is the present truth understanding of this glorious dimension at work in us, now, brought into manifestation and to light and life by the Spirit of the Lord. Further revealing, that such realm of glory began in us at the **{re} birth**..2 Corinthians 5:17...

And have tasted the good word of God [O taste and see], and the powers of the world to come...Hebrews 6:5 [KJV]

And have tasted the goodness of the word of God...Con

And have tasted God's utterance to be sweet...Rhm

And have realized how good the word of God is...Wey

And have experienced how good God's message is...Wms

Have felt the ennobling word of God...Ber

And learnt to appreciate the beauty of the Divine message...TCNT

Who have known the wholesome nourishment of the word of God...Phi

[and]

and the powers of the age to come...ASV

Mighty works also of a coming age...Rhm

and the spiritual energies of the age to come...NEB

and the strong influences of the coming age...Gspd

and touched the spiritual resources of the eternal world...Phi

and felt the mighty powers of the world to come...Tay

As confirmed by the holy scriptures, there is more to life than just existing. There is much more to life than a 9-5pm job, household chores, night school, a weekend or second job, and having babies. There is the distinct realization that life in the purest sense is "Zoe," God's life, all that he is within himself [in us], or simply, God just being HIMSELF in us... Zoe life is the divine nature of God the Father. It is the very substance [if you will] of what he is. And since he is life, then life begets life, Spirit begets spirit, and the substance of his endless life is made manifest through Christ and his corporate body [Christ the Head and Christ the Body}.

For centuries immortality has been desired by men and women world over. Man has tried with every effort and intention on either looking and remaining young, returning to their [fountain of] youth, slowing down secondary aging, the belief in Cryonics [preserving your body in some kind of deep freeze or suspension for the future], or adherence to cultic beliefs in becoming their own God.

Mankind has paid top dollar to look good, even while feeling very bad inside. From lipo-suction, plastic surgery, physical reconstruction {which may all be fine and found in their place and setting}, to a vast array of cosmetics and research for genetic alteration, man is at his best making every stride to attaining perfection in the human flesh.

Now let's examine a little "*Mortal and Immortality*"

Mortality: The same word for Mortal in the New Testament... It comes from the Greek word "thnetos" meaning "liable to die." It comes from another Greek word meaning "to die."

Immortality: Two important Greek words define immortality. One is found in Romans 2:7 and 2 Timothy 1:10. The word here is "aphtharsis" meaning "incorruptibility, unending existence. This comes from another word meaning "undecaying [in essence or continuance], not corruptible.

Now, the other word for immortality is found in I Corinthians 15:53-54; and I Timothy 6:16 which is the Greek word "athanasia" meaning "deathlessness."

Together, these two words define immortality, especially through context and usage of these two terms. Now, let's look at them in scripture setting...

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: Romans 2:7 For this corruptible must put on incorruption [imperishable form, which can never decay], and this mortal must put on immortality [and this part capable of dying must put on the body that can never die, deathless form]. 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 [or, death has been triumphantly destroyed]. 1 Corinthians 15:53-54 [read also vss. 51-57]

Who only hath immortality [the only source of...Phi] 1 Timothy 6:16

But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, [rendered death ineffectual, has put a stop to the power of death, has broken the power of death, has annulled death, destroyed death, made an end of Death], and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: 2 Timothy 1:10

Death to a Death Mentality

Beloved, grueling death, according to 1 Corinthians 15:26 is in one major sense an enemy. In Revelation 1:18 our Ascended Lord has the keys of hell and death, which also speaks of Jesus as the pattern, as He is, so are we in this world. 1 John 4:17

Death is not God's best when you weigh the principles of the word of God to HIS plan and purpose for a rewarding and fulfilling life. In fact, it is not even to be the focus of believers.

According to Hebrews 9:27 "It is appointed unto men once to die..." **But beloved, Jesus met or made that appointment so that we may live His LIFE abundantly.** He has abolished death, the subtle or overt consciousness thereof, even a death mentality which tends to accentuate and perpetuate death in us so that we may live HIS life right here on earth... However, one must avail themselves to this divine consciousness instilled in us at the re-birth, and not accept relentless death to work its work or take its toll on us in a manner which questions whether we are fulfilling our destiny with purpose, or moving in obedience in HIS word, or allowing certain habit forming to become a negative habitation within our bodies and minds. And I reference this again, habits {good or not so good}, tends to form habitations.

And right now we need to declare and decree {with our heart and mouth, and the confession of HIS faith from the **3rd Day and Finished Work of the Cross** that we will not dwell in arenas of thinking which accelerates death in one another. We will not espouse or esteem such mentality, and yet sadly, many assemblies are not aware of things we hold dear to in our memories and imaginations which speeds up this proces of elimination...and the things we preach and teach which triggers and sets forth into increasing motion such gripping death-like state of being...

In the old covenant, the patriarch's pattern of the departure from life was very simple, "*the just lived by faith and they died by faith!*" In other words, death to the old testament saints in particular was not confined or defined to a bad diet, but by obedience to God. When their allotted portion in life was summed up, it was simply time to go, transition into the unlimited glory of the Lord. Like Jacob [Israel] concerning his 12 sons, he just "gave up the ghost." No hypertension, cancer, tumors, or diabetes, especially in what I have witnessed over the years as a kid growing up in my neighborhood in Baltimore, Maryland, and no inner patterns within us to attract such devices and demise. Just a simple act of faith to depart from this life is how the patriarchs lived. **When their purpose was fulfilled, they moved on to {smile} higher ground...**

Yet we are so far from such pattern today, with how we eat, lack of rest, lack of exercise, disobedience to divine and governing spiritual laws, and all of the core values and beliefs which once brought many into earlier success in these things. For it is in part what the core values and beliefs are which reveals the kind of life we tend to live on earth. If we refuse to put core kingdom values into practioning usage then we stand for little or nothing, producing a faulty foundation as we let certain force factors right in the front door to wreak havoc and take a devastating toll on our very lives...

Now beloved death today has become an industry...

The local news may many times bring on its first five minute edition with violent crimes and other fatalities. The world news may even announce conditions in our economy, politics, scandals, and the threat of war. Though the media is liberal, many believers preoccupy themselves with death on a number of levels and on a regular basis. Like a frequency or signal, we tend to pick up such signaling and adjust our thinking to what we hear and see in the external dimension, when in truth our inward man is to be renewed day by day {2 Corinthians 4:16-18}, **renewed to HIS life, and the workmanship of who we are in Him.**

Note below how many become engaged in the industry of death...

1- I like to had died after hearing about that! You almost scarred me to death when you told me so!

2- Surely someone in the family must have passed away for you to call my house after 1:00 am in the morning..! Are you crazy? That sort of thing scares me to death...

3- I am the official collector of dead family members antiques and furniture! I just sit by and wait for another one to die...I have 4 living room sets in my living room, 3 dining sets in my dining room, and a dozen bedroom sets in my 3 bedroom house. {Coveteous and greed, killed Achan you know, and Gehazi}

4- Daily, I look through the obituaries to see if anyone I know had passed away! I just have a thing for reading and collecting obituaries...got a whole bank box size of them in my downstairs cellar or basement...

5- I'm afraid of getting old or dying young. Call me sometimes to see if I'm alive! I could be dead before then end of the day. It could happen to you, too. Pray for me please...

6- Did you see the news recently? It must be the end of the world, this is it, the big one, O dear, O Lord, O God! Come quickly Jesus! Or in the words of Dr. Smith in the 1960's tv series "Lost in Space," "O Dear, I'm too young to die!"

7- I always sense accidents every time I go traveling across the city, state, or country! I have the gift of suspecting death at

every corner and at every turn...Hmm, someone's going to die around here soon, I can feel it, really!"

Yes beloved, Death is an industry, a business if you will, and always have been. Even in legitimate spheres and circles of influence such as the Hospitals, Nursing homes, Mortuaries, Funeral homes, and the Coroner's office, death takes no holiday! Yet we do appreciate these venues to accommodate the loss of loved ones, and the particular care and attention these venues give in their detailed professions and delicate tasks.

However, we must challenge and confront any death structures building root within our minds, such as through unforgiveness, open inner wounds, bearing grudges which is a desire for revenge, and more. And let's reference for a moment the words of Paul the apostle, "*For this cause many are {downside} weak [30] and sickly [60] among you, and many sleep [100].*" Why? Because we don't discern the Lord's body. **Whether the Lord's supper, the body of Christ, or our own physical body.** I Cor. 11:29-30

Moving Right Along

The principles of immortality can benefit believers now...
And here's how! [Hebrews 6:5]

One important dimension of this is in the spoken word of the Lord, what HE has said, and...what He is saying NOW concerning what He has said and spoken...An important feature and earmark of this life being manifested in HIS way and in HIS design is how we **create atmospheres and environments** within us, as the external world is attracted to how we frame, form, and fashion our internal linguistics to speak and to respond.

We can speak things into existence, but what is the point in this if we keep doing things contrary to HIS focus, or if our heart is not in it?

What benefit is there to speak "**Debt Cancellation**" while practicing poor stewardship in the simple everyday matters of our life? Why declare a new marriage and exercise and old mindset of holding on to fears and phobias of the past,

or with a slight resentment or retaliation towards your spouse now that he or she is on fire for the Lord and the spotlight is somehow taken from you, the once spiritual giant for you and your spouse combined, the so-called and unofficial voice of the Lord for everyone else? **{There is a word for this, which is simply called being busy bodies in other people's affairs, nothing remotely spiritual about it...}**

Am I hitting home here saints? I sense something deep in my resonating being when I am bringing up marriages at this time...

Continuing on, by living His life in us {Galatians 2:20}, we have the divine enabling to transmit or transfer this same LIFE attitude [In him there is no failure, death, fear, confusion, unbelief, etc.] into our souls and bodies, not limiting ourselves to a baser existence of "I'm only Human, I'm just a man!" Once we discover that it is not by our life that we live, but by the Lord's, it will begin to put us at rest from striving in our humanity to live or attain anything. The spirit of man is saved by the Lord himself... [spirit has been saved]

The soul of man is saved by the life he lives in his spirit...[soul is being saved]

The body of corruption puts on incorruption, mortal to immortality...[body will be saved]

Once we have identified with what Christ has already done from the perspective of "spirit," **{that which is born of the Spirit if Spirit, or literally, Spirit gives Birth to Spirit}**... our soul is to be renewed to it, and our bodies will manifest the glory of it.

For beloved, it's in the renewing of the mind as recorded in Romans 12:2...**And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed [metamorphoo- change] by the renewing of your mind...**

Also...

The change of nature [spirit] leads to a change of mind [soul], and body. The whole constitution is changed and transformed from Glory to Glory, not gory to gory...smile

***We shall be changed [to make different]...1 Corinthians 15:51
Are changed [metamorphoo] into the same image from glory to
glory...2 Corinthians 3:18***

**Yes beloved, mortality is being swallowed up now by his
endless life....**

**It begins in the spirit, and pours over into the soul. That is
one reason why Paul said to be renewed in the Spirit of our
mind...Ephesians 4**

Now...

**Are our lives living the evidence of a change of nature?
If not, that is where the problem is! For we are living a
lesser and inferior life, abashed at the radiant glory of the
ascended and higher LIFE!**

**It is not always a satan issue, but a carnal mind issue!
For your real enemy is between your ears and above your
nose! satan is not the god of my world, or yours. We have
been translated into the kingdom of His dear son.**

***"You have been living in a dream world Neo!" Quote from the
character Morpheus from the movie "The Matrix."***

Back to 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

Life begins in the Elohim...

**This same life is summed up in John 14:6 as Jesus is the way,
the truth, the LIFE.**

**In 2 Corinthians 5:1-5 life again is spoken of, but not only to
be reserved for an after death experience. And what I am
sharing here does not lend to elitism either, unless one
steward their mind to such frivolous thinking and wayward
notions.**

**Divine life is not claiming immortality out of context, but it
begins with the reality of what Christ has already done, and
the gradual moving into the greater reality of kingdom
principles which takes the believer past the spirit and soul
stage, into the body stage of manifesting victory in the
physical man for HIS intended and eternal purpose.**

**Ephesians 2:1-8. It does not discount why people suddenly or
gradually die, nor does it carry a condenscending attitute**

towards others who are not measuring up to another's expectations.

I too, came through the **Manifest Sons** teaching many years ago and had discovered a few proponents who exclaimed "Never die," with an air of self-importance... yet they died, most of them... So whatever dimension of grace and glory the Father is bringing us into, it must be robed in agape, humility, servant-leadership, and brokenness. It may even be a sharp two-edge sword, but never let it become a critical spirit. If pride is the culprit in the pulpit, then just read Proverbs 6 on the destructive nature of pride, as knowledge **Puffs Up**, but charity "**Builds Up!**" Notice the distinct difference here.

The new {or "RE"} birth is the beginning of mortality being swallowed up into life...2 Corinthians 5:4

A lack of understanding of the re-birth is one main reason as to why believers do not enjoy the benefits of The Greater and Abundant Life, for many exclaim that it is only after death, or is impossible to live **NOW** in this world. This kind of thinking spills over into other expressions of one's life, sabotaging other distinctive ways of living, including marriage, the church, business, etc.

The new birth or in truth the re-birth is the key to unlocking the **eternity and mysteries of God** from within you. The change of nature called "*the New Creation Man*" will ultimately effect every facet of our being. I

Thessalonians 5:23; Ecclesiastes 12:13

If the RE-birth has sown the incorruptible seed of life within us, we will reap life anew as reconciliation does not stop at the redeemed spirit, but is being made manifest in all spheres of our life. **God IN Christ reconciles all things unto himself.** And beloved, all means all, and Christ is **ALL** in **ALL**.

The increase of himself is evident through the incorruptible seed planted in us as confirmed by I Peter 1:23...that seed

can not sin, and that seed is the **DNA {Divine Nature Activated}** of God himself. Seed sown, harvest and full grown...*Being born again [or, born from above...John 3:3, 7], not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which live and abide for ever.*

*You are born anew of immortal, not of mortal seed...Mof
By God's living and enduring word...Wey*

God the Father wants to increase himself in us. According to John 3:30, "He must increase, and we must decrease." So often, we would misquote this scripture by emphasizing our decrease first, and His increase last, but that is not how it works. For how can you decrease without his increase? Therefore, we must set our affection and priority on HIM who is al-to-ge-ther lovely, his divine ability and enablement,, his accomplishments, and not ours...

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection [or mind] on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ with God.

Colossians 3:1-3

Also, read James 3:17 and Isaiah 9:7

But God that gives the increase. I Corinthians 3:7

Increaseth with the increase of God. Colossians 2:19

And the Lord make you to increase...I Thessalonians 3:12

Every day, his life is increasing in us. Every day, his nature is unfolding from within us. And every day, there is a new substance of the Christ made manifest in us.

In simple terms, it is the ever increasing nature of *Christ in you, the hope {anticipation and expectation} of glory.*

Colossians. 1:27

The mortality swallowed up in life is the fullness of the incorruptible seed sown in us. It is the seed sown on good ground as confirmed in the following scripture...

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word [30-fold], and understandeth it [60-fold]; which also beareth fruit [100-fold], and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Matthew 13:23

Yes beloved, the mortality swallowed up in life is the process of redemption he had begun in us. It is in part, the earnest of the Spirit according to Ephesians 1:13-14, as verse 14 concludes...**"until the redemption of the purchased possession..."** Meaning, God is after what he has started in us. Therefore beloved, let the life of Christ live through you from conception to perfection, for this is only just the beginning! Change of mind comes through a change of nature. Free the mind and the body will follow. The light of the body is in the eye, new perception and focus, new mindset, a new mentality. Lift up your heads O you gates, and be lifted up everlasting doors, and the King of Glory will come in...Psalms 24...

May we continue to enjoy mortality swallowed up in LIFE as we renew our minds to the Word of LIFE! In him was LIFE, and that life becomes the Light of men. The light shines in darkness, and the darkness does not seize, possess, or take eagerly such LIGHT of LIFE...John 1:5

Let your light {and your divine enlightenment, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened "photizo"...Ephesians 1:18} shine before men...bringing glory to the Father...For you will light {and already has lit} our candle Lord, you will enlighten our darkness {Hebrew - Chosek - "misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness, night, obscurity, darkness"}...Psalms 18:28

I shall not die {**living in a death consciousness, necro-mancing, killing, destroying, having a need to slay others with my tongue, living in a downward spiral or a rut which is a grave with both ends kicked out, a living nightmare**}, but {to} live {**revive, make alive, nourish up, quicken, recover, repair, restore to life, save, be whole**} and declare {**to score with a mark as a tally or record, to enumerate, recount, celebrate, commune, reckon, speak, talk, tell, write**} the works {**the action, transaction, business, occupation, operation, etc.**} of the Lord...Psalms 118:17

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