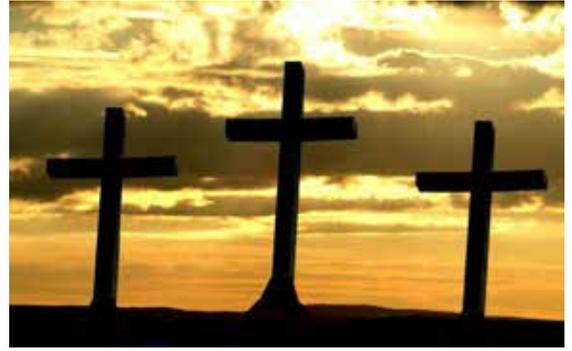


"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 KJV



When we hear the Truth of God's Word and call through faith on God's mercy to save our souls, we are forever sealed against the destiny of hell and eternal death. Our cry of faith allows God to take up residence with our spirit and quicken us with His eternal Spirit by virtue of that presence. With God we are eternally alive for He is eternal; without God we are eternally dead! We accept His unconditional Love extended to us by His Grace through faith in His Word *"in hope of eternal life, which God, that CANNOT lie, promised before the world began! If ANY man be in Christ, he IS a NEW creature!"* Believers are new creations IN Christ, because He is IN them, and our dead spirits resurrect to walk life anew, because *"our life is hid in Christ with God."* Since it is His eternal Life which quickens a man's spirit and no man angel, or demon can defy God, our LIFE IS HID IN CHRIST! If the Holy Spirit does not indwell us then we are still dead in the graveyard of trespasses and sin, but if He does through the gift of faith imparted by God's Word, we are escaped from the sentence of death and separation into which we were born. His Life transforms men into the *super-natural* and we are given the precious gift of Eternal Life by God Himself taking up residence with us. That is exactly what His name, Emanuel, means; God WITH us. Creation is not God; God is omnipresent IN creation. Without His presence there is no Life. All things consist by His very breath. All God has to do to destroy, is remove His sustaining graceful presence; utter nothingness, then ensues. When faith enables us to kneel before the Throne and plead for mercy, God breathes into our spirits the *"Breath of Life,"* Himself, and we become *"living souls;"* souls who are with God. There is no hope or Life outside of His Mercy and Grace. Without God we are doomed to eternal, tormented separation and death Why do believers think they can live abundantly with one foot still in the graveyard of this world? You have to leave the cemetery behind if you want to join the living. Faith becomes the "sixth sense" for all who believe by faith, allowing them to see the *"unseen"* Love of God which is the seventh sense that completes our ability to abundantly live. Every time we linger near temptation, sin pulls us back to the graveyard! *"When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."*

Eternal Life for those who cry,
By faith, for mercy 'ere they die,
Great Love extended, Grace applied,
Christ saves the souls for whom He died. ~CGP

Once you have really lived by faith there is longer any reason to visit the cemetery of sin. The apostle said the Love of God constrained him. *"We love Him, because He first loved us."* God's Love extended His Mercy and Grace to men. His Love drove the nails into His hands and feet. His Love keeps us day by day. His Love forgives. His Love calls us children. Let's quit making visits to the cemetery to mourn the "old man," and start living the "abundant Life" of faith. Let's make Father's Life our dwelling place!

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove (test and know) what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1-2 KJV