

*I press on toward the finish line, where the prize waiting for me is the upward call of God IN KING JESUS.* (Philippians 3:14)

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### ***Indestructible LIFE!***

If we want to know the true nature of authority, we must know life, for [life is authority](#). Of course, this life is not just any old type of life; it refers to the very source of life, the one who declares Himself to be *the Life*. So, for one to know authority, one must know Jesus, the very explanation and source and full embodiment of what is called *life*.

Jesus as the Life is the very core of what it means to be a saint or, a term used elsewhere, a *Christ-abider*—one who abides in Christ Jesus. Put another way: we are to abide in His life. This is what it means to know Him and the power of His resurrection—even as we might face suffering—and to be conformed to His death, as Paul would say. It is making our home in Him and not in things—not in teachings and doctrines, not in history, not in eschatology, not in ministries, not in educational degrees, not in seminaries and bible schools, not in denominations, not in pastors, not even in scripture. Surely, there is value in some of these things, but not if they rob or distract us from being in life, that is, coming into and being the very expression of Jesus' life that springs up in a life-giving way, resulting from personal encounters or experiences of the Lord Jesus. After all, He is a ***life-giving spirit***. This is what ***to live is Christ*** is all about (Philippians 1:21).

The genesis of Paul's expression is discovered early on in Acts.

Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were ***uneducated and untrained men***, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as ***having been with Jesus***. (Acts 4:13 NASB [bold italic added])

By “religious” standards, these men were uneducated and untrained. They had not been to religious seminaries; to the elite, they were like laymen (using the vernacular of the religious world). Oh, but they had been educated in the greatest school that ever graced this earth. They [had been with Jesus](#), and their risen and glorified Lord had given them a new life, a life in spirit that proclaimed His name and manifested to others. They were an expression of the life of Jesus. Not only had He rubbed off on them (in a small way) while He spent those few years with them, but, more importantly, He had imparted into them (in a big way), by His spirit, His very own life. They weren't clergy any more than they were laymen. They were ***new creations in Christ!*** They were in Christ and Christ was in them. They were the embodiment of ***to live is Christ!***

I just finished reading an article about the vaccine controversy (vax or no vax) that is dividing pastors and their congregations. The article called these pastors “faith leaders”; a term that is often used in discussing various Christian issues. I’ll take a pass on whether pastors should be embroiled in social issues, but I won’t take a pass on the matter of “faith leaders”.

What is a “faith leader”? Is it one who espouses a certain teaching, doctrine, systematic theology, eschatology, emphasis, etc.? Is it one who stands in a pulpit (or: any other venue of communication) week after week presenting messages organized around some subject (truth or not)? Is it one who has written a bestselling book? Is it one who stands for some denomination or named institution? Is it one who has a PhD in theology with the title Dr. preceding their name? By the way; the same could be said about those that claim to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors-teachers—with or without degrees or any other notoriety. Many questions along these lines could be added, but the point is this: Does any of what the “faith leaders” dish out each week lead to greater expressions of the life of Christ in the recipients? Have these so-called *leaders* been with Jesus? The Lord knows!

There has been far too much emphasis on “church leadership” and this goes along with concerns raised about authority, as well. Anything or any person that stands between us and the Lord Jesus must be rejected, no matter how effective the thing or person has been (often measured by man’s standards). We have only one head that matters, and we must maintain direct and personal contact with our Head. Why? Because this is the only way we will ever be recognized as having been with Jesus. The good news is that we have been given the way and the means to maintain this relationship; it is through the spirit of the Lord, the spirit of truth, that has been given to us. John called it the *anointing*. It is through the anointing that we know and experience the Lord Jesus and we become known as having been with Jesus. See: [\*Great Awakening of Our True Identity\*](#); [\*Open Heaven - The Anointing\*](#).

The best any one can do is to point others in the right direction, but no one can get another there. Nothing I write will get one there. I, along with others, might encourage others, but truly knowing Jesus in life and becoming an expression of His life is a very personal matter; only by His spirit does anyone become like Him. I believe the *called and chosen* are a set lot of people and the Lord has designed the perfect plan to perfect each and every one by experiences of being with Him. If we don’t think so, then **it is high time for our eyes to be opened to see Him in every situation of life, including some of our greatest sufferings, trials, failures, and weaknesses. Jesus is there; He’s in all of them, and because He is, there is great hope.** Why won’t He leave us nor forsake us? Because there is a great work to be done to reveal His life, not only to us, but in us—to conform us to His very image, even if it takes us to the very edge of the grave.

Jesus is the Great High Priest of the order of Melchizedek. How did He achieve this? Was it by physical requirements or strengths? No! It was on ***the basis of the power of an indestructible life*** (Hebrews 7:16). Did you get that? There is something grand about His life—it is an indestructible life, one that can never be destroyed. This is the life that we have been brought into and that we are being conformed to until, by this very same power, we are fully transformed into it.

Until this process is completed, we have a High Priest who not only intercedes for us but who also knows how to form His life in us until we are His perfected complement—holy, blameless, without spot or wrinkle. ***Christ in you, [the expectation of glory](#)***.

What follows might be controversial to some, but if you have grasped this matter of life, you will see what I mean. The Bible (or: scripture) is not the source of life. It's not the source of our worship either; although I believe it has become so among some of God's people. Further, when we are fully transformed to the image of our Lord Jesus, the Bible will no longer be necessary. When I recently made this point in a small gathering, a brother responded that the Bible will be fulfilled. Amen!

Paul uses an expression that seems to sum up what I am saying when he wrote to the Corinthians about love: ***when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away*** (1 Cor. 13:10). Scripture is the partial. Hebrews 8:8-13 adds to the point (look it up).

Although I'm stressing life at the moment, let's not forget that love and life are inseparable.

When the perfect comes and we are fully transformed into God's life, knowing His will (law) within and not from without, will there be any need for any written documents or for anyone to teach us anymore along these lines? No!

The Bible was always meant to be a tool or a ***[springboard](#)***, as I like to call it, into life—not a substitute for life. Substituting Christ with things, even scripture, has been a serious blunder of organized, institutionalized Christianity. When the Bible (and all the trappings associated with it) replaces the Lord Jesus as the center of life, ***[the Reality](#)*** is lost. When it is lost, there is no life. In this condition, all the "church" can do is talk about it.

For 2,000 years now, Christians of all sorts, from theologians to the person on the street, have argued and debated the meaning of biblical passages and, it should be added, organized around these arguments. To what end? Division! Not only one division but division after division after division, until we now look more divided than the world at large. The good news is that this will soon change when Jesus' ***[declarative and expectant prayer](#)*** to His Father will openly manifest to the world: ***That they may be one as We are one!***

This may be too bold for some, but when the new age comes and the fully transformed, called and chosen ones are on earth, spiritually looking and smelling like Jesus in fullness, there will be no more need for the Bible. Why? Because they will be the full expression of life, the indestructible life of God's Son, the very source of all life. It is life that will teach others as it is expressed to all as God always intended it to be. This is the glory of God!

So, to those who think they will be teaching the masses from scripture in the next age, my take is that it might not be so. The indestructible life of the Son of God manifested through the many sons of glory will be the means of teaching. It will be by example of His life—full of His spirit and love—not by printed words.

With scripture fulfilled, God will begin a new book of the history of the earth and humanity that will encompass 2,000 more years, completing a full 8 days of 1,000 years per day.

Consider the risen Lord Jesus as He travelled with some disciples on the road to Emmaus: *He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the scriptures.* What was the response when He vanished from their sight? *Were not our hearts burning from within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He **explained the scriptures to us**?* (Luke 24:27-32). Substituting *scriptures* with *life*—or, more explicitly, using the phrase **expressed life to us**—might be closer to what will transpire in the next age. When life is expressed to people of the world, their hearts will burn from within as they too are put on the road to a changed heart in the likeness of Christ until God is [all in all](#).

We should not expect that everything will fall into place immediately at the start of the new age. As the age unfolds, there will be much to do to fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. It will take some time. However, the big difference from the age in which we now live is that the change will come about through the [Light, Life, Love](#), and [Peace](#) of God as humanity, even the earth itself, enters an eon of rest. The ones spreading the glory throughout the earth will no longer be divided; they will be in [perfect union and freedom](#) with their Head and one another, functioning as the united Body of King Jesus. Nothing will stop or hinder the indestructible life of the sons of God. Nothing!

So, here is some news about those who are driving hard toward a *new world order* through death, lies, obfuscation, censorship, authoritarianism, and whatever other nefarious *isms* conjured up by their broken minds: God will only allow them to go so far, then utter defeat will come upon them and their godless ideologies. There is a **New World Order** coming and it is called the **Kingdom of the Son of God's love**. This NWO will be built upon the foundation of the indestructible life of King Jesus, who is also the one in whom all things are created and held together by the word of His power.

**Indestructible life, along with perfect love, will rule the day!**