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THE AMAZING GIFT OF ZOE LIFE

The Antidote

"The law of the spirit of (heavenly-zoe) life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8.2)

"I am come that you might have (heavenly-zoe) life and have it in abundance. " (John 10.10)

What if we were to tell you that God did not only send Jesus to pay for our sins but to totally liberate us from the moral flaws that disfigure our lives? What if we were to tell you that God has a gift for the whole world - an infallible ANTIDOTE to attitudes and behaviors that defile humanity? Would you believe it? Would you receive it? Would you live it? Would you preach it?

Most Christians are only vaguely aware of this great gift yet it is the heart of the gospel. They think it is too good to be true. Because they do not see it operating in their own experience, they dilute the scriptures down to their experience. We often bring our understanding of God's plan down to the level of our experience instead of asking the Holy Spirit to lift our experience up to the level of God's promises and provision.

Is it possible that tradition, even evangelical tradition, has stolen our victory and concealed the greatness of Yeshua's unspeakable gift to us? *"If you knew the gift of God."* said Yeshua to the broken outcast woman He encountered at the Samaritan well. (John 4.10)

The antidote to sin, sickness and death is the HEAVENLY ZOE LIFE - of Yeshua Himself. He came to impart His own Spirit to the poor sin-battered descendants of Adam. Through this HEAVENLY ZOE LIFE, He can transform the most depraved person from the corruption of sin and shame to the dignity and glory of a son of God.

"Bio & "Zoe" " - A World Of Difference

The truth of God's great gift to us has been largely concealed (even from the church) for too long. The Bible reveals it, but the translators have concealed it. To understand what Yeshua's great gift to us is we need to know the difference between two Greek words: "zoe" and "bio". These are two completely different words, yet the translators have used the same English word, "life" to translate them. Unfortunately, they translate the Greek word "zoe" which Yeshua used to describe the "heavenly life" or "divine life" He came to bring, simply as "life." Then they translate the word "bio" which is biological life with the same English word "life". Thus they conceal the total difference between these two kinds of life.

When we use the words "heavenly life" for "zoe" and "biological life" for "bio" the message of Yeshua becomes much clearer. Now we can understand what He means when He says *"I am come that you may have Heavenly life (zoe) and have it abundantly"* (John 10.10) He is not talking about cars, houses and bank accounts but about ***the abundance of God's heavenly love nature*** that He came to place within us. Yeshua's mission was not simply to exhibit this heavenly life but to give it to us!

The biological human life we inherit from our genetic code all the way back to Adam is flawed by sin and subject to the law of sin and death. It is easily overpowered by the law of sin, sickness and death. Sin, sickness and death reign over it, no matter how much we hate sin and seek to walk uprightly. Sickness reigns over it no matter how careful we are to eat and exercise properly. There is no moral law nor religious code that can overcome the law of sin and death. Laws can restrain it but

they cannot overpower it. Such is the state of humanity.

But, Hallelujah, there is a life that can overcome sin, sickness and death - the "zoe" heavenly life of the resurrected Jesus. This life is the life of Holy Spirit which Yeshua came to transplant into us!

"For the law of the Spirit of (heavenly zoe) life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8.2.) This heavenly life which Jesus came to bring has the power to liberate us from the law of sin, sickness and death. Those who receive this life never die - they put off their mortal bodies for a perfect immortal body to replace it - but they do not die.

Yeshua - The Dispenser Of "Zoe"

When we see the difference between biological life and heavenly life we can better understand the message of the gospel. We can understand what Paul means when he writes: *"the first man (Adam) became a living soul - the last man Yeshua became a life given spirit."* (I Cor 15.45) Through Adam all humans inherit **biological life**, but through Jesus we can receive HEAVENLY LIFE. Adam passed flawed biological life on to his descendants, but Yeshua gives His own perfect heavenly life in abundance TO THOSE WHO RECEIVE IT FROM HIM. This Life has within itself the power to overcome sin, sickness and death. We walk in victory when we, by drawing on the zoe life of the Spirit, BREAK WITH all inherited dysfunctional patterns that come from our natural genetic bio life.

On the day of His resurrection Jesus made this gift available to the entire world - the gift of ZOE, Heavenly life. First God, Our loving Heavenly Father settled the sin issue by the awful price of the Cross and Yeshua's redeeming blood, now the way was clear to impart this life to all who would receive it.

Having settled the sin issue on the Cross, Yeshua is now able to dispense His Resurrection

zoe Life, the life of the Spirit of God to those who believe in Him and receive it.

"So Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" (John 20.21-22)

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God." (John 1.12)

There is no moral or physical wholeness in the natural biological man, but there is perfection in the heavenly/zoe life which we receive from Yeshua. We are not confessing the sinlessness or health of the adamic biological life - we are confessing the sinlessness and health of the heavenly/zoe life of Messiah in us. By the power of the Spirit, we can put off all defiling tendencies of the Adam life which can still operate in our flesh, and instead draw consistently from the wells of Yeshua's life.

We welcome His heavenly/zoe life not only to be the life of our spirits, but to bring healing and change into every wounded and weakened area of our souls and bodies. This is an ongoing life long process. *"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."* (Romans 8.11) If stem cells of biological life can repair damaged heart and brain tissue how much more can the heavenly/zoe life of Messiah in us repair every damaged cell of our bodies - as we receive it!

His upright Spirit - His heavenly/zoe life in us will overcome the law of sin. In addition the rivers of His love and zoe life can heal every wounded area of our souls. We can allow Yeshua's zoe life to penetrate and heal all the systems of our spirits, souls and bodies. Eventually even death itself will give way to this life. His work is not to bring mere **moral reform** but to bring TOTAL TRANSFORMATION to our lives through His heavenly life.

Let's explore every dimension of the heavenly life of Yeshua.

WHAT OTHER SAY

The Enemy Wants To Halt God's Move

"The enemy wants World War III to halt a World Wide Awakening" What does God want? Pray that God halts the war so that awakening can happen." - Prophetic speaker **Sharon Stone**

A Polluted Room

Sitting before the Lord I heard 'You have been operating in a room for over a decade that includes preaching about eternal realities, but it has become polluted with prophetic commentary on political events. I want you to enter a new room where you are solely focused on My return and the preparation of My Bride for the wedding day. I want to build Me a Wedding Altar on the earth.' - *"The Altar"* by **Jeremiah Johnson** with foreword by Lou Engle

Why Did Jesus Come?

Why did Jesus come? To start a church? To improve humanity or give us a code of conduct? No, He came for one purpose: *"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"* (John 10:10). The Greek word translated "life" in this verse is *zoe*, which means the God-kind of life.

The Bible says, *"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (ZOE)"* (John 3:16). And *"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life (ZOE) through Jesus Christ our Lord"* (Rom. 6:23).

This everlasting, eternal life Jesus came to give us is the nature of God. *"As the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself."* (John 5:26) Receiving **eternal life** is the most miraculous incident in life. It is God imparting His very nature, substance, and being to our human spirits.

In the **new birth**, our spirits are born of God. It is the life and nature of God **coming**

into your spirit that makes the inward man a new creature. - **Kenneth E. Hagin**

Golden Mean Between Ascetism & Luxury

Having surrendered our whole life to the mastery of the Lord, having given up the pride of the flesh, all luxuries and self-gratification, there is the peril of ascetism...

... We are to maintain a golden mean between the extremes of ascetism and luxury. We are to take care of our personal appearance so as to be attractive to our fellow men both in dress and in appearance. *"We do all things to the glory of God."* (1 Cor 10.31) ...This includes our pleasures as well as all else. We are not to believe the lie of Satan that everything pleasurable or attractive is sinful. We are to enjoy our meals for example not to reduce them to the minimum of mere physical sustenance. And so for other temporal details of life...

... We may get the mistaken idea that when we get the choice between something that is *hard* and something is *easy*, the hard thing is always God's will. His will may be just the opposite. There is not necessarily any virtue in difficulty and there is not necessarily any sin in ease. The only question is: what is God's will for us in each matter that comes before us?

- *Victory in Christ* by **Charles Trumbull**

The foundation of the Christian faith is the undeserved, limitless, miraculous love of God that was exhibited on the Cross, that is not earned and can never be. Paul said that this is the reason that *"in all these things we are more than."* We are super victors with a joy that comes from experiencing the very things which look as if they are going to overwhelm us. ... A saint doesn't know the joy of the Lord in spite of tribulation but because of it. *"I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation."* (2 Cor 7.4)

- *"My Utmost For His Highest"* - Oswald Chambers

NEWS

Dear Friends,

As we write this newsletter we are a few weeks home after two months of ministry in Ireland, where we had a very fruitful time.

In spite of the rigors of Covid lockdowns meetings were well attended. We also experienced a freshness of the Spirit and many were encouraged by the opportunity to meet again after months of lockdown.

God is on the move and we felt His presence mightily thanks largely to your prayers,

Ministry In Florida

America and all nations are going through hard times. Many are also disappointed at the turn of political events. At such times it is easy to get drawn into strife over political differences and opinions about government decisions. What should be the Christian response when we are faced with government actions and mandates we do not support?

Firstly, we are called to pray for those in authority. Secondly the scriptures tell us to submit to secular government unless it requires us to compromise our faith or moral standards. Thirdly, as followers of Jesus we are called to refrain from strife and make a conscious decision to walk in love and goodwill towards those we disagree with - as David puts it: *"Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity."* (Psalm 37.1-2)

Fourthly we speak where we think it appropriate and allow others (without argument) the freedom to have different opinions from ours.

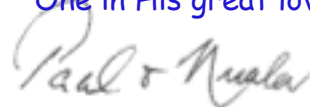
We are glad to be able to continue our local ministry here in Stuart, Florida where we are blessed by some strong congregations of believers which create a culture of faith.

We are starting a new season of studies and fellowship in the home of **Frank & Chris Storino in Stuart**, and continue with our weekly meetings in **Ft. Pierce** in the home of **La nell Williams**. We continue to minister on a weekly basis at **Good Samaritan Ministries in Port St. Lucie** and regularly at **Victory In Christ International in Jupiter**, and at **Love and Hope In Action in Stuart**.

Christmas for many is a time of secular festivity and worldliness, but for us it is a time to continue to celebrate the gift of God and His goodness in taking us into His care and filling us with His life. The generosity of the Lord in giving us His best and sharing His all with us, is stunning. Remember Jesus emptied Himself of His heavenly position to give Himself **FOR US** and **TO US**. Let us also look to empty ourselves of self at this time. (Phil. 2)

Our deepest thanks to all who help us with your encouragement, prayers and financial support. This ministry does not function without you. Let us know if we can serve you in any way in 2022.

One in His great love and service,



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