

CHRISTIANITY: THE LIFE FROM DEATH

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1Cor 11:26 Ὅσάκις γὰρ ἂν ἐσθίητε τὸν ἄρτον τοῦτου, καὶ τὸ ποτήριον τοῦτο πίνητε, τὸν θάνατον τοῦ κυρίου καταγγέλλετε ἄχρι οὗ ἂν ἔλθῃ	1Cor 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes
Εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς, Ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐὰν μὴ φάγητε τὴν σὰρκα τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου καὶ πίητε αὐτοῦ τὸ αἶμα, οὐκ ἔχετε ζωὴν ἐν ἑαυτοῖς. ⁵⁴ Ὁ τρώγων μου τὴν σὰρκα καὶ πίνων μου τὸ αἶμα, ἔχει ζωὴν αἰώνιον, καὶ ἐγὼ ἀναστήσω αὐτὸν τῇ ἐσχάτῃ ἡμέρᾳ. ⁵⁵ Ἡ γὰρ σὰρξ μου ἀληθῶς ἐστίν βρῶσις, καὶ τὸ αἶμά μου ἀληθῶς ἐστίν πόσις	John 6:53-55 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.
Romans 6:6 τοῦτο γινώσκοντες, ὅτι ὁ παλαιὸς ἡμῶν ἄνθρωπος συνεσταυρώθη, ἵνα καταργηθῇ τὸ σῶμα τῆς ἁμαρτίας, τοῦ μηκέτι δουλεύειν ἡμᾶς τῇ ἁμαρτίᾳ	Rom 6:6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin
Col 3:3 Ἀπεθάνετε γάρ, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ὑμῶν κέκρυπται σὺν τῷ χριστῷ ἐν τῷ θεῷ	Col 3:3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
John 16:33 Ταῦτα λελάληκα ὑμῖν, ἵνα ἐν ἐμοὶ εἰρήνην ἔχητε. Ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ θλίψιν ἔχετε· ἀλλὰ θαρσεῖτε, ἐγὼ νενίκηκα τὸν κόσμον	John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

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- Easter message: NOT technical ("scientific"), but PERSONAL... ⇒ relationship
- Christian life without problems?... → HUXLEY'S *Brave New World* ?

0.1. THE CHRISTIAN PROCLAMATION

- [THAYER] καταγγέλλω → *to announce, declare, promulgate, make known; to proclaim publicly, publish*
 - τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ, Acts 13:5; 15:36; passive Acts 17:13;
 - ἔθῃ, Acts 16:21;
 - τὸ εὐαγγέλιον, 1 Cor. 9:14;
 - τὴν ἀνάστασιν τὴν ἐκ νεκρῶν,
 - Acts 4:2;
 - τὰς ἡμέρας ταύτας, Acts 3:24

- καταγγέλλω → by eating and drinking the Lord's Supper...

0.1.1. CHRIST DIED FOR US

- **John 6:51** I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

0.1.2. CHRIST DIED WITH US

- **2Co 5:14-15** For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised
- **John 12:32** And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.

0.2. DYING THROUGH SUFFERING

→ talk of SUFFERING ⇒ talk of SACRIFICE & LOVE... (1Cor 13)

- **2Cor 4:11-12** For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

1. SUBSTITUTION

1.1. FAITH

- **Rom 5:8** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- **Mt 10:37** Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

1.2. IDENTIFICATION

→ faith through LOVE (**Gal 5:6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love)

- **2Cor 5:14-15** For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.
- **Rom 6:8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
- **1Cor 1:30** He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption
- **Phil 3:7-11** But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith- ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

2. DISCIPLESHIP

2.1. THE DAILY CROSS

- **Luke 9:23** "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me
- **1 Corinthians 15:30-31** Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!
- **Mt 5:11** Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- **2 Tim 3:12** Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

2.2. DISCIPLINE

- **Heb 12:5-6** And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.

3. RELATIONSHIPS

3.1. CARE

- **Gal 6:2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ
- **2Cor 4:11-12** For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.
- **2 Cor 11:28** And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches

3.2. SUBMISSION

- **Phil 2:3** Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
- **1Cor 13:7** Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things

4. TO REMEMBER

- Resurrection presupposes death.
- Salvation through Christ means not only substitution but sharing in the death of Jesus.
- Let us seek communion with Jesus in identification with him in our position in the world.