

"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

When we call through faith on God's mercy to save our souls, we are forever sealed against the destiny of hell and eternal death. We accept His unconditional Love extended to us by His Grace. We become a new creation in Christ, and our dead spirits resurrect to



walk life anew. If the Holy Spirit does not indwell us then we are still dead in the graveyard of trespasses and sin. Our cry of faith allows God to take up residence in our soul and quicken us with His eternal Spirit. We are now escaped from the sentence of death and separation we were born into, because of Adam's disobedience. Our existence becomes *super-mortal* and we are given the precious gift of Eternal Life by God Himself taking up residence in our soul. 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, and utter nothingness ensues. When our faith enables us to kneel before the Throne and plead for mercy, God breathes into our souls the Breath of Life and we become "living souls." There is no hope or Life outside of His Mercy and Grace. Without God we are doomed to eternal, tormented separation and lifelessness.

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

Why do believers think they can really 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." Every time we linger near temptation, sin pulls us back to the graveyard. Once you have really lived by faith there will no longer be any reason to visit the cemetery. The apostle said it was the Love of God that constrained him. We love Him because He loved us first. It's His Love that extended His Mercy and Grace to us in the first place. It's His Love that drove the nails into His hands and feet. It's His Love that keeps us day by day. It's His Love that forgives. It's His Love that calls us children. Let's quit making visits to the cemetery to mourn the "old man," and start living the "abundant Life" by faith. Let's make Father's will our own.

"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 what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1-2