

What Is Life? – Part 1

Scripture reading: John 11:21-27

We do not fully understand what life is. If you do not understand what life is, then you do not understand what death is, either. LIFE IS GOD. Jesus says in John 11:25, *“I am the resurrection, and the life.”* This means that life cannot be killed. Resurrection life means that even one who has been blasted into smithereens, so that you could never find any two pieces of his body together, is then seen sitting in this room smiling at you, complete and whole. Death had been conquered; it had no power over him. This is what Jesus meant when He said, *“I am the resurrection, and the life.”*

Do we understand how powerful life is? We know the awesome power of destruction. We have seen things like the atom bomb blast in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which brings terror to the human mind, but the power of life is greater because it reverses the power of death and destruction. The Bible says in Revelation 20:13 that the elements will give up the dead, *“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.”*

We are comprised of so much air, so many gasses, so much water, minerals and all the different substances, but we also have LIFE in us, and the life determines that we must remain an entity for eternity. In the interim between our physical life and eternity, old time gets a hold of us and we die, and our body goes to the earth. We see the gasses and the entire physical body yield to the earth and join this great reservoir of elements in the earth and sea.

The Word says the sea gave up her dead, and the earth gave up its dead, the air and the ashes gave up their dead. The soul (which is the real man) slips back into its body like a man putting on his clothes. He is raised up—not another man, not another flesh—but the same man is raised up, and he looks at the devil and all the forces of destruction and death and says, “Aha!” The devil and all his forces are beaten; all that he has done to humanity over the ages has been in vain. *“Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”* (I Corinthians 15:54b-55).

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Thought for today: Ask God to give you a personal revelation of what it means when Jesus says, *“I am the resurrection, and the life.”* Then, hold on to this eternal life and never let go.