

# Jesus Living in Humanity

Gal. 2:20

Some times it is given to a man to sum up his whole life in one great saying.

1. Lincoln - "Let us have faith to believe that right makes right and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."

2. Cleveland - "Public office is a public trust."

3. "making the world safe for democracy"

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5. Paul. "I am crucified with Christ nevertheless the less I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

What a great life these statesmen, merchants of his day have been. They stand out like a giant of intellect but a giant of Christ lived in him.

At this text Paul never questions that of all of us, no

What is life? where does it spring from? where is it to be wrought out? what the inner secret of it is to be?

Paul's life, it may be said, was about as near approach to that of Christ as human beings have ever lived. It is, therefore, no good idea to look into the answer he gives to the above question.

First, his life began in death. "I am crucified with Christ." This was his real life you understand. This real life of his is the only life, or the best of life we should be satisfied with.

The normal human being, the natural man must of necessity die. There is too much flesh in the church to day. Shall I say "proud flesh?" you know the danger of proud flesh on your finger or hand or any part of the body. It endangers the whole body, and the body is not safe till the proud flesh is burned out. If you have one person in your church here who is a big old bundle of proud flesh - feeling itself better than others, drawing its skirts from any human being then your church is very much in danger of dying. By all means all proud flesh in the church universally should be burned out. Paul is looked in this teaching by the Master Teacher when he gave the example of the publican and Pharisee. See the proud bundle of flesh crying out in the fear of God, "I thank thee that I am not as other men are."

The vine from every living limb bleeds wine.  
Is it the poorer for that spirit shed?  
The drunken and the wanton drink thereof.  
Are they the richer for that gift's excess?

Measure thy life by loss instead of gain.  
Not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured forth.  
For life's strength standeth in love's sacrifice.  
And whoso suffers most hath most to give.

This does not mean that to follow Christ makes  
us unsuited to fit into the cogs of the social  
wheel.

Being crucified with Christ and taking  
up our part of that death with Him a new life  
with Him must mean for us that we ac-  
cept His attitude toward life, and fix  
it as highest of moral values; that we take  
up His spirit as regards our enemies and  
make forgiveness a basic principle of  
our hearts. The Cross was the mark of the be-  
ginning of that new kind of life to Paul.

Where is this life to be wrought out?  
we are taught that as we die so must  
we face the judgement. Therefore it  
must be wrought out in this life. Paul  
worked out his here. "The life which I  
now live in the flesh.

we have been asking over and over  
again whether Christianity is a practi-  
cal thing. Can Christianity be lived in  
this flesh of our body? This meat of our  
body? Paul lived it, lived the abundant  
life in the flesh.

It was to make the divine life possible  
in the meat of our bodies that God Jesus  
came and incarnate Himself in the  
flesh. In this He demonstrated for all  
time that the complete and full life  
could be lived in the flesh here.

And this means more than just the flesh and blood theory. It means the whole range of our human relationships. In our home life, school life, Church life, Choir life, E.T. life, P.M. life, S.S. life, and vocational life Jesus must be supreme.

Prof. Lang of U of Ala while in the U. of Edinburgh, went to hear Mr. Balfour speak on "moral values." When Mr. Balfour had ended his long discourse on those things that would unite the nations a silence was experienced. The silence was broken when a Japanese arose in the gallery and said "But Mr. Balfour what about Jesus Christ?"



men are asking, "How can this life be lived?" They say that again and again they have tried and have been beaten down. I talked to a tramp here one night as I sought to secure him a room. He said he had often tried but could not hold out.

We are too much prone to make our own selves king. Too much prone to do away with the miracle and the supernatural. We are leaving Christ out. "yet not I but Christ liveth in me."

☐ The miracle of the Resurrection must ever be before us. Donald Harkney said in those last hours before the great hour came, as he walked up and down the benches, "Boys, we are going