## CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE BY KAREN SANKOWSKI

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Man's nature, from the garden has been totally corrupted by sin and hence forth is completely incompatible to the righteousness of God.

The prophet Isaiah declares: My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways may ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please; and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isa.55:8-11.

This proves man (both Jew and Gentile) can <u>not</u> in any way shape or form, know or understand his creator on his own.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! **Rom.11:33**.

If man was to know and understand his creator; the creator (God) would have to make a way to reconcile man's sinful nature **and** open his eyes of understanding; in order that, man could receive divine thinking and be taught in and of God's ways.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love where with He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us <u>together</u> with Christ; by grace ye are saved; and hath raised us <u>up</u> together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. **Eph.2:4-7**.

... you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins... Eph2:1.

But now! ... ye are dead; dead to sin-unresponsive to the lure of satan; and your life is hid <u>with</u> <u>Christ; in God.</u> Christ is indeed "our life".

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Col.3:3& 4. The apostle Paul proclaims: that <u>Christ</u>; is indeed the source in which we have life.

The same voice that called Lazarus out of the tomb(a state of deadness-no life) called us out of the tomb of spiritual deadness **and** raised us up to walk in newness of life!

**Christ** is the substance of our spiritual life. It is by <u>His</u> life that we live; Christ in you, the hope of glory. In <u>this</u> life, springs action and spiritual thought; from things that once were **dead**; but now made alive. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. John.7:38

It is in <u>Him</u> we live, and move, and have our being; ... for we are also His offspring. Acts 17:28.

**Christ** is the sustenance of our life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that Bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the Bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living Bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of **this** Bread, he shall live forever: and the Bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the <u>life</u> of the world. **John 6:47-51**.

Way worn pilgrims traveling in this wilderness of sin, will never get one morsel to satisfy the hunger of their spirits; except it be in Him. A Child of God must continually eat of this living Bread; and if you do; you will never be hungry.

**Christ** is the solace of our life. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation. **IICor.1:3-7**.

**Christ** is the object of our life. Just as a ship would speed toward port for safety; so to the believer hastens to the haven of His Savior's bosom. Where we find rest for our souls, a covert from the winds. The believer keeps pressing toward the object of his affection and on the way is perfecting and strengthening his relationship to Christ and God.

We are soldiers for the cross of Christ; He is our Captain and we stand beside Him against the foes. He has crowned us with His victory and we triumph out of His triumphs. We will be victorious; because He is Victorious.

**Christ** is the exemplar of our life. Our life is hid in Christ; therefore our lives should exude the attributes of our Savior and our God. And by His grace we are being changed from glory to glory. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. **IICor.3:18**.

Then at last, if we remain faithful; **Christ** will become the Crown of our life in glory. Blessed is the man that endureth temptations for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. James.1:12.

... Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev.2:10.

The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne saying: Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. **Rev.4:10-11**.

The Crown of Life, The Crown of <u>our</u> life! Is to have Jesus in His fullness, to be completely like Him; having obtained everlasting life and be in the presence of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ forever and ever. We too will gladly cast our crowns at His feet and declare with the four and twenty elders: Thou art worthy, O Lord! To receive glory and honor and power...

I encourage you to hold on; To Christ; who is our Life! Amen.

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