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After my conversion, I was baptized in the Holy Spirit at the age of 20, and soon after I felt a strong desire to share the love of Jesus with the Japanese people.

You are part of God's plan; He wants to dwell in your heart, to welcome you as a son/daughter, giving us an opportunity to speak with Him every day through our prayers.

Despite life's difficulties, He promises a blessed life where we can overcome them with Him.

May His grace find a place in your heart and, in a wonderful way, bring restoration, renewal, and the desire to know Jesus and eternal life, promised by Him when we depart from this world, through the new birth and His marvelous and irresistible grace.

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Death

*For all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God;*

Romans 3:23

Chapter 1 – Death

Death imposes itself as an inevitable reality of human existence. It transcends cultures, eras, and personal histories, reminding us that, in this world, everything has an expiration date.

Life, though precious, is fragile; days pass, bodies tire, and no human work is eternal.

This awareness should produce humility, but often reveals human wickedness: the pursuit of power, selfishness, violence, and indifference to the suffering of others.

Instead of recognizing finitude and living wisely, human beings frequently choose paths that harm themselves and others.

According to Scripture, death entered the world with the fall of Adam and Eve.

Through disobedience, sin broke the perfect communion between God and humanity, and since then, we have been dying.

Death was not created as an ultimate purpose, but as a consequence of separation from God, the source of life.

Thus, each generation inherits not only life, but also the mark of mortality. "From dust you came and to dust you shall return" echoes as a solemn reminder of the human condition.

This reality exposes the limitations of all that is earthly. Riches, titles, achievements, and pleasures do not withstand time.

Death equalizes everyone and reveals the inadequacy of a life centered only on the present.

Faced with it, profound questions arise:

What is the meaning of life? What remains when everything passes?

The biblical answer does not deny the pain of death, but points to a necessary transformation—not only of the final destiny, but of the heart.

It is in this context that the need to become children of God is revealed.

It's not just about escaping physical death, but about overcoming spiritual death, which manifests itself in wickedness, hatred, and lack of love.

Jesus redefines the path to true divine sonship by calling his disciples to a life that contrasts with the logic of this world:

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.”

(Matthew 5:44-45)

Thus, amidst the certainty of death and the fragility of all that is fleeting, a call to life arises that comes from God.

To love, forgive, and pray—even for those who hurt us—is the sign of a new nature.

It is in this love that death loses its final dominion, and humanity finds hope beyond the expiration date of this world.

Life

*For to me, to live is Christ, and to
die is gain.*

Philippians 1:21

Chapter 2 – Life

To live is more than to exist. To live is to participate in God's eternal purpose, which has been manifested since the beginning of all things.

In the beginning, God created the heavens, the angels, and the entire universe. By the power of His word, He formed the earth and established laws and order where there was once emptiness.

Everything that was created reflects His glory, wisdom, and goodness.

Finally, God created humankind, not as a work of chance, but as an intentional expression of His love and His plan.

Man and woman were created in the image and likeness of the Creator, with identity, dignity, and purpose. As it is written:

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

To live in this world, therefore, is to walk in the purpose that God has already prepared for us.

However, humankind, influenced by evil, sin, and the devil, has begun to dishonor God.

By allowing themselves to be led by the values of a world distant from the Creator, they have broken the communion for which they were formed.

This spiritual separation is the reason for the suffering, pain, and injustice that we see around us.

Humankind, separated from God, becomes vulnerable to corruption, selfishness, and the loss of the true meaning of life.

Even so, God has not abandoned his creation. He desires to dwell again in the heart of humankind. Jesus clearly affirms this promise when he says:

“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

John 14:23

Living a full and blessed life is only possible when God comes to dwell within us, restoring lost communion and renewing our original purpose.

Jesus also warns us that the journey in this world will not be free of pain.

Afflictions are part of fallen human reality. However, He invites us to a different attitude in the face of adversity: courage, hope, and trust.

In the midst of struggles, we need the good cheer that comes from faith and the constant renewal of the Holy Spirit, who strengthens, comforts, and empowers us to overcome. Thus, to live is to remain in God, even in the midst of afflictions.

It is to allow the Holy Spirit to renew our strength, align our steps, and lead us to a life that glorifies the Creator.

To live, in the light of the gospel, is to experience the presence of God within us and to walk, day after day, in the good works that He has prepared, until His vivification is fully manifested in us.

Rebirth

Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:3

Chapter 3 — Rebirth

Jesus' main message to humanity begins with a profound and non-negotiable statement about the human condition and the Kingdom of God. In dialogue with Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, Jesus declared:

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:3

With these words, Christ reveals that spiritual life does not begin through religious inheritance, moral effort, or intellectual knowledge, but through an inner transformation performed by God.

The new birth is a spiritual work that changes the nature of the human being, leading him from death to life.

This necessity becomes even clearer when we observe the reality of the flesh, described by the apostle Paul in Galatians chapter 5.

The works of the flesh—such as sexual immorality, idolatry, enmities, anger, envy, and debauchery—reveal a corrupt human nature, incapable of pleasing God.

They are evidence of a heart governed by the ego and separated from the divine will.

Paul affirms that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God, reinforcing Jesus' teaching on the urgency and necessity of a new birth.

In contrast, the Holy Spirit produces in the hearts of those who have been regenerated the fruits that are:

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22–23

These fruits are not the result of isolated human effort, but of the life of Christ being formed within the one who is born again.

Where the works of the flesh once prevailed, now the Spirit reigns; where there was spiritual death, now there is abundant life.

The reason for this common need is clearly presented in Scripture:

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Romans 3:23

Without exception, all humanity is separated from God by sin.

The new birth, therefore, is not an option, but an absolute necessity.

It is the starting point for the restoration of communion with God and for entry into His Kingdom.

Only in Christ, through faith, can a human being be born again and live for the glory of God.

Eternal Life

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

Chapter 4 –Eternal Life

Eternal life is not merely a future promise, but the revelation of God's perfect love for humanity. Scripture declares with clarity and depth:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

This verse concentrates the main theme of the gospel: a God who loves, a Son who is given, and a humanity invited to believe.

God's love precedes any human response. The initiative for salvation does not arise from human effort, but from God's sovereign desire to restore what has been corrupted by sin.

The human condition, marked by the fall, has revealed its total inability to achieve eternal life through its own merits.

No amount of work, moral discipline, or religiosity would be sufficient to reconcile humanity with God.

Sin created an abyss that man could not cross alone.

It is in this context that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ becomes absolutely necessary.

On the cross, the only begotten Son of God took the place of the sinner, bearing the guilt and condemnation that belonged to humanity.

His shed blood not only covers sin but removes it, offering forgiveness, reconciliation, and a new life.

Eternal life, therefore, is not a reward for good works but a direct result of Christ's perfect work.

The apostle Paul confirms this truth when he states:

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Ephesians 2:8

Salvation is given through grace by God, an undeserved favor, and is received by human beings exclusively through faith.

This faith is not self-confidence, but total surrender to what Christ accomplished.

All possibility of human beings taking pride in this achievement is removed, so that all glory belongs only to God.

Thus, eternal life begins the moment we believe in Jesus Christ as the one and only sufficient savior.

It is not just about living forever, but about living reconciled with God, restored to one's identity and participating in divine communion.

Eternal life is the result of the Father's love, the Son's sacrifice, and the application of this work by grace, received through faith.

It is a gift freely offered to all, but enjoyed only by those who receive and believe in it.

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

10 Promises Jesus Made to Us Through His Grace:

- 1- 1. A heavenly dwelling place (John 14:3)
- 2- 2. Resurrection from the dead (John 11:25)
- 3- 3. A new glorified body (1 Corinthians 15:54)
- 4- 4. Receiving reward (Matthew 5:12)
- 5- 5. Authority over demons (Luke 10:19)
- 6- 6. Baptism with the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49)
- 7- 7. Sanctification through character restoration (Colossians 3:10)
- 8- 8. Answers to prayers (Matthew 21:22)
- 9- 9. Annulment of the sentence of sin (Romans 8:1)
- 10- 10. New life with God (1 Corinthians 5:17)