

“Loving Life Loving Christ!”

John 1:1-4; 3:16-18; 10:10

February 15, 2015

John was known as “the one whom Christ loved” signifying a special bond. His two favorite expressions for Christ were “**Light**” and “**Life**”.

Having just celebrated Valentine’s Day, we will look at three reasons to **love** Christ for the impact He has had on our **life**.

I LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE **STARTED** MY LIFE

“I can’t live **WITHOUT** Him!”

³ *Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*

He created all living creatures.

He created all **INANIMATE** things.

He created **US**!

¹⁷ *He is before all things, and in him all things hold together* Colossians 1

I LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE **SAVED** MY LIFE

“He Gave His Life To **SAVE** Me!”

¹⁶ *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

His preexistence and creation are a prelude to His “**RE-CREATION**” in me!

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I LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE IS THE **SPICE** OF **LIFE**

“He makes my life **FULL**!”

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When truly present, He brings to me and the flock,

- A supernatural **SECURITY** and
- A special **DIMENSION** and energy.

In Acts 26:14 Paul encountered the resurrected Christ. He was told he was “kicking against the goads” (pointed device for guiding oxen) as he persecuted Christ’s followers.

All that John says relating to life is null and void outside of a relationship and commitment to Jesus Christ.

As we love Him today, may we also determine to,

- Not “live” contrary to how He created us.
- Not neglect our need for personal salvation.
- Not seek fulfillment and abundance elsewhere.

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It is hard for you to kick against the pricks” was a Greek proverb, but it was also familiar to the Jews and anyone who made a living in agriculture. An ox goad was a stick with a pointed piece of iron on its tip used to prod the oxen when plowing. The farmer would prick the animal to steer it in the right direction. Sometimes the animal would rebel by kicking out at the prick, and this would result in the prick being driven even further into its flesh. In essence, the more an ox rebelled, the more it suffered. Thus, Jesus’ words to Saul on the road to Damascus: “It is hard for you to kick against the pricks.”

Read more:<http://www.gotquestions.org/kick-against-the-pricks.html#ixzz3RXKCLuSq>

LIGHT

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prefer light to bruises on shine!!!

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Matthew 6:22

Luke 11:34

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Luke 11:36

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Eyes preacher – not totally

Isaiah 5:20

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Pat had love for life!

God has love for life:

- Creation back then
- Eternal Future
- Fulfilling Now

"Sourceful Security"

John 1:1-4
February 1, 2015

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The Wrong Source: Management Humor - Jokes

A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude."

"You must be an engineer," said the balloonist. "I am," replied the woman, "How did you know?"

"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is,

technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip."

The woman below responded, "You must be in Management." "I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," said the woman, "**you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault.**"

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some in mgment

- **deal w/it by orders underlings ...**

some service

- **- laboring helping**

some engineer

- **.. info/knowledge**

often based on outside: people..things

Today – world looking for direction/security Health care – jobs – weather – morals –
often IN SPIRIT WRONG PLACES/PEOPLE

John may have not seen himself as lost – he may have never been known as insecure but when he encounters and meets Jesus, **he totally attaches, yields & humbly sees HIS sin and a SAVIOR and HE bows to HIM! 2 words....**

enough that when he put it all together for himself and for us... he used two words

LIFE LIGHT

Light and life....how else do you describe???????

Billboard number 3.....

“JESUS: The Big LIGHT To The Big LIFE!”

“Big kahuna – big Aristotle”

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Sprinkles 2 words - like salt or sugar to describe one he loved/loved him

“LIFE? JESUS! SOURCE OF LIFE –

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LIFE

Get Your Own DirtOne day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him. The scientist walked up to God and said, “God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and mind your own business?”

God listened very patiently and kindly to the man. After the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest." To which the scientist replied, "Okay, we can handle that!"

"But," God added, "we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam." The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. Use your own dirt

He not merely made the material worlds, but he also gave "life." He was the agent by which the **vegetable** world became animated; by which **animals** live; and by which man became a living soul,

BUT PREEXISTENCE & CREATION WARM UP BAND...

but there is another sense in which he was "life."

The "new creation," or the renovation of man and his restoration from a state of sin, is often compared with the "first creation;" and as HE was the source of "life" then, so, in a similar but higher sense, he is the source of "**life**" **to the soul dead** in trespasses and sins, Ephesians 2:1. And it is probably in reference to this that he is so often called "life" in the writings of John. "For as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself," John 5:26; "He giveth life unto the world," John 6:33; "I am the resurrection and the life," John 11:25; "This is the true God and eternal life," John 5:20.

The meaning is: that he is the source/creator of both natural and spiritual life.

LIFE: earth, plants, animals, human - ME!!

Hairs head - plans for you -

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16 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. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

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The Supremacy of the Son of God

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in

heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Colossians

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1 Peter 1

Barnes' Notes on the Bible

Might have it more abundantly - Literally, that they may have abundance, or that which abounds. The word denotes that which is not absolutely essential to life, but which is superadded to make life happy. They shall not merely have life - simple, bare existence - but they shall have all those superadded things which are needful to make that life eminently blessed and happy. It would be vast mercy to keep men merely from annihilation or hell; but Jesus will give them eternal joy, peace, the society of the blessed, and all those exalted means of felicity which are prepared for them in the world of glory. Albert Barnes'

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