

Life Is Precious

Life is Precious so Jesus came to bring life

Life is very precious and short; so, Jesus came to help us. He came to bring life. *"...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"* (John 10:10).

One day a man named Jairus came to Jesus. *"While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live... (23) And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, (24) He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. (25) But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose"* (Matthew 9:18, 23-25). Life is precious; so Jesus raised a 12-year-old girl from the dead and gave her to her parents. What a blessing that was to the parents, to have their daughter raised from the dead.

Another day, Jesus came to a funeral procession. *"Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. (13) And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. (14) And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. (15) And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother"* (Luke 7:12-15). Life is short and precious; so, Jesus restored life to a widow's only son.

Life is very precious; so, Jesus restored Lazarus' life. *"And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. (44) And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go"* (John 11:43-44).

Life is precious; so, Jesus paid the ultimate price for it

Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice for life; He gave Himself. *"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us..."* (1 John 3:16).

Christ loved us so much that He was willing to be beaten and crucified; so that, through His broken body we could be healed, and by His sufferings we could receive comfort. *"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed"* (Isaiah 53:5).

Christ died and rose from the grave; so that, we could receive peace. *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27).

Christ was our sacrifice; so that, we receive salvation from our sins. *"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins"* (Colossians 1:14).

Christ died and rose from the dead to give us the gift of the Holy Ghost. *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you” (John 16:7).*

Jesus was lifted up, crucified and rose from the grave; so that, He could draw us to be with Him. *“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32).* He died and rose from the grave so that we could be with Him. *“Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him” (1 Thess. 5:10).*

This is the promise of heaven: to be with the Lord for all eternity. Jesus gave the ultimate price for life. He gave Himself; so that, we could receive the ultimate gift, which is eternal life. *“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us” (Hebrews 9:12).*

Life is precious and short

For the precious moments that we are alive, let us open our hearts and receive the gifts that Jesus left for us. These gifts are very precious, and Jesus was willing to be our sacrifice so that we could inherit them. *“And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance” (Hebrews 9:15).*

Christ left us with the gifts of healing, comfort, peace, remission of sins, the Holy Ghost, (which the Bible calls the Comforter), and the promise of eternal life in heaven. Because life is precious and short, Jesus came to help us. Now the question is: do you want His help? Are you willing to accept the gifts that He has for you?

On the feast called Pentecost, Peter preached about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ to a large group of people. After the people heard this, they were moved in their hearts and asked Peter what they should do. This was Peter’s reply, *“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call” (Acts 2:38-39).* That day 3,000 people received the message and were baptized. Let us do the same today.

Life is precious; so, the Lord Himself came to help us. He paid the ultimate price to leave us with precious gifts, gifts that we need in our life. Let us open our hearts to receive Him and His gifts.

As you read these scriptures

Consider three questions:

- 1) How does this scripture refer to God?
- 2) How does this scripture refer to Christian living?
- 3) How does this scripture refer to salvation?

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