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Topic: THE LIFE OF GOD

- does God actually have a life?
- can I gain mastery over the ills of this life, and how?
- can I be more effective & efficient in life?

1John5¹¹⁻¹²- This is the testimony in essence: God gave us eternal life; the life is in His Son. So whoever has the Son, has life; whoever rejects the Son; rejects life [TM].

Rom 8²- For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death [NKJV]

Have you ever thought of God as a living Being? Scientists have generally categorised things as either living or non-living, using characteristics that are either common to the former or to the later. Even if you've never studied Biology, you'd still agree with me that the characteristics of living things, among other things include the following:

- living things can move
- living things do respire i.e. breathe
- living things reproduce i.e. they produce young ones of their own kind.

Others include nutrition, irritability, growth, excretion, adaptation.

I want us to also note that within the living group, there are diversities and differences in the expression

of these characteristics. For example, the movement of a tree cannot be compared to that of a cheetah or a dog.

Now, let's come to God: firstly, He is the source of life [Gen 1¹, Gen 2⁷, John 1⁴, 1 John 5¹¹]. Secondly, He moves [Gen 3⁸ – Adam and Eve heard the sound of the footsteps of God]. To take it to a higher level, He works/acts [Gen 1¹- *in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.* Creating something is work]. Also, God speaks [Gen 1^{3, 6, 11}...]. God even talks about His own Children [Ps. 82⁶]. All these establish the fact that God is a living Being. Heb 10³¹- *“it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the **living** God.”*

God has life.

After this we also want to know: what kind of life does He have? This question arises if we know that life differs from life! I am talking about the order of life. For example, there is the plant life, the animal life and there is the human life. You could rightly go from cellular order to tissue order to systemic order and get to man, the biological climax of the level of order of life. That is, Biology recognises that life gets more organized and more efficient as you move from smaller unicellular organisms high up till you get to man. A pinch of salt, for example, would kill an earthworm but, that couldn't kill a snake. Why? The life of the snake is higher than that of the earthworm. So, life differs from life and, there are levels of life. If this is true, then the human life cannot be the climax- a life plagued by sin, Satan, oppression, depression, sicknesses, diseases, poverty...and death! There just must to be a more perfect life that cannot be plagued by these evils- much in the same way the human life cannot be terminated by a pinch of salt like the

earthworm's. This perfect life that I'm talking about is the "**God-Life**"- the Life of God. This life is not subservient to death- it is too lofty for you to compare death with it.

You may have cried for lack of intelligence or low IQ; if only you could have this life. Because, if this life invades you, you'd function in the wisdom of God- the creator of the universe- the planets and all their galaxies. What wisdom could one ever need?! For some others, it's a sickness or disease they've been battling; if only they could have this life. For some, it's witches and wizards or ancestral curses-if only you could have this life. The God-Life cannot be plagued with the evils that plague the human life.

But, is it possible for one to have this God-Life?

Good news- Yes!

Then, how?

Simple! By accepting the vicarious ministry of Jesus Christ.

"Vicarious" means "substitutional: done in place of another person." This vicarious ministry is what Christ did for us through His death on the cross. The death of Jesus the Christ means a lot of things to our lives.

It means that sin had been taken out of our lives. Sin is the old nature- the nature that causes us to do wrong. When Adam ate the fruit at the word of Satan, and in spite of the word of God, he shut God off and made room for the devil. It's just like your father tells you "don't eat that cake" and your father's enemy comes and tells you "eat it, nothing will happen." And right there in the presence of your father, you eat it. You sure can imagine what this could mean. That's why the Spirit of God the Father left Adam and He automatically was in the hands of the devil. This act

also made him share in the nature of the devil, which is sin. So, sin is more than an act, it's a nature-a cursed nature. Its operation is just like that- a curse. A curse can pass from generation to generation. That's why it's not an unpopular story that in some families, they are never able to accomplish a certain thing, or almost everybody dies at/around a particular age. [What probably happened is that somebody in the days of Orunmila [long ago], or something, did some wrong thing- like emm, bury a pregnant woman alive and then, was cursed [*you've watched that kind of "home video", enh?*]. Now, it's the 21st century and the problem still plagues the family. You see what I'm saying? I don't know if you've observed certain trends in certain families. Exodus 20^{5b}. And just like a curse can pass from generation to generation, sin passed from Adam to all his descendants- that's every human being [Rom 5^{12, 19}]. But thank God, Jesus bore that sin nature upon Himself and, He died [*For the wages of sin is death-Rom 6²³*].

On the third day, having shed His blood, He rose up to a new Life. This life is the Life of the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of God is the Essence of God that fills all and maintains the presence and attributes of God everywhere. This is the Life that Jesus Christ rose with. When you accept Jesus Christ as your Master and Saviour, then, you partake of this Life. This is the Life of God as present in the resurrected Christ. This Life is vitality to your spirit, soul and body.

When Christ rose up on the third day, the holes on His body were still found to be there [as a testimony to His Crucifixion]. I mean holes from big-size nails, thorns and spear- made just three days ago[John20²⁷⁻²⁸]. These holes remind us that Jesus had actually

shed His blood. Now, if as we know it, the life of the flesh is in the blood [Lev 17¹¹], Jesus Christ ought to be in a dead state. It is physiologically accepted that once someone loses two litres of blood over, a vicious circle sets in and that person cannot recover but keeps losing blood till he dies. Exactly this happened to Jesus Christ Friday afternoon, and Sunday morning, He was up, alive and active- passing through walls at will. Christ is the first person to walk on the streets of this earth without depending on human blood-life running in His veins. You see, His new Life was not a life of the flesh but that of the Spirit of God. *Rom 8²[paraphrased]- this principle, the Holy Spirit-gives-Life principle that is at work in the resurrected Christ, is now at work in you, and it has made you free from the Sin-brings-death-principle that used to be at work in you.* As I said before, the Holy Spirit is the substantive Essence of Divinity- the God in God that makes God God. That is the Life that Christ resurrected with- the Life of the Spirit. And, it is the same Life you receive when you believe in your heart and confess that Jesus Christ is your Master and Saviour.

If the God-Life cannot be inflicted with sickness, then when you receive this Life, that sickness that might have been in your body bows out. Curses bow out, too. You become free and free in deed.

This Life is also called the Eternal Life- Life without limits. You become limitless: you can achieve your dreams and you can reach your goals. With Eternal Life in you, your fore-ground is not a function of your background. This Life beats your family background and your ancestral history. It is the Life in the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Receive that Life now by prayerfully speaking these words out loud wherever you are:

“Lord Jesus, I believe that you are the Son of God. You died for me and rose again. I declare you my Lord and Master. Now, I’m born anew into your Life. I have the Life of Christ in me. I’m free of sickness in Jesus’ Name. Curses are broken in Jesus’ Name. I have the Life of God. Halleluyah!

If you said this prayer, please type “saved” in a text message, an e-mail or call the underlisted contacts. Please, include your name and location. By doing this, you will definitely be prayed for and might receive inspiring mails or SMS.

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