



“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” – John 14:6

I am the Life

5th Sunday of Pentecost

1. He gives life to all living things

- “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” (Jn. 1:1-4)
- “We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God...by whom all things were made.” (Nicean Creed)



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- “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power...” (Heb. 1:1-3)



Adam and Eve cast out of Paradise.

2. Life with Him is communion with Him

- “...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Gen. 2:17)
- God considered it death for Adam to be separated from Him.
- “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (Jn. 3:16)



3. To enjoy the life given to us in Christ through the Holy Spirit requires active repentance

- The Samaritan Woman
- “Go, call your husband, and come here.”
(Jn. 4:16)

4. Those who strive to save their life will lose it

- “For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mk. 8:35-36)



Parable of the Rich Fool

- "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'
- "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

5. The work of the Holy Spirit is our lifeblood

- How does the Life of the Lord Christ become ours?

1. Faith in His word

- "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." (Jn. 5:24)
- "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (Jn. 17:3)

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2. Baptism

- “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” (Rom. 6:4)

3. Eucharist

- “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.” (Jn. 6:53)



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4. Holy Struggle

- "...always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." (2 Cor. 4:10)
- "Nothing is so incongruous in a Christian, and foreign to his character, as to seek ease and rest." (St John Chrysostom)