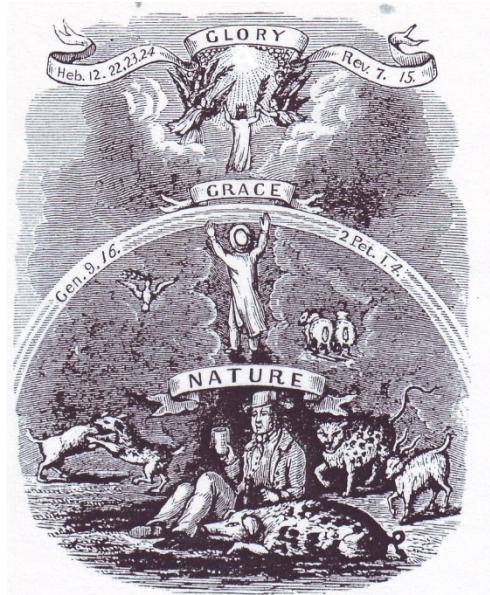


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Conquering Truths Lesson 2 – Three Lives

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Romans 8:5 *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.* **Luke 18:30** *Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.*

Here the wretch, low groveling in the mire, Companion of the filthy; no desire Beyond the present lifts his foul from earth; He knows no joys, we those of meanest birth; The poison cup he drinks, and deeper roll The tides of sin and folly o'er his soul; The Life of Nature thus appears to view, Herding with swine, partakes their groveling too; But see, redeemed, a wondrous change appears, His cheeks are wet with penitential tears; The bow of promise shines before his eyes, His arms are lifted toward the smiling skies.

The dove of peace, with olive-branch, behold, near, the shepherd with his peaceful fold. Sweet emblems these, in which the soul may trace New life begun below, the Life of Grace. See! higher still, beside the heavenly gates, A starry crown the ransomed soul awaits; The angels lead the loving band, God ransomed another brother with open hand;

Related verses:

1 Corinthians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:46; Ephesians 2:3; Romans 5:20; Proverbs 3:34; Romans 3:24; 2 Peter 1:3; Romans 6:22

The picture represents man in three kinds or ways of life. The lower part shows man in a state of nature (natural man), generally designated as a state of sin, or sinful life. He is seated, apparently at his ease, beside a hog, who is wallowing in filth. He is in close contact with ferocious and unclean animals, and has the cup of intoxication in his grasp. The scene immediately above shows man in a state or life of grace. On one side is a dove, with an olive -

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branch; on the other, a flock of sheep, emblems of peace, and purity. The man's arms are extended, as in prayer, toward the grace of promise just before him. In the upper part of the engraving the man appears in a life of glory. Having obtained the victory he is crowned; he is introduced into the host of angels, still upward into the presence of Deity.

The natural man is he who places his supreme happiness in the things of the world, living to gratify the desires of the flesh, the desire of the eye, or the pride of life. Many have no higher aspirations than mere swine, and brutalize their minds and bodies. Some are like wild beasts, fighting and devouring each other. Blindness comes over their minds, and they feel secure, being insensible to the dangers to which they are exposed. They have no fear of God, because they know him not.

Far above the natural man is the Christian, who is existing in a life of grace. He looks upward and walks by faith; his affections are set on things above and not on things of the earth. His life of grace commences when he turns from sin unto holiness. "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3:6). As the effect of his natural birth introduces him into a state of sin, the effect of this new birth is to make him holy. He loves what before He hated, and hates what before he loved. Laying hold of the promises of God, he sees with an eye of faith his eternal inheritance. Having such a view of the future, visible things, by which he is surrounded, appear comparatively of small value, as he sees they are but temporal, passing away like a shadow, while a life of glory is eternal.

The life of glory is entered at death by him who has been prepared for it, by a life of grace in the present world. In fact, it is a blessed consummation of that spiritual life, which was given to the soul when on the earth. He reviews the crown of life everlasting, and is attended by a convoy of angelic beings who are sent to minister to the heirs of salvation. The emblem of the Deity, (one in three, and three in one,) with radiations of glory, is seen above, showing that God will forever dwell with His people. Palms of victory are waving to show that they have overcome the world, and are received as conquerors through him that hath loved them and gave Himself for them; their robes are washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

In this life of glory they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in His temple. The Lord Jesus, enthroned in glory, will communicate to his people as a perpetual increase of happiness. He will lead them into living fountains of water.

There will be no sameness, God is infinite, so His attributes are infinite; and throughout eternity more of those attributes will be discovered. Many have asked "what will heaven be like"? It will be great, never mundane, or boring.

In the progress of history, the Christian lives three lives and one death. One life of nature, one life of faith, one life of glory; One death from sin,

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bought by the Lord Jesus Christ. Unfortunately in the progress of history the natural man only lives one life and two deaths he lives the life of a natural man and dies when his body stops functioning, (Leviticus 17:11) his next residence is Hell, then dies again when he is cast into the lake of Fire, which is the second death (Revelation 21:8).



The fatal current signifies the course of this world leading there into; the streams of sin that eventually lead to the gates of death. The man on the left, rowing against the tide, represents those who stem the torrents of sin, who oppose themselves to the course of this world, no longer fulfilling the lusts of the flesh, nor of the mind." Eternal life is at stake, the other, on the right, represents one who is indifferent about salvation, who indulges in sin and folly, who even ridicules others who are striving to serve God. He endeavors to drown his conscience by drinking draughts of sin, motivated by his pride, carried onward by the ruling powers of evil, he approaches the horrible gulf, into which he falls, and is lost forever.

You see, when Jesus Christ invites you to come to Him and receive everlasting life, or warns you that if you reject Him you will spend eternity in a lake of fire and brimstone, burning in conscious torment, it is hard for us to grasp the importance of that because we think in terms of days, weeks, months, and even years. But, an eternal God who says that in His estimation one thousand years is no different than a single day is not to be ignored. God is telling you that while thousands and thousands of years go by you can be either enjoying the glory of the heaven He has prepared or suffering the torment of the hell that He has prepared. God invites you to trust His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, that you might have everlasting life.

Notes

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Name _____

1. How many lives does the natural man have?
2. How many deaths does the natural man have?
3. Who else in the Bible sat amongst pigs?
4. Why is it that people who are not born again, do not understand the Bible?
5. Who are the children of wrath?
6. Where are we promised to be redeemed by Jesus Christ?
7. Explain John 3:6 in respect to this lesson.
8. Will you be accepted by the world when you become a spiritual man?
9. He loves what before He hated, and hates what before he loved, who is this describing??

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10. If you sit and do nothing about Jesus, what will be your outcome??

11. One in three, and three in one, who is this describing?

12. What will heaven not be?

13. What will heaven be?

14. define these
 - a. First death

 - b. Second death

True/false

- Quickened means to make alive.
- The Doctor in Theology who is not born again, will die in his sin, and go to Hell.
- The Christian life is a struggle.

Scripture memorization, write out these verses on the back on this page:
Revelation 21:8; 1 Corinthians 2:14 (Must be in KJV)

Any questions?