

## Life Creates Conflict

Have you received the life of God? Have you allowed the Holy Spirit to completely take over your life? Have you accepted Jesus' sacrifice as your own? Is He now your Lord and Savior? If so, you are now on the journey of a lifetime! John 5:26 declares,

*"For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself."*

Because of Jesus, you are a child of God. Even as the Father granted the Son to have life in Himself, so also, He has granted you to have this same life in yourself! The life of God is now available to your spirit man. It's not automatic; it's available. We must make ourselves available to Christ so that the life of God already residing within us will be activated. Paul declared in Corinthians that *"we hold this treasure in earthen vessels."* What good is a treasure if it isn't being applied? What value is the life of God if it is not actively operating within us? God gave us His life, this ZOE kind of life, to accomplish something in us that could not be done without His help. Victory is now available in every circumstance. Defeat may have been inevitable in the past but now, because of the life of God in operation within our hearts and lives, there are new possibilities! Victory can be achieved. It won't come through compromise; it does not come through wishful thinking; it will not come through inactivity. Victory comes through the life of God being activated each and every day. God's life always works! Remember God's words in Deuteronomy: *"I set before you this day life and death. Choose life that you may live."* Victory comes through this ZOE life. But it does have enemies to prevent victory from coming to you.

Only after you have received the life of God does the conflict really begin. Prior to God's life being activated within us we all follow the dictates of our own heart, do we not? Before Jesus Christ we were dead in trespasses and sin. But now, in Christ Jesus, we are alive unto God! As soon as life takes over, your flesh will seek to prevent God's life from producing victory in you. But do not be distracted by this. Let this new life continue to supply you daily by walking in the Spirit and not in the flesh. Hallelujah!

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