What a friend we have in Jesus...For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God
WEEK 3: HE ROSE AGAIN THE THIRD DAY!

CHRIST THE FIRST FRUITS OF THE HEAVENLY RACE

Romans 4:25 (Jesus) was delivered for our offences and was **raised for our justification**.

1 Cor 15: ..**If Christ be not raised**, your faith is vain; **you are yet in your sins**.[18] Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished…[20] **But now is Christ risen from the dead**, **and become the FIRSTFRUITS** of them that slept.[21] For since **by man (Adam) came death, by man (Jesus) came also the resurrection of the dead**.[22] For as in **Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive**.[23] But every man in his own order: **Christ the Firstfruits**; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming….[42] **So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:[43] It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power**:[44] It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body… [47] **The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven...[49] And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly**.

The Suffering Servant vs The Risen Christ
John 18:4-6: [4] Jesus knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth and said unto them, Whom seek ye? [5] They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, **I am He**…[6] As soon then as He had said unto them, I am He, they went backward, and fell to the ground. **Matt 26:49** (Judas) came to Jesus, and said, **Hail, master**; and kissed Him…**Matt 27:29-31** [29] And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and **mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!**

Matt 28:9 …Behold, Jesus met them, saying, **All hail**. And they came and held Him by the feet, and worshipped him.[10] Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell **My brethren** that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see Me.

John 20:17 Jesus said to her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to **My brethren**, and say unto them, I ascend unto **My Father**, and **your Father**; and to **My God, and your God**.

Luke 24: 39-43 Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit has not **flesh and bones**, as you see Me have….Have you any meat?...He did eat before them.

Matt 27:51-53 [51] Behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; [52] And the **graves were opened**; **and many bodies of the saints which slept arose**, [53] **And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many**.

Luke 16:20-31 Abraham's bosom…The paradise where the righteous which died in faith were kept in comfort. (Jesus told the thief on the cross, "Today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43)

1 Pet 3:18-20 …Christ…being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: **19** By which also **He went and preached unto the spirits in prison**…(kept, held, preserved)

Psalm 68:18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast **led captivity captive**: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

Eph 4:8-13 [8] Wherefore He saith, When **He ascended up on high, he led captivity captive**, and gave gifts unto men.[9] (**Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth**? [10] **He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)**[11] And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; [12] For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:[13] Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the **fulness of Christ.**

Job: 19:25-27 **25** For I know that **my Redeemer lives**, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: **26** And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet **in my flesh shall I see God: 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another!**

WE HAVE THE FIRST FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

By His Spirit we are given Authority to Hope, in this life and for the next!
Rom 8:20-27 **20** For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who hath **subjected** the same **in Hope**,**21** Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**22** For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now. **23** And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the **Firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption…the redemption of our body.**24** For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees, why does he yet hope for? **25** But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. [26] Likewise **the Spirit also helps our infirmities**: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** And He that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

John 16:7 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.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Cor 15:52-53 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep(die), but we shall all be changed,**52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed**.**53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Thes 4:14-18 [14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep (died) in Jesus.[15] For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep (died). [16] **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore comfort one another with these words.**

1 John 3:2 Beloved, **NOW we are the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, **when He shall appear, we shall be like Him**; **for we shall see Him as He is**.

Gal 5:5 For we **through the Spirit** wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. (For NOW, and THEN!)

THE SAVING LIFE OF CHRIST -Reconciled by His death, saved by His Life!

"I have excepted you in My Beloved Son"

LOVED AS THOUGH I NEVER SINNED…LOVED AS JESUS

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the Glory of His grace wherein He hath made us **accepted in the Beloved.**

John 17: **[23]** I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and **have loved them as You have loved Me(Jesus)**. **[26]** And I have declared to them Your name…that **the Love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them**."

"I CANNOT DENY MYSELF"

2 Tim 2:11-15 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him:**[12]** If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, (Jesus Gospel of Grace) He also will deny us:**[13]** If we believe not, (have disbelief, are disobedient) yet He abides faithful: **He cannot deny himself**…(**)**[15]** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

****Phil 3:15** Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, **God shall reveal even this unto you**.

Pet 1:23 Being **born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of **incorruptible**, by the word of God, which lives and abides forever.

"You are not alone if you have Me"

That I may know Him…

Phil 3:10-21 That I may **know Him**, and the **power of his resurrection**, (Romans 5:10, Eph 3-4) and the **fellowship of his sufferings**, (1Pet 4:14, Isaiah 57, 1 John) being made **conformable unto his death**; (Isaiah 53:7) **11** If by any means I might attain unto the **resurrection of the dead**. (Yet not I, but Christ in me) **12** **Not as though** I had already **attained**, either were already **perfect**: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend (seize, possess) that for which also I am apprehended (seized, possessed) of Christ Jesus. **13** Brethren, I count not myself to have **apprehended**: **but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.** ***15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*** **16** Nevertheless, whereto we have **already attained**, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing….For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: **21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

Roman 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled** to God by the death of his Son, **Much More**, being reconciled, **we shall be saved by HIS LIFE. (The LIFE of His SON!)**

Eph 3&4 Christ dwelling in your heart BY FAITH…not alienated from the Life of God.

1 Peter 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for **the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you**: on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified.

Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the **High and Lofty One** that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a **contrite and humble spirit**, to **revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.**

1 John: 1:1-4 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; **2** (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) **3** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and **truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ**. **4** And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

Isaiah 53: 7 He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet **He opened not His mouth**: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth.

GAL 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ lives in me**: and the life which **I now live** in the flesh I live **by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

WALKING BY THE RULE OF THE SPIRIT

Romans 8:2 For the **Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** has made me free from the law of sin and death.

1 Cor 10:23 All things are Lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

What is our constraint? Love! It is where all the law and prophets hang!

GAL 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision (what we do) avails anything, nor uncircumcision (what we don't do); but **FAITH WHICH WORKS BY LOVE**.

GAL 6:15-16 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision (what we do) avails anything, nor uncircumcision (what we don't do) but a **NEW CREATURE**. And as many as **walk according to THIS RULE**, PEACE be on them, and MERCY, and upon the Israel of God.

Phil: 3:16 Let us walk by the same RULE… What Rule? The Law of the Spirit, the Christ we have attained, forgetting what is behind, reaching forth to what is before, Pressing towards The High Calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Because He Lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives!

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!