

Jesus is the Life

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: --John 11:25

Jesus was talking to Martha regarding the death of her brother. He was concerned with her distress and encouraged her by telling her, *"I am the resurrection and the life."* This statement offered encouragement because it assured her that Jesus is the "fountain of life and the author of the resurrection" (Matthew Henry's Commentary).

The abundant life flows like a fountain emanating from Christ. People search for life in many of the wrong places. They chase after fleeting pleasures, amass wealth, collect possessions, and even deny their mortality. They search in vain, thinking that their good works will make them happy. They join organizations and even search for happiness in vain religions.

In contrast, Jesus offers abundant life. He promises to be with us through every trial we face. He promises that everything that comes into our life will work together for good. He is our protector and our provider. He loves us and will bless us with *"joy unspeakable and full of glory."*

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. --1 Peter 1:8