**THE SECRET TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE... CONTINUED**

*The Story of Scripture, part 30*

1 Thessalonians 5:23 - 24, ESV
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**JESUS DIED FOR YOU SO THAT HE MIGHT LIVE IN YOU.**

**GALATIANS 2:20A**
I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:23 – 24**
Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**JESUS IN YOU TRANSFORMS EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.**

**I PRAY THAT GOD WILL MAKE YOU MORE AND MORE LIKE JESUS.**

**1 THESSALONIANS 1:4 – 10**
For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Jesus transforms you from the inside out.

**ROMANS 12:2**
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind . . .

**2 CORINTHIANS 10:5**
. . . take every thought captive to obey Christ . . .
**PSALM 63:1 – 5**
O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food . . .

**GENESIS 3:6**
So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

**I PRAY THAT GOD WILL PREPARE YOU TO COME FACE-TO-FACE WITH JESUS.**

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:23**
Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 THESSALONIANS 1:10
... wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:19
For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming?

1 THESSALONIANS 3:13
... may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16 – 17
For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:2 – 3
For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9 – 10
For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

That moment will be sudden.

Our hearts will be exposed.

MATTHEW 7:21 – 23
Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name,
and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?” And then will I declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.”

In instant, our lives will stand alone.

**MATTHEW 24:40 – 41**
Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.

His judgment will be final.

All who do not know Him will experience eternal destruction away from Him.

**2 THESALONIANS 1:7 – 9**
. . . when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might . . .

All who know Him will enjoy eternal satisfaction with Him.

**2 THESALONIANS 1:10**
. . . when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.