**CHRIST IS ALL IN ALL OF LIFE! 1 C0R. 10:31(1)**

These 2 stories both stem from a terrible view of life: **The divided life! The bifurcated life!**

This comes from the 2 step / stage or 3 step / stage forms of Christianity.

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| **Higher life** | **Spiritual life** | **Better life** |
| **Lower life** | **Carnal life** | **Worse life** |

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| **Sunday****Religion** | **Monday - Saturday****Reality** |

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| **In the Spirit** | **In the flesh** |

**1 Corinthians 10:31**

**Whether therefore ye eat, or drink,**

**or whatsoever ye do,**

**do all to the glory of God.**

We are confronted with eating, drinking, whatever – all rather mundane, common activities!

Doing even the mundane / common to the glory of God?

The sphere we bring glory to God is all of Life? The undivided life? The rest of life?

But Pastor – what about sin, evil, wrong, &…isn’t this a fallen world? Yes, and that complicates life but doesn’t change life!

**1. We live all of life & the rest of life as from the Hand of God!
1 Corinthians 10:26 For the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof.**

**1 Corinthians 10:27** If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. **1 Corinthians 10:28** But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: **for the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof:**

**Simple but so very profound….**

**Exodus 9:29** And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the Lord; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; **that thou mayest know how that the earth is the Lord’s.**

**Exodus 19:5** Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: **for all the earth is mine:**

**Deuteronomy 10:14** Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord’s thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

**Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein. Psalm 24:2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the floods.**

**Psalm 50:10** For every beast of the forest is mine, And the cattle upon a thousand hills. **Psalm 50:11** I know all the fowls of the mountains: And the wild beasts of the field are mine. **Psalm 50:12** If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

**Psalm 89:11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: As for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.**

**1 Timothy 6:17** Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, **who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;**

**God gives us abilities:**

* **To smell**
* **To hear**
* **To ssee**
* **To touch**
* **To taste**
* **Plus to think**

**And God gave us both sides!!!**

**Ability to smell: something to smell**

**Ability to see: something to see**

**Ability to hear: something to hear**

**Ability to taste: something to taste**

**Ability to feel / touch: something to touch**

**Why will we have a body forever? Why is the embodied existence a distinctly Christian idea? Why the resurrection of the body?**

**2. We live all of life & the rest of life as by the Grace of God!**

**1 Corinthians 10:30** For **if I by grace (Εἰ ἐγὼ χάριτι μετέχω)** be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which **I give thanks (ἐγὼ εὐχαριστῶ)?**

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Ephesians 2:9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**Romans 3:24** Being justified freely **by his grace (χάριτι)** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

**1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace (Χάριτι δὲ θεοῦ) of God** I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

**2 Corinthians 12:9** And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**The simplest parts of life are by grace and we say grace!**