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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Salvation I I I

(JESUS DIED FOR US)

ROMANS 5:8-9 NKJV – (8) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **(9)** Much more than, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

JOHN 3:16 NKJV – (16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 NKJV – (21) For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 PETER 3:18 NKJV – (18) For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit....

By means of believing, the Holy Spirit is uniting us to Christ in who is life. And in that instant, we are born again, we believe, we are united with the Son of God, and we have his life. And because it is the life of the Son of God, it does last forever. "I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die".

And at this point, don't forget the word *gave* — "For God so loved the world that he *gave* . . ." Meaning *gave to die*. We don't perish under the wrath of God because Jesus died in our place under the wrath of God. He was "the Lamb of God"—the sacrifice given in our place—who bears our sin and our punishment (**John 1:29, 36**). So we have eternal life both because Christ died in our place and because in him is life. He removes the great obstacle of God's wrath, and he supplies the everlasting life that we don't have in ourselves.

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 11:25-26

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Gospel is open to all; the most respectable sinner has no more claim on it than the worst.

