

Sometimes we falsely conceive of eternal life or salvation as if it were God handing over some kind of object to us, like a gift or resource. Perhaps we might conceive of this like a heart or kidney transplant. But a better image is that of how a fetus “shares” the life of the mother. Life can only happen for that baby because they are connected to the vitality of the mother. Notice a similar idea in John 6: “Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats will live because of me” (6:57cf. 6:53–54).

And again: “Because I live, you also will live” (14:19). So we are back to the notion that Jesus is not just the giver of life, but he is in fact LIFE itself. While John doesn’t develop a baby–mother image of life, he does offer his famous portrayal of Jesus as the “true vine” (John 15). Those who live in a way that is vitally connected to Jesus will have his life flowing through them (15:4–5). This not only brings strength and energy to the branches, but—most importantly—enables them to produce fruit. For John, that “fruit” is love (15:8–9).

PRAYER ACTION: Lord help me to RECONNECT with YOU - give me your life, your spirit, the fear of the Lord, forgiveness, mercy, joy, peace, freedom, boldness, strength, rest! Jesus you are my revival, I am revived in you!

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