### Two Ways to Live

Gospel of John, Part XXXXI John 12:12-36, Part Two Stuart W. Bryan

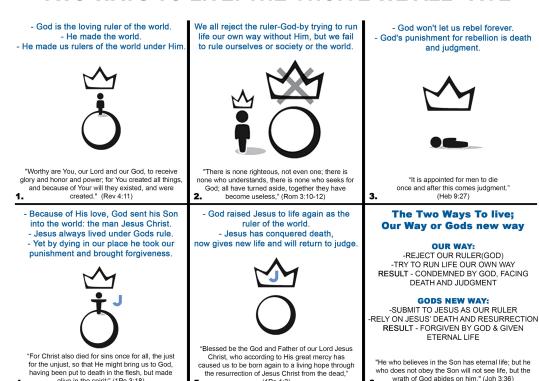
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## TWO WAYS TO LIVE: THE CHOICE WE ALL FACE



### III. The King's Man

alive in the spirit;" (1Pe 3:18)

In our text today, Jesus highlights His \_\_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_. These two things always go together because the character of the King shapes the character of His people. What does it mean to be the King's man? It means to follow the King, to imitate Him. If we are united to Christ, if we are connected to Him, then we will go where he goes.

(1Pe 1:3)

What does it mean to be the King's man? He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

# A. He who loves his life

First, Jesus declares that <i>he who loves his life will lose it</i> . Who is this person? The one who <i>loves his life</i> is the one who places a greater priority on his own opinions than he does on the of the Father. The one who <i>loves his life</i> is the one who rejects the light, Jesus. The one who <i>loves his life</i> is the one who fails to believe in the light and who walks in darkness – who remains separated from God.
So what will be the consequence of this way of life? He who loves his life will it. The one who says to God in this life, "I will live separately from you; I will be on my own; I will make my desires a greater priority than your laws" is the one to whom God says in eternity, "You will live separately from me forever." But to live separately from God is to exist in death — and to be dead is not to cease to exist, it is to be truly alone.
B. He who hates his life in this world
The other way to live is, in Jesus' words, to hate one's life in this world. So what is it to hate one's life in this world? It is to make God's glory a greater priority than my own desires. To hate one's life in this world is to believe in the light and so it is to walk in the light, to walk as He walked. What does Jesus long for most? He most longs for the of God (27-28).
To long for the glory of God is to treasure Him and His law above all things.
• – Therefore, I love Your commandments more than gold, yes, than fine
gold! (Ps 119:127)  - Many are my persecutors and my enemies, yet I do not turn from Your
testimonies. (157)
• – Princes persecute me without a cause, but my heart stands in awe of your word. (161)
• – The proud have me in great derision, yet I do not turn aside from your law. (51)
The wise man does not <i>God</i> to obtain other things. This is what the worldly man does. When God gets in the way of the things of this world, the worldly man casts God off. Why? Because God is a means to an end. But the wise man uses all these things as a means to draw closer to God. Hence, when any one of them gets in the way of God, the wise man casts them aside. He <i>hates his life in this world</i> .
So what will be the consequence of this way of life? "He who hates his life in this world," Jesus says, "will keep it for eternal life." So what is it to have eternal life? It is to be with for eternity and to be honored by the

# IV. Conclusion