

SERMON: I AM HE THAT LIVETH

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 1:18

Introduction: There is no consolation in all the world so great as the words, “I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold I am alive forevermore.” The poor suffering world needs to hear those words often... “I am alive forevermore.”

Some of these examples are:

1. HE IS GOD’S UNSPEAKABLE GIFT (II Cor. 9:15)

- a. When the world was hopelessly lost and had faced defeat over and over again, God gave His unspeakable gift.
- b. He lived like a man, so we may live like a God. He knows our feelings and infirmities. (Hebrews 2:16-18)
- c. Only those truly delivered from the bondage of Satan can understand Paul’s description of Jesus as the “unspeakable gift.”

2. HE LIVES IN THE COMMON PLACE OF LIFE

- a. Jesus did not appear to His disciples and followers in the midnight trances and visions of ecstasy, but in the common walks of life
 - i. In the garden of Joseph of Arimathea
 - ii. On the highway to Emmaeus
 - iii. By the seashore where the disciples were fishing
 - iv. In the open spaces to 500 in the daytime
- b. He ate and talked with them. They touches Him
- c. He yet appears in common places:
 - i. In the place of business or study
 - ii. In confusions and distresses of daily living
 - iii. In the neighborhood of suffering and hunger
 - iv. In the since room and hospital

3. H LIVETH FOREEVER – BEYOND DEATH

- a. He holds the keys of death of hell
- b. Our friends and family die and cannot return through the iron gate of death to tell us what lies beyond
- c. Jesus returned through the iron gate of death and bids us to leave our fears and dread and enter through the golden gate of that city New Jerusalem. He is our eternal guide—God’s unspeakable gift.