



The Basic Rule of Life

There is a basic rule in life.

Something must die so that we can live.

All our food was once alive. It had to die to become our food. Live corn became Corn Flakes, the carrots in a stew were once growing in the ground, and the meat in that hamburger was once part of a living animal.

And the same applies spiritually. Something spiritual has to die for you to have eternal life. That something was God in human form, Jesus of Nazareth. He died on Calvary. If we can accept that, and rely on that, then we can live.

But it doesn't stop there.

For us to go up a level, to experience the fullness of the spiritual life that God intended then something else has to die. And that something else is us.

Jesus said that we were to deny ourselves and take up our cross daily.

Most of us have desires, ambition, future plans. Generally they are fine but God wants us to allow Him to be King in our lives. He wants the final say, to use us as He wants.

So we must die to our own desires, ambitions and future plans if He has something else for us. We must offer ourselves daily to Him.

We must also die to the things of the everyday world.

Of course we still drive cars, still work, still use computers. What I am talking about is the entertainment we listen to, watch, or read.

Are these things stopping our prayer time?

Our King demands our time, our lives, our all.

For us to gain full eternal life then we must die.

The basic rule of life applies to us too.

But there's more.

One of the strange things about food is the growing number of allergies that seem to be a part of our modern world.

Some people have an allergy to wheat, one of the most basic foods. Even the Bible treats wheat as a staple food. How can it be that people are now allergic to it?

The answer is probably in hybridising.

Back in Genesis 1 God created plants that had seed in themselves, they reproduced after their own kind. Although many hybridised plants have the chemical make up of the original the hybridised plants do not produce seed that will grow. The seed, the fruit has no life in it.

So when we eat modern hybridised wheat, corn, lettuce or whatever, nothing is dying. Our bodies might be receiving all the right chemicals but we are not feeding on life.

And the same applies spiritually.

God is His Word.

All too often God's Word gets hybridised. Man plays with it, mixes his own ideas, his own theology, his own dogmas and creeds. And the church is sick as a result.

Worst of all some people, thinking they are feasting on the Word of life find that it doesn't fulfil, it has no power, no peace, no promise. They have an allergy, and will not try to feed again on that Word, it makes them sick. They don't realise they have been feeding on hybrid word, a word that didn't die for them.

Find the right Word, the Word that has life in it. Eat it as John ate the book in Revelation 10 v8 – 10 and it will produce the right life as in verse 11.

Reference: Matthew 16 v6-12