

## In Death and in Life

**Life Church Smyrna**

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Main Text: Mark 12:18-27 NRSV

- **In Death**

**John 11:25 NRSV** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die...

**John 11:35 NRSV** “Jesus began to weep.”

**1 Corinthians 15:24-26 NRSV** <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**John 11:25-26 NRSV** <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

- **In Life**

They’re wrong because they “don’t know the Scriptures or the power of God!” (Mark 12:24)

**Mark 12:25:** “for **when** they rise from the dead...”

**1 Corinthians 15:12-14; 17-19 NRSV** <sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say, “There is no resurrection of the dead”? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and so is your faith.... <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Those, then, who have fallen asleep in Christ have also

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perished. <sup>19</sup> If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone.

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NRSV** <sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

**Mark 12:27** “He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.”

“Resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing.”  
-Frederick Buechner

Loving God! Loving People! Loving Life!

