

**LIFE THROUGH
THE LIVING ONE**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649416950

Life Through the Living One by James H. Brooks

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

JAMES H. BROOKS

**LIFE THROUGH
THE LIVING ONE**

LIFE
THROUGH THE LIVING ONE.

BY
JAMES H. BROOKES, D.D.,
ST. LOUIS, U.S.A.



London:
HODDER AND STOUGHTON,
27, PATERNOSTER ROW.
M D C C C L X X X.

141. n. 64.

Butler & Tanner,
The Selwood Printing Works,
Frome, and London.

PREFACE.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation ; but is passed from death unto life.”¹ Such is the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is the testimony of One concerning whom it is declared, “The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”²

It is the testimony of One to whom a distinguished Pharisee confessed, “We know that Thou art a teacher come from God.”³

It is the testimony of One who said, “to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed ; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”⁴

It is the testimony of One who exclaimed on the

¹ John v. 24.

² John iii. 2.

³ John i. 14.

⁴ John viii. 31, 32.

earth, and still exclaims from heaven, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."¹

Surely it is testimony worthy of the most careful and respectful attention.

¹ John xiv. 6.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
I. Dead in Sins	9
II. Death Inherited	16
III. The Death of Christ	23
IV. The Spirit of Life	30
V. Life Received	38
VI. Life Nourished	46
VII. Life Known and Enjoyed	54
STUMBLING BLOCKS REMOVED—	
1. "I do not Feel that I am a Sinner"	65
2. "I do not Feel that I am Saved"	66
3. "I have not Repented Enough"	67
4. "I fear that my Faith is not the Right Kind"	68
5. "I fear I have not Come in the Right Way"	70
6. "I fear I cannot Hold Out"	74
7. "I cannot Pray as I ought"	72
8. "I cannot Believe, though Willing to be Saved"	73
9. "I cannot Keep the Commandments"	75
10. "I do not Love Christ as I ought"	76
11. "I do not Know that He will Save me personally"	77
12. "Well, I will keep on Trying"	78
13. "But must I not Strive to enter into Heaven?"	80
14. "Must I not Work Out my Salvation with Fear and Trembling?"	81
15. "Does not the Bible tell of some who Turn Back?"	82
16. "May I not be among those who Fall Away?"	83

	PAGE
17. "Does not James teach that we are Justified by Works?"	85
18. "Must I not Engage in Good Works?"	86
19. "I do not know what Church to Join"	87
20. "How shall I Live as a Christian?"	88
21. "What is to be my Aim in Life?"	90

I.

Dead in Sins.

"YOU hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved),"¹

Such is the testimony of the Holy Ghost, addressed to saints who were specially favoured by the advanced and sublime revelations contained in the epistle to the Ephesians. He does not say that sin had introduced some disorder into the moral faculties of the soul. He does not say that they retained a divine spark in the breast, which, with the kindly influences of proper culture, could be kindled into a flame. He does not say that they possessed a germ which, with the appliances of religious teaching and Church nurture and good example, could be developed into salvation. He does not say that they had been injured by the fall, and were like a man with a broken limb who needs a surgeon, or like a sick man needing a physician; but they were dead, and therefore needed God. If the inspired Apostle used language with even an ordinary degree of intelligence and meaning, he plainly teaches that those to

¹ Eph. ii. 1-5.