

# He That Has the Son Has Life

by Octavius Winslow

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*The sermon emphasizes the permanence of Christ's indwelling in believers and the assurance of abundant life through Him.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 51:10, John 10:10, John 14:6, Romans 8:11, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 3:16-19, Philippians 1:6, Colossians 1:27, 1 John 5:12

**Topics:** "Eternal Life", "Indwelling Christ"

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## Description

Octavius Winslow emphasizes that possessing Christ means possessing eternal life, contrasting the transient nature of superficial faith with the permanence of a true relationship with Jesus. He reassures believers that even when their spiritual state feels cold or hard, the very awareness of this condition indicates the presence of life within them. Winslow encourages individuals to bring their struggles and desires to Jesus, who offers abundant life and sustains their spiritual growth. He highlights the importance of Christ's indwelling presence, which nurtures and protects the believer's faith amidst challenges. Ultimately, he points to the hope of eternal life in heaven, free from earthly struggles.

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## Transcript

He that has the Son has life. 1 John 5:12.

A living Christ dwelling in a living soul. This implies permanency. The religion of some is a religion of the moment. Like the gourd of the prophet, it appears in a night, and it withers in a night. It is the religion of impulse and of feeling. It comes by fits and starts. It is easily assumed, and as easily laid aside. But here is the grand characteristic of a truly converted man--Christ lives in him, and lives in him never to die. He has entered his heart never to retire. He has enthroned Himself, never to abdicate. And although the fact of His permanent indwelling may not always appear with equal clearness and certainty to the mind of the believer himself, nevertheless Christ is really there by His Spirit. It is His home, His dwelling-place, His kingdom. He lives there, to maintain His government, to sway His scepter, and to enforce, by the mild constraint of His love, obedience to His laws. He lives there to guard and nourish His own work, shielding it when it is assailed, strengthening it when it is feeble, reviving it when it droops, restoring it when it decays; thus keeping, amid opposing influences, the life of God that it die not.

But perhaps it is a question of deep anxiety with you--"Would that I knew I were in reality a possessor of this spiritual life! My heart is so hard, my affections are so cold, my spirit is so sluggish, in everything that is spiritual, holy, and divine." Permit me to ask you, Can a stone feel its hardness, or a corpse its

insensibility? Impossible! You affirm that you feel your hardness, and that you are sensible of your coldness. From where does this spring but from life? Could you weep, or mourn, or deplore, were the spiritual state of your soul that of absolute death? Again I say impossible. But rest not here; go to Jesus. What you really need is a fresh view of, a renewed application to, the Lord Jesus Christ. Take to Him the stone-like heart, the corpse-like soul. Tell him you want to feel more, and to weep more, and to love more, and to pray more, and to live more. Go and pour out your heart, with all its tremblings, and doubts, and fears, and needs, upon the bleeding, loving bosom of your Lord, until from that bosom life more abundant has darted its quickening energy, vibrating and thrilling through your whole soul. "I have come," says Jesus, "that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Jesus stands between you and God, prepared to present to God every sigh, and groan, and desire, and tear, and request; and to convey from God every blessing--covenant, blood-purchased blessing--which it is possible for Him to give, or needful for you to receive. Exult in the prospect of soon reaching heaven, where there are no frosts to congeal, where there is no blight to wither, and where no earthly tendencies will ever weigh down to the dust the life of God in your soul.

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