

THE LIFE I NOW LIVE

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A STUDY OF THE PROVISION OF GOD
IN CHRIST AND THE LIFE OF FAITH

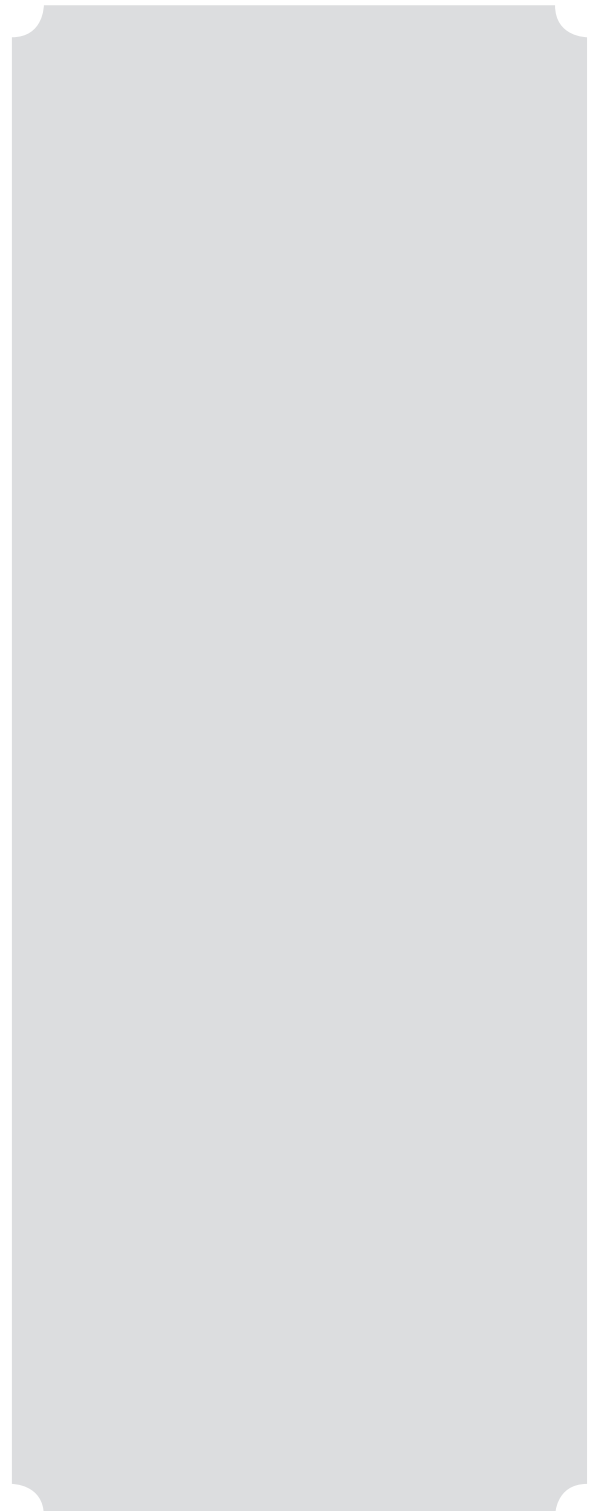
I. REVIEW TO THIS POINT

A. Foundation of the life of faith – Justification

1. Reconciliation – peace with God
2. Potential for constant access to God

B. Outworking of faith

1. **Life of Courage** – Because the Lord is with us and controlling our circumstances
2. **Life of Sufficiency** – Because the Lord is our supply to meet the demands of the circumstances He allows
3. **Life of Spiritual Development** – Because union with Christ secures all we need to live for God
 - a. The bondage to sin is broken
 - b. The Spirit indwells to press us forward



4. Life of Lasting Significance –

- a. Christ-like character through union with the Vine
- b. Lasting influence on lives around us through union with the Vine

5. Life of Hope – Because in Christ the future is secure

II. FAITH AND HOPE

A. Difference between the concepts

- 1. Faith – trust in God which affects my immediate circumstances
- 2. Hope – trust in God which anchors my heart concerning future circumstances

B. Importance of Hope

- 1. Devil is the supremely hopeless being.
- 2. Hope raises us above his depression and heaviness.
- 3. Hope enables us to take vital action in the present.
 - a. Hope of the return of the Lord motivates pure living.
 - b. Hope of the resurrection enables whole-hearted service.
 - c. Hope of heaven enables us to endure the difficulties of life.

