

THE CHURCH IN MADISON - WORSHIP & MINISTRY MEETING
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Basic Lessons on Life

Summary

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I. Life

A. Life (zoe) is eternal — 1 John 1:2.

1 John 1:2 (And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us)

B. Life is Christ — John 14:6, Col 3:4a, 1 John 5:12a.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

Col 3:4a When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

1 John 5:12a He who has the Son has the life

II. Vessel

A. Man needing to be God's vessel to contain him — Rom 9:21, 23; 2 Cor. 4:7.

Rom 9:21 Or does not the potter have authority over the clay to make out of the same lump one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?

Rom 9:23 In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

B. Putting man before the tree of life, indicating that God wanted man to receive Him as life — Gen 2:7-9.

Genesis 2:7-9 Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

III. The Spirit with our spirit — Rom 8:16a.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit

A. To be regenerated is to have the life of God

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:6b that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Titus 3:5b through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

B. The renewing Spirit is mingled with our regenerated spirit as one mingled spirit to spread into our mind to renew our entire being

1 Corinthians 6:17 but he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Ephesians 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

Romans 12:2a And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

C. Exercise yourself unto godliness

1 Timothy 4:7b exercise yourself unto godliness

2 Timothy 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

D. To exercise our spirit is to send our mind on the spirit

Romans 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

1. When we set our mind on the spirit, we have the inner sense of life and peace, the sense of strength, satisfaction, rest, release, liveliness, watering, brightness and comfort
2. When we set our mind on the flesh, we have the inner sense of death, the sense of weakness, emptiness, uneasiness, restlessness, depression, dryness, darkness, and pain
3. Our Christian life is not according to the standard of right and wrong but according to the spirit, and we know the spirit by the inner sense of life and peace

IV. The fellowship of life – 1 John 1:2a, 3, 5b-7, 9

1 John 1:2 a And the life was manifested

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:5b God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth;

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

V. Dispensing— Rom. 8:2a, 6, 9-11.

A. The divine life – Rom. 8:2a

B. Dispensed into our spirit – v. 10

Romans 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

C. Dispensed into our mind – v. 6

Romans 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

D. Dispensed into our body – v. 11

Romans 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

E. The dispensing of the Triune God – vv. 9-11

Romans 8:9-11 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.