

Basic Lessons on Life

The Definition of Life

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- I. **Life is not devotion:**
 - A. **Devotion is the exercise of piety.**
 - B. **Life is Christ living in us - Gal 2:20a**

Gal 2:20a I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me;
- II. **Life is not good behavior:**
 - A. **Good behavior is our doing.**
 - B. **Life is Christ lived out of us - Phil 1:21a.**

Phil 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- III. **Life is not power:**
 - A. **Power is for work - Acts 1:8.**
 - B. **Life is for living - John 6:57b.**

John 6:57b so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
- IV. **Life is not gift:**
 - A. **Gift is the ability for function - Rom 12:6.**
 - B. **Life is the divine being in our being - John 1:13b.**

John 1:13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God
- V. **Life is not growth in knowledge:**
 - A. **The growth in knowledge is the increase in knowledge.**
 - B. **Life is the increase of God - Col 2:19b.**

Col. 2:19b And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.
- VI. **Life is not our human life:**
 - A. **Our human life (*bios* and *psuche*) is mortal - Luke 8:43b; 21:4b; Matt 16:25-26.**

Luke 8:43b And a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years and who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and yet could not be healed by anyone,

Luke 21:4b For all these out of their surplus have cast in something into the gifts, but she out of her lack has cast in all the living that she had.

Matt 16:25-26 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it. For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?
 - B. **Life (*zoe*) is eternal - 1 John 1:2; Psa 90:2b.**

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);"

Psa 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, / And before You gave birth to the earth and the world, / Indeed from eternity to eternity, You are God.

VII. Life is God's content and God's flowing out:

A. God's content is God's being - Eph 4:18a.

Eph. 4:18 Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart.

B. God's flowing out is the impartation of Himself as life to us - Rev 22:1.

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

VIII. Life is Christ - John 14:6a; Col 3:4a; 1 John 5:12a:

John 14:6a Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life;

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

1 John 5:12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

A. Christ is the embodiment of God who is life - Col 2:9

Col. 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

B. Christ is the expression of God- John 1:18; Heb 1:3a

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him

Heb. 1:3a Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance

IX. Life is the Holy Spirit:

A. The Holy Spirit is the reality of Christ - John 14:16-17; 1 Cor 15:45b.

John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever, Even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you.

1 Cor. 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam *became* a life-giving Spirit.

B. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of life that gives life to us - Rom 8:2a; 2 Cor 3:6b.

Rom. 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

2 Cor. 3:6b for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Focus: Life is the Triune God dispensed into us and living in us.