

Everything to Do With Life: A Survey of the Gospel

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THE BEGINNING.

Note

The Epistle of Barnabas claimed that the six-day creation week and God's rest on the seventh day foreshadows 6,000 years of human history, followed by 1,000 years of peace in the millennial kingdom.

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." **Genesis 1:1**

- Life in Nature: all of earth's beautiful nature was created for the enjoyment of man & for the glory of God by man. As we look upon nature we glorify the majesty of God. "How Great Thou Art."

Romans 1:20 *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.*

Man possessed:

- Provision for Life – everything created was for man; man was to "subdue the land."
- Life of Health – The body was not created with a curse.
- Shared life in relationship – "Not good for man to be alone."
- Family Life – "Be fruitful & multiply." Multiplication was the fruit of the blessing.
- Godly Life - Man shared the attributes of God for he had been created in His image.
- Life with God - Man had personal relationship with God.
- A Peaceful Life - Evil was unknown; therefore, everything functioned without problem(s).

God created man with freewill whereby he could love God willfully through his reliance, trust, and obedience toward God.

Genesis 2:16–17 ¹⁶ *The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."*

Man had physical life and spiritual life. His physical life came from the spirit of life given to the body, and his spiritual life came from his perfect union with God. Tragically, all life was lost through the disobedience of Adam.

Romans 5:12 *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.*

Immediately following the fall, **the gospel** was mentioned in the cursing of the serpent who had beguiled man into sin. The serpent was none other than God's arch enemy, Satan. Then later the gospel was announced to Abraham. (this is the gospel in the beginning)

Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.*

Genesis 12:3 *And in you (Abraham) all the families of the earth will be blessed.*

The seed of man – the seed of Abraham – the Son of Man – the Son of God
God promised another Adam as Luke refers to Jesus as the “last Adam”.

The first Adam failed. In the knowledge of good and evil - evil has prevailed and it fills our world today.

Romans 1:21 *For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

However, there is hope. There is a future. There is life and the life is eternal.

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

The Last Adam has come! His name is Jesus the Christ! His name is above all names for it means conqueror, deliverer, and savior.

Matthew 1:21 *“She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”*

The divine man – the God-man – the Righteous One.

Romans 5:18–19 ¹⁸ *So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.*
¹⁹ *For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.*

I hate sin and what it does to a person’s life; what it does to families; how it ruins and destroys; how it brings pain and suffering, and worst of all, death. Death is sin’s greatest victory - the pangs of death and what it takes from us.

Hebrews 2:14–15 ¹⁴ *Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.*

1 Corinthians 15:55–57 ⁵⁵ *“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”*
⁵⁶ *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;*
⁵⁷ *but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Jesus sets us free! Free from sin and its power over us in life and in death! **The gift of God in the giving of His Son is righteousness, abundant life, and eternal life!**

History is the work of God in calling and choosing a few out of every generation to populate His eternal kingdom, His church, & the new heaven and the new earth wherein only righteousness dwells.

“Do you believe in God? Believe also in Me!” (Jesus Christ)

It’s All About Life!

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.*

Who today wants? Who today wants to make their calling and election sure?