

The Gift of Life

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The Breath of Life

- Genesis 2:7
- Genesis 1:27–28
- Leviticus 17:11
 - Physical life – in the blood
 - Spiritual life – the spirit/breath of God given to each person
- Jeremiah 1:5
- Ecclesiastes 12:6–7
- Ecclesiastes 12:5
 - Spirit = Breath
 - Returns to God who gave it

Life – a gift from God

- Design and Destiny
- Psalm 139:13–16
- Design
 - You made all my parts
 - You knit me together
 - Made me wonderfully complex
 - Woven together in the womb
- Destiny
 - Every day of my life recorded in your book
 - Every moment laid out
- Romans 8:29 – to become like his Son
- Ephesians 2:10 – we are his masterpiece created to do...
- “Born for such a time as this” – Esther 4:14 ...Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”
 - Come into the kingdom
 - Come into your royal position
- Jeremiah 1:5
 - Set apart, appointed, purposed, destined
- Psalm 37:23

Completing the Purpose

- 2 Timothy 4:6–8
- A Time to Die
- Ecclesiastes 3:1–2

The Bittersweet of death

- 1 Corinthians 15:26 (NLT) — 26 And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.
- Psalm 116:15 (NASB 95) — 15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones.
- Luke 16:22–23
 - Lazarus died – carried away by angels, to Abraham’s side at the heavenly banquet
 - Rich man died – buried – went to the place of the dead – there in torment
- 2 Corinthians 5:8 (NLT) — 8 Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. (NASB – Absent from the body and present with the Lord)

The next part of life – life eternal

- John 14:1–3
 - I am going to prepare a place for you
 - When everything is ready, I will come and get you,
 - You will always be with me where I am.
- 1 John 3:1–3
 - We know we are God’s children
 - Don’t know what we will be like
 - We know we will be like him
 - Eager expectation – keep themselves pure as Jesus is
 - Live with Expectation
 - Live with Anticipation
 - Live with Discipline
- 2 Corinthians 5:9–10 (NLT) — 9 So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him. 10 For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.