

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Fellowship Bible Church

Our Position in Christ Revealed

Lesson 2 - Life for Adam and Life for Us

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From death to life - Creation

God creates life out of nothing.

Genesis 1:1-10 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Four things God provided that sustains life: water, light, air & earth/land

From death to life - Adam & Eve

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Genesis 2:21-22 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the

rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

Everything God made was good and perfect.

Lucifer, because of his rebellion was judged by God and became Satan.

From life to death - Adam & Eve

Genesis 3:1-13 - The deception and the fall of mankind into sin.

Along with looming physical death also they felt immediate spiritual death.

From life to death - creation

Genesis 3:17-18 cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

Romans 8:20-22 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

God's Judgement - the curse and the pain

Genesis 3:14-18 The LORD God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock

...

*I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."*

*16 To the woman he said,
"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.*

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*17 And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.*

Notice the things that were cursed - The serpent/Satan and the ground/earth
Both of these things will one day be destroyed.

*Satan - Revelation 20:10 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the
lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be
tormented day and night forever and ever.*

*Earth - 2 Peter 3:4-13 and Revelation 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new
earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no
more.*

God did not actually curse Adam and Eve - He promised them pain and difficulty
on earth, and their bodies would die. Adam and Eve were redeemable, because
they were made in the image of God.

Our life begins with spiritual death. But God...

Breath of life

Just like God breathed the breath of life into Adam, God is our source of all life.

*Acts 17:24-25 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of
heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by
human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind
life and breath and everything.*

God also gave us spiritual life the moment of salvation. It was His plan from
before the foundations of the earth.

Ephesians 2:4-5 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

It's not about our efforts to be good people that gives us life, but we have it because God is rich in mercy and love.

Colossians 2:13-14 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

We receive new spiritual life at salvation, but if we don't know what God has done for us, we can live as if we are still spiritually dead.

Living water

Jesus offers living water like He offered the woman at the well in John 4

Jesus said:

John 7:37-39 ...If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

*Psalm 23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. (waters of rest)*

Water is often symbolic of the Holy Spirit.

Like calm waters the Holy Spirit is our comforter. He helps us understand the things of God's Word that are spiritually understood.

Physical life is impossible without water and without the Holy Spirit we do not have spiritual life. True to His character, God provides for everything!

Light of the World

Jesus is the light of the world.

John 1:1-10 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Light is associated with knowledge and truth and Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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 all sin.

Let us never be so deceived to think that spiritual life is attained by self discipline and rule following. Rather it is attained by the person, Jesus Christ. You can no more achieve spiritual growth on your own than you can salvation, both are accessed by faith in what Christ did on the cross.

If you have areas of your life you want to see change, stop focusing on them and lift your eyes to Jesus and get to know Him for it is IN CHRIST that there is new life, living water, and light that drives out the darkness.