The Life

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6 NKJV

Psuchē - mortal life, thoughts, emotions, will. Zoē - God's unlimited, never-ending kind of life.

Two Thoughts: Consider the life you're living. Consider the life you could be living

Now put those two thoughts into past tense. The life you lived. The life you could've lived.

There's the life that occurs naturally, without our asking There's the life that occurs supernaturally, because we ask and receive it as a gift. There's no choice available regarding the first kind of life. There's no option to reject it. We call it a gift, but after some time passes, we begin to question God, because if the life we have is from Him, then He didn't do a very good job and we wish that we could trade it in for a better one.

We seem to be born dissatisfied with life and certain that there must be more and a better life hiding out there somewhere.

1. TRUE LIFE

"For if you let your life go for My sake and for the sake of the gospel, you will continually experience *true life*. But if you choose to keep your life for yourself, you will forfeit what you try to keep." Mark 8:35 TPT

2. NEW LIFE

"Sharing in his death by our baptism means that we were co-buried with him, so that when the Father's glory raised Christ from the dead, we were also raised with him. We have been co-resurrected with him so that we could be <u>empowered to walk in the freshness</u> <u>of new life</u>. For since we are permanently grafted into him to experience a death like his, then we are permanently grafted into him to experience a resurrection like his and the <u>new life</u> that it imparts." Romans 6:4-5 TPT

3. SUPERNATURAL LIFE

"Jesus answered, "Nicodemus, listen to this eternal truth: Before a person can even perceive God's kingdom, they must first experience a rebirth." Nicodemus said, "Rebirth? How can a gray-headed man be reborn? It's impossible for anyone to go back into the womb a second time and be reborn!" Jesus answered, "I speak an eternal truth: Unless you are born of water and the Spirit, you will never enter God's kingdom. For the natural realm only gives birth to things that

are natural, but the spiritual realm gives birth to <u>supernatural life</u>!" John 3:3-6 TPT

4. ABUNDANT LIFE

"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. <u>I came that they may have</u> <u>life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it</u> <u>overflows].</u>" John 10:10 AMP

What the thief can't steal, he will kill, and what he can't kill, he will destroy.

Sometimes I try to imagine what my life would be like today, if I had rejected Jesus when He was preached to me as a 12 year old. What would decades of living in sin and darkness have done to me? Would I be married today with children? Would I even be alive?What would I have done during all those years that would having any real purpose and meaning. When I received Christ many decades ago, I wasn't thinking about the next fifty years of my life. I was thinking about where I would spend eternity. I was thinking about my sinful nature and my sinful behavior separating me from a Holy God and causing me to miss Heaven.

I didn't know then, at that moment, when I received Jesus and put my trust in Him, that He was going to give me decades of true, new, supernatural, abundant life. But that's exactly what He did. And it's exactly what He's prepared to give you!

Heaven awaits, but new life in Christ is NOW!