

Christian Students @ SAC
College Meeting - Fall 2022
Week 10

BASIC LESSONS ON LIFE
LESSON SEVEN
THE DEFINITION OF LIFE (2)

Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:18; Rev. 22:1; John 14:6a; 1 John 1:2; 5:12a; Col. 2:9; 3:4a; John 1:18; Heb. 1:3;
John 14:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rom. 8:2a; 2 Cor. 3:6b; 13:14

The six foregoing points tell us what is not life:

- I. Life is not devotion - Q1: why?
- II. Life is not good behavior -Q2: why?
- III. Life is not power
- IV. Life is not gift
- V. Life is not the growth in knowledge-Q3:why?
- VI. Life is not our human life

VII. LIFE IS GOD'S CONTENT AND GOD'S FLOWING OUT

Now we need to see what life is. Life is God's content and God's flowing out. God's content is God's being, so life is God's inner being (Eph. 4:18a). God's flowing out is the impartation of Himself as life to us. In **Revelation 22:1** we see the river of water of life flowing out from the throne of God. This is God's flowing out. Life is God's content, His inner being, and life is God flowing out into us and being imparted into our being.

VIII. LIFE IS CHRIST

Life is Christ (John 14:6a; Col. 3:4a; **1 John 5:12a**). Christ is the embodiment of God, who is life. Colossians 2:9 says that all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Christ bodily. God as life is embodied in Christ, and Christ is the expression of God. John 1:18 says that no one has ever seen God, but the only begotten Son has declared Him. Then Hebrews 1:3 shows that Christ is the effulgence of God's glory. This means that Christ is the expression of God, who is life.

IX. LIFE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

Finally, we need to point out that life is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the reality of Christ (John 14:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:45b). The Son is the embodiment of the Father, and the

Spirit is the reality of the Son. **Romans 8:2a** uses the term the Spirit of life, and **2 Corinthians 3:6b** says that the Spirit gives life. Thus, the Holy Spirit today is the Spirit of life who gives life to us. We must stress that the Spirit in the New Testament has two aspects. On the one hand, He is the Spirit of power; on the other hand, He is the Spirit of life.

We need to pay attention to the focus of this lesson: life is the Triune God dispensed into us and living in us. The Father is the source, the Son is the course, and the Spirit is the flow. The Triune God is dispensed into us in His Divine Trinity and is now living within us (2 Cor. 13:14).

Such a lesson on the definition of life is greatly needed among us. We may use the term life and yet not know what life is. We have to enter into a full understanding of what life is.