

A Life Worth Living

PART 2

What life is and how true life begins.

Joh 10:10 The³⁵⁸⁸ thief²⁸¹² cometh²⁰⁶⁴ not,³⁷⁵⁶ but¹⁵⁰⁸ for to²⁴⁴³ steal,²⁸¹³ and²⁵³² to kill,²³⁸⁰ and²⁵³² to destroy:⁶²² I¹⁴⁷³ am come²⁰⁶⁴ that²⁴⁴³ they might have²¹⁹² life,²²²² and²⁵³² that they might have²¹⁹² it more abundantly.⁴⁰⁵³

We have embarked upon a new series (Title discussion).

Last week we revealed scripturally **what life is not**. You are an eternal being, made in the image of an eternal God, Creator, and Father to those who know Him. As an eternal being you will NEVER find true life in anything in a temporal reality. That which has time stamped on it can not continue on with an eternal entity. You can only find a matching life in the source, namely that which is everlasting.

It was important to first establish what life is not because **that reality is the majority**:

Mat 7:13 Enter¹⁵²⁵ ye in¹²²³ at the³⁵⁸⁸ strait⁴⁷²⁸ gate:⁴⁴³⁹ for³⁷⁵⁴ wide⁴¹¹⁶ is the³⁵⁸⁸ gate,⁴⁴³⁹ and²⁵³² broad²¹⁴⁹ is the³⁵⁸⁸ way,³⁵⁹⁸ that leadeth⁵²⁰ to¹⁵¹⁹ destruction,⁶⁸⁴ and²⁵³² many⁴¹⁸³ there be¹⁵²⁶ which go in¹⁵²⁵ thereat:^{1223, 846}

Mat 7:14 Because³⁷⁵⁴ strait⁴⁷²⁸ is the³⁵⁸⁸ gate,⁴⁴³⁹ and²⁵³² narrow²³⁴⁶ is the³⁵⁸⁸ way,³⁵⁹⁸ which³⁵⁸⁸ leadeth⁵²⁰ unto¹⁵¹⁹ life,²²²² and²⁵³² few³⁶⁴¹ there be¹⁵²⁶ that find²¹⁴⁷ it.⁸⁴⁶

Simply put, the majority makes the wrong choice. If you want to live on the path that leads to life YOU WILL BE IN THE MINORITY for your entire life on earth!

Most of the world will choose a life that leads to death. They will choose the illusion and their own destruction. This message will ring true with those who have heart for the truth, those who would want something other than the illusion and the lie.

GOAL: That we, followers of the WAY, the truth and the life would live the life God intended; the life made available through Christ.

PURPOSE: To understand and appropriate the abundant life our creator has made available to us through Jesus Christ.

SERIES OUTCOME: At the conclusion of this series the active listener should have a scriptural foundation of:

1. What life is not.
2. What life is and how true life begins.
3. What it means to be alive.
4. How we now live life.
5. When life ends.

AIM: Through a systematic examination of the scriptures we have and will continue to seek to understand what it means to live a life worth living. Note: This illumination will only take place through the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT: Peace

Why is the manifestation of peace the governing fruit of the spirit for this lesson?
(Answer :-)

The new information for today:

What life is and how true life begins?

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What does this scripture tell us? One thing definitively is that Jesus HAD to come in order for us to have life. You mean to say that if He did not come the only reality we'd be left with would be death. Well . . . yes.

Outside of Christ Jesus, man was left with his own devices, His own best efforts to better his situation. And after generations of failure an understanding (for those who were honest about it) that the best efforts of man were insufficient to fix his own problems.

Example: Imagine if you would a college student trying to use a text book, an anatomy chart and a mirror in an attempt to perform his own back surgery.

How do you think that would turn out?

Yes, man without Christ is a dismal failure, incapable of fixing any of the problems that plague his soul. Incapable of solving any of the heart issues the keep him from life eternal.

What did Jesus say about it?

Joh 14:1 Let not³³⁶¹ your⁵²¹⁶ heart²⁵⁸⁸ be troubled:⁵⁰¹⁵ ye believe⁴¹⁰⁰ in¹⁵¹⁹ God,²³¹⁶ believe⁴¹⁰⁰ also²⁵³² in¹⁵¹⁹ me.¹⁶⁹¹

Joh 14:2 In¹⁷²² my³⁴⁵⁰ Father's³⁹⁶² house³⁶¹⁴ are¹⁵²⁶ many⁴¹⁸³ mansions:³⁴³⁸ if it were not¹⁴⁹⁰ so, I would have told^{2036, 302} you,⁵²¹³ I go⁴¹⁹⁸ to prepare²⁰⁹⁰ a place⁵¹¹⁷ for you,⁵²¹³

Joh 14:3 And²⁵³² if¹⁴³⁷ I go⁴¹⁹⁸ and²⁵³² prepare²⁰⁹⁰ a place⁵¹¹⁷ for you,⁵²¹³ I will come²⁰⁶⁴ again,³⁸²⁵ and²⁵³² receive³⁸⁸⁰ you⁵²⁰⁹ unto⁴³¹⁴ myself,¹⁶⁸³ that²⁴⁴³ where³⁶⁹⁹ I¹⁴⁷³ am,¹⁵¹⁰ there ye⁵²¹⁰ may be⁵⁶⁰⁰ also.²⁵³²

Joh 14:4 And²⁵³² whither³⁶⁹⁹ I¹⁴⁷³ go⁵²¹⁷ ye know,¹⁴⁹² and²⁵³² the³⁵⁸⁸ way³⁵⁹⁸ ye know.¹⁴⁹²

Joh 14:5 Thomas²³⁸¹ saith³⁰⁰⁴ unto him,⁸⁴⁶ Lord,²⁹⁶² we know¹⁴⁹² not³⁷⁵⁶ whither⁴²²⁶ thou goest;⁵²¹⁷ and²⁵³² how⁴⁴⁵⁹ can¹⁴¹⁰ we know¹⁴⁹² the³⁵⁸⁸ way?³⁵⁹⁸

Joh 14:6 Jesus²⁴²⁴ saith³⁰⁰⁴ unto him,⁸⁴⁶ I¹⁴⁷³ am¹⁵¹⁰ the³⁵⁸⁸ way,³⁵⁹⁸ the³⁵⁸⁸ truth,²²⁵ and²⁵³² the³⁵⁸⁸ life:²²²² no man³⁷⁶² cometh²⁰⁶⁴ unto⁴³¹⁴ the³⁵⁸⁸ Father,³⁹⁶² but¹⁵⁰⁸ by¹²²³ me.¹⁷⁰⁰

Two questions for today, the first is what is life? Answer: JESUS IS LIFE! Amazing isn't it. People look for a life apart from the very source of life. In John 15 Jesus calls himself the "true vine" and his people are branches. Branches being extensions of Him and He himself being the source of their life.

There is no life apart from Christ Jesus, every other path leads to death. Because it is the choice of the majority, the result will be mass death, both spiritual and natural.

The smartest man that ever lived (Solomon) was so nice, he said it twice:

Pro 14:12 There is³⁴²⁶ a way¹⁸⁷⁰ which seemeth right³⁴⁷⁷ unto⁶⁴⁴⁰ a man,³⁷⁶ but the end³¹⁹ thereof *are* the ways¹⁸⁷⁰ of death.⁴¹⁹⁴

Pro 16:25 There is³⁴²⁶ a way¹⁸⁷⁰ that seemeth⁶⁴⁴⁰ right³⁴⁷⁷ unto a man,³⁷⁶ but the end³¹⁹ thereof *are* the ways¹⁸⁷⁰ of death.⁴¹⁹⁴

That word "right":

H3477

יָשָׁר

yâshâr

yaw-shawr'

From H3474; *straight* (literally or figuratively): - convenient, equity, Jasher, just, meet (-est), + pleased well right (-eous), straight, (most) upright (-ly, -ness).

To you in your natural mind apart from God it looks like the right way, but it isn't. Jesus is the right way, but that is revealed in each heart individually as they seek for truth. No man can reveal who Christ is to you, God must do it for you through his Holy Spirit that draws you.

Joh 6:44 No man³⁷⁶² can¹⁴¹⁰ come²⁰⁶⁴ to⁴³¹⁴ me,³¹⁶⁵ except³³⁶² the Father³⁹⁶² which hath sent³⁹⁹² me³¹⁶⁵ draw¹⁶⁷⁰ him:⁸⁴⁶ and²⁵³² I¹⁴⁷³ will raise him up^{450, 846} at the³⁵⁸⁸ last²⁰⁷⁸ day.²²⁵⁰

God does work through people in this endeavor, but it is a work of His Holy Spirit for you to see Him. A good indicator that He is beginning that process of drawing you unto Himself is when you have a hunger for truth. You want to know what is going on in this world? What this life (your life) is about? What you are doing here? Who is God? Who are you (vs. who you've been told you are)?

Luk 11:9 And I²⁵⁰⁴ say³⁰⁰⁴ unto you,⁵²¹³ Ask,¹⁵⁴ and²⁵³² it shall be given¹³²⁵ you;⁵²¹³ seek,²²¹² and²⁵³² ye shall find;²¹⁴⁷ knock,²⁹²⁵ and²⁵³² it shall be opened⁴⁵⁵ unto you.⁵²¹³

Luk 11:10 For¹⁰⁶³ every one³⁹⁵⁶ that asketh¹⁵⁴ receiveth,²⁹⁸³ and²⁵³² he that seeketh²²¹² findeth;²¹⁴⁷ and²⁵³² to him that knocketh²⁹²⁵ it shall be opened.⁴⁵⁵

Luk 11:11 If⁽¹¹⁶¹⁾ a son⁵²⁰⁷ shall ask¹⁵⁴ bread⁷⁴⁰ of any⁵¹⁰¹ of you⁵²¹⁶ that is a father,³⁹⁶² will he⁽³³⁶¹⁾ give¹⁹²⁹ him⁸⁴⁶ a stone?³⁰³⁷ or²⁵³² if¹⁴⁸⁷ he ask a fish,²⁴⁸⁶ will⁽³³⁶¹⁾ he for⁴⁷³ a fish²⁴⁸⁶ give¹⁹²⁹ him⁸⁴⁶ a serpent?³⁷⁸⁹

Luk 11:12 Or^{2228 (2532)} if¹⁴³⁷ he shall ask¹⁵⁴ an egg,⁵⁶⁰⁹ will he⁽³³⁶¹⁾ offer¹⁹²⁹ him⁸⁴⁶ a scorpion?⁴⁶⁵¹

Luk 11:13 If¹⁴⁸⁷ ye⁵²¹⁰ then,³⁷⁶⁷ being⁵²²⁵ evil,⁴¹⁹⁰ know¹⁴⁹² how to give¹³²⁵ good¹⁸ gifts¹³⁹⁰ unto your⁵²¹⁶ children:⁵⁰⁴³ how much⁴²¹⁴ more³¹²³ shall your heavenly^{1537, 3772} Father³⁹⁶² give¹³²⁵ the Holy⁴⁰ Spirit⁴¹⁵¹ to them that ask¹⁵⁴ him?⁸⁴⁶

So how does true life begin?

It begins when you have an encounter with the Living God, the Creator, on His terms. Genesis chapters 1 and 2 reveal how the entire creation came into being, and into life, when they had an encounter with the Creator and the giver of life.

Expand on: The Fall, the tainting of Mankind's DNA with Sin, the need for a redeemer and a reconnection and the exercise of free will (again) for life.

How does true life begin?

It begins when you come unto God, as a child and ask Him to help you. Ask Him to save you. Ask Him to be your Lord and your savior.

Rom 10:8 But²³⁵ what⁵¹⁰¹ saith³⁰⁰⁴ it? The³⁵⁸⁸ word⁴⁴⁸⁷ is²⁰⁷⁶ nigh¹⁴⁵¹ thee,⁴⁶⁷⁵ *even* in¹⁷²² thy⁴⁶⁷⁵ mouth,⁴⁷⁵⁰ and²⁵³² in¹⁷²² thy⁴⁶⁷⁵ heart:²⁵⁸⁸ that is,⁵¹²³ the³⁵⁸⁸ word⁴⁴⁸⁷ of faith,⁴¹⁰² which³⁷³⁹ we preach;²⁷⁸⁴

Rom 10:9 That³⁷⁵⁴ if¹⁴³⁷ thou shalt confess³⁶⁷⁰ with¹⁷²² thy⁴⁶⁷⁵ mouth⁴⁷⁵⁰ the Lord²⁹⁶² Jesus,²⁴²⁴ and²⁵³² shalt believe⁴¹⁰⁰ in¹⁷²² thine⁴⁶⁷⁵ heart²⁵⁸⁸ that³⁷⁵⁴ God²³¹⁶ hath raised¹⁴⁵³ him⁸⁴⁶ from¹⁵³⁷ the dead,³⁴⁹⁸ thou shalt be saved.⁴⁹⁸²

Rom 10:10 For¹⁰⁶³ with the heart²⁵⁸⁸ man believeth⁴¹⁰⁰ unto¹⁵¹⁹ righteousness;¹³⁴³ and¹¹⁶¹ with the mouth⁴⁷⁵⁰ confession is made³⁶⁷⁰ unto¹⁵¹⁹ salvation.⁴⁹⁹¹

Rom 10:11 For¹⁰⁶³ the³⁵⁸⁸ Scripture¹¹²⁴ saith,³⁰⁰⁴ Whosoever³⁹⁵⁶ believeth⁴¹⁰⁰ on¹⁹⁰⁹ him⁸⁴⁶ shall not³⁷⁵⁶ be ashamed.²⁶¹⁷

Rev 3:19 *As many as*^{3745, (1437)} I¹⁴⁷³ love,⁵³⁶⁸ I rebuke¹⁶⁵¹ and²⁵³² chasten;³⁸¹¹ *be zealous*²²⁰⁶ therefore,³⁷⁶⁷ and²⁵³² repent.³³⁴⁰

Rev 3:20 Behold,²⁴⁰⁰ I stand²⁴⁷⁶ at¹⁹⁰⁹ the³⁵⁸⁸ door,²³⁷⁴ and²⁵³² knock:²⁹²⁵ *if*¹⁴³⁷ any man⁵¹⁰⁰ hear¹⁹¹ my³⁴⁵⁰ voice,⁵⁴⁵⁶ and²⁵³² open⁴⁵⁵ the³⁵⁸⁸ door,²³⁷⁴ I will come in¹⁵²⁵ to⁴³¹⁴ him,⁸⁴⁶ and²⁵³² will sup¹¹⁷² with³³²⁶ him,⁸⁴⁶ and²⁵³² he⁸⁴⁶ with³³²⁶ me.¹⁷⁰⁰

Rev 3:21 To him⁸⁴⁶ that overcometh³⁵²⁸ will I grant¹³²⁵ to sit²⁵²³ with³³²⁶ me¹⁷⁰⁰ in¹⁷²² my³⁴⁵⁰ throne,²³⁶² *even as*⁵⁶¹³ I also²⁵⁰⁴ overcame,³⁵²⁸ and²⁵³² am set down²⁵²³ with³³²⁶ my³⁴⁵⁰ Father³⁹⁶² in¹⁷²² his⁸⁴⁸ throne.²³⁶²

God loves you, that is why He is rebuking you this day. Your life apart from Him is death. Come unto Him this day and open your heart to the Savior, to the Lover of your soul; Jesus Christ. Amen