 Study #12A

Life

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\* What is **Life**? How do you define **Life**? Is **Life** important or unimportant? Where does **Life** come from if it does exist? Is **Life** spiritual or physical? How is **Life** identified? Who or what has power over **Life** if it exists? Is **Life** forever or is it temporary? Is it possible that there is no such thing as **Life**? If **Life** exists, who and what decides if it continues or ends, and when? Do I have **Life**? Do you have **Life**? How do you know? Is **Life** a set of beliefs? Is **Life** tangible? Can **Life** be proven by facts, and if so, what are the "facts" of **Life**? Is it possible that someone does not have **Life**? What does someone mean when they say "I'm going to take my own **Life**!?" Can a person "know" they have **Life**, and if they can, what is this **Life** they say they know they have? Can **Life** be controlled? **WHAT IS LIFE? WHAT DOES "LIFE" MEAN? WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF LIFE? WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE THAT LIFE IS PRESENT?**

\* These are not unfair or unfamiliar questions. People have spent their entire lives on quests to answer these questions and died "empty and confused." These are questions that mankind has been trying to answer since man's existence. Probably every question that has been asked and sought after by science and philosophy are centered around the unanswered mystery of “**LIFE**." There have been many people who have tried taking on the powerful questions associated with, "what is **Life**," and its merry-go-round, and have come out spent and nut cases. Men have done unimaginable things because of what they thought about **Life**. Men have destroyed themselves because of the **Life** question. Men have been followed as "gods" and great thinkers, and men with great minds because of their answers of this topic of **Life**. What does it mean when someone say's "Why don't you go get a **Life**? There must be something very special about this object "**Life**," there being so much mystery and wonder around it. It appears that the Author of this great mystery has chosen for it to be where nobody can control it or manipulate it. Yet, the Holy Scriptures and Jesus Christ have so many things to say concerning it! "**Life**" and its mysteries are probably the only subject that every human being that ever lived have uniquely considered seriously in common, and never been able to define satisfactorily. Wow!

Some of Man's Definitions of **Life**

* A characteristic state or mode of living. *"social* ***life****"; "city* ***life****"; real* ***life****"*
* The experience of being alive; the course of human events and activities. *"he could no longer cope with the complexities of* ***life****"*
* The course of existence of an individual; the actions and events that occur in living. *"he hoped for a new* ***life*** *in Australia"; "he wanted to live his own* ***life*** *without interference from others"*

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* The condition of living or the state of being alive. *"while there's* ***life*** *there's hope"; "****life***

 *depends on many chemical and physical processes"*

* The period during which something is functional (as between birth and death) (your dash) *"he lived a long and happy* ***life****"; "the battery had a short* ***life****"*
* The period between birth and the present time *"I have known him all of his* ***life****"*
* The period from the present until death *"he appointed himself emperor for* ***life****"*
* A living person *"his heroism saved a* ***life****"*
* Animation and energy in action or expression *"it was a heavy play and the actors tried in vain to give* ***life*** *to it"*
* Living things collectively *"the oceans are teeming with* ***life****"*
* The organic phenomenon that distinguishes living organisms from nonliving ones *"there is no* ***life*** *on the moon"*
* An account of the series of events making up a person's **life** *"the auto-biography was entitled this was your* ***life****"*
* A motive for living *"pottery was his* ***life****"*
* A prison term lasting as long as the prisoners’ lives *"he got* ***life*** *for killing the guard"*

\* In August 1969, Charles Manson's followers murdered over a two-day period. One of the women that followed Manson was a young woman named Patricia Krenwinkel. She, after 30 years of imprisonment agreed to an interview about those nights and what transpired. With all respect to the families, one thing she spoke about was when Abigail Folger (heiress to the coffee company) that had been tied up and loosed herself, attempted to escape running outside. Patricia Krenwinkel said she chased Abigail Folger out into the yard and down the drive with her knife up and catching her, stabbed her 28 times killing her. Patricia Krenwinkel then with a very puzzled look on her face recited something she remembered Abigail Folger saying while she was stabbing her. She said, she was saying, "*You can't kill me, I'm already dead!*" It seemed by the interview and her remembering this for so long that it haunted her still. This is a very powerful statement to say about **Life** while being stabbed to death. What did she mean? What is **Life**???

"For ye are d \_ \_ \_, and your '**l \_ \_ \_'** is hid with Christ in God." ***Colossians 3:3***

\* It seems that there is no human being able to give a satisfactory answer to what **Life** really is, *except one*!

"For there is o \_ \_ G \_ \_, and o \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ between God and men, t \_ \_

m \_ \_ Christ Jesus;" ***1 Timothy 2:5***

\* You see, it is apparent that mankind does not have the control over, or definition of, **Life**, because he cannot stop himself from dying. (Death will be an entirely different study)

"There is n \_ m \_ \_ that h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ over the spirit t \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the spirit; n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

h \_ \_ \_ h \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ in the d \_ \_ o \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it." ***Ecclesiastes 8:8***

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\* So, in order for us to get *the truth* about what **Life** is, we must go to someone who knows about *what it is to be a man*, and *what it is to be God*. Also, this person should be able to *affirm* that *He knows the definition of* ***Life***, and not just hypothetical gum flapping. Right?

"Jesus saith unto him, I a \_ the w \_ \_, the t \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**: no man cometh unto the Father, b \_ \_ b \_ m \_." ***John 14:6***

\* According to Jesus' words above He claims not only to know about **Life**, but to ***be the Life.*** He also in the same verse claims to ***be the Truth***. For the sake of not dragging a point out to long, Jesus, is either who and what He claims or He is the biggest con artist to ever be alive. I know Him personally to be what He says don't you? Now that we know *who* to get the answer from, *how?* He's not here!

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the w \_ \_ \_ \_ that I s \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_

y \_ \_, they are spirit, and t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**." ***John 6:63***

\* Jesus said that *He is* ***Life***, and *His words* that He speaks to us *are* ***Life*.** I think we have our answer to where to go to look for the facts of **Life**, don't you? God's word! The Bible! That's what He "SAID" isn't it? Okay, from here on, we will look to the word of God to seek our answer to "*What is* ***Life***?" When we find it, we will not doubt, but believe what the Lord has said, no matter what the outcome, agreed? Agreed!

\* In the Bible, the word **Life** is in the Old Testament about 239 times and in the New Testament about 170 times. The Lord *spoke the word* **Life** in the Gospels and Revelation a total of 73 times. In the Scriptures, when it speaks of **Life**, it places our focus on one of many different "tenses" of **Life**, along with, what *the Lord actually said about* ***Life*** out of His mouth while He was here. While we study, we need to remember that when the Holy Ghost speaks the word **Life,** He is not always speaking of **Life** in the same way.We will study all of this, and more. What an honor to have God's word to look at with our eyes. Praise Him!

**Life**, natural

**A. The *origin* of Life, natural**

1. **Life**, natural comes by ***God's Creation***

"For i \_ h \_ \_ we l \_ \_ \_, and m \_ \_ \_, and h \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also h \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. Forasmuch then as we are

t \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man’s device." ***Acts 17:28,29; Genesis 2:7***

\* Well there you go. The Lord's word gives you permission not to believe the monkey men evolutionists when they say your **Life** came from a stone, slime and whatever else they can come up with. Believe the Bible and you'll be right, and sane!

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1. **Life**, natural comes by ***Natural Birth***

”And A \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ E \_ \_ his wife; and s \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and b \_ \_ \_ Cain, and said, I h \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a man f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground." ***Genesis 4:1,2***

1. **Life**, natural comes by ***Supernatural Conception***

"And, behold, thou s \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in thy womb, and b \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ a s \_ \_, and shalt call h \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, H \_ \_ shall this be, seeing I k \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ a m \_ \_? And the angel answered and said unto her, T \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ shall c \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, and the p \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall overshadow thee: therefore also that h \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ which s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ b \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ \_ shall be called the Son of God."

***Luke 1:31-35; Isaiah 7:14***

\* The Lord Jesus Christ was conceived and born *naturally*, **SUPERNATURALLY**!

**B. The Bibles *description* of the shortness of Life, natural**

1. as **a *dream*** or **a *vision***

"He shall fly away a \_ a d \_ \_ \_ \_, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away

a \_ a v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the night." ***Job 20:4-8***

1. as **a *shadow***

"For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are a \_ a s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and there is none abiding." ***1 Chronicles 29:15***

1. as the ***cloud***

"A \_ t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more." ***Job 7:9***

1. of ***few days*** and **like a *flower***

"Man that is born of a woman is o \_ f \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ and full of trouble. He cometh forth

l \_ \_ \_ a f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."

***Job 14:1,2***

1. is even **a *vapor***

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your **life**? It i \_ e \_ \_ \_ a v \_ \_ \_ \_, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." ***James 4:14***

Let's pause and try to define **Life** from what we have learned so far.

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1. as **a *tale told***

"For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years a \_ a t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ is

t \_ \_ \_." ***Psalms 90:9***

1. as **a *pilgrimage***

"And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years o \_ m \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my **life** been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the **life** of my fathers in the days o \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Genesis 47:9***

1. is **as *grass***

"For all flesh i \_ a \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_, and all the glory of man a \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:" ***1 Peter1:24***



**C. God's *concern for* Life, natural**

1. its ***preservation***

"Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; t \_ k \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ upon the face of all the earth." ***Genesis 7:1-3***

1. its ***protection***

"The angel of the LORD e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ them that fear him, and

 d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ them." ***Psalms 34:7,17,19***

1. it's ***perpetuity*** (Continuation)

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, B \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." ***Genesis 1:28***

\* If the Lord did not care about **Life**, natural then why has he allowed it to continue for 6000 + - years? Because He is concerned about it, that's why.

1. it's ***provisions***

"These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest g \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ in due season. That thou givest them they gather: thou o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t ­\_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_, they are filled with good." ***Psalms 104:21-30***

1. it's ***punishment***

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ a \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap **life** everlasting." ***Galatians 6:7,8; Genesis 3:14-19; Hebrews 12:5-11; Proverbs 3:11***

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1. it's ***perfection in glory***

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ v \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_, that it may b \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

l \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." ***Philippians 3:20,21; Colossians 3:4***

**D. What *a believer's attitude toward* Life, natural should be**

1. should ***seek to preserve it***

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_

i \_ h \_ \_ \_, which temple y \_ a \_ \_." ***1 Corinthians 3:16,17; Acts 27:10-31***

1. should ***attend to the needs of it***

"And while the day was coming on, Paul b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, having taken nothing. Wherefore I p \_ \_ \_ you to t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_: for this is f \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you." ***Acts 27:33,34***

1. should ***accept its sufferings***

"But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What?

 shall w\_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ good a \_ t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, and shall w \_ n \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ evil? In all this d \_ \_ n \_ \_ J \_ \_ s \_ \_ with his lips."

***Job 2:4-10; 2 Corinthians 12:10; 1 Peter 4:1;1 Peter 5:10***

1. should ***make the kingdom of God first*** in it

"That which is b \_ \_ \_ of the f \_ \_ \_ \_ is flesh; and that which is b \_ \_ \_ of the

S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is spirit." ***John 3:6;*** ***Matthew 6:24-33***

1. should ***give it up*** for the Lord Jesus Christ

"He that findeth his **life** shall lose it: and h \_ t \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** for my

sake shall find it." ***Matthew 10:39; 1 Corinthians 6:19,20; Acts 15:26***

1. should ***lay it down for others***

"Look not every man o \_ h \_ \_ o \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, but every man a \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Philippians 2:2-5***

1. should ***not prize it to highly***

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, n \_ \_ t \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ of h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ than he o \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

***Romans 12:3; Luke 16:15***

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1. should ***regard God's will*** in it

"For that ye ought to say, I \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_, we shall live, and do this, or that."

 ***James 4:13-15; 1 Peter 4:2***

1. should ***put away the evil*** of it

"Lie not one to another, seeing that y \_ h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ o \_ \_ the o \_ \_ m \_ \_ with h \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_ \_;" ***Colossians 3:5-9; 1 Peter 4:3,4***

1. should ***praise God all the days*** of it

"Because thy lovingkindness is b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**, my lips shall p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_. Thus will I b \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name."

***Psalms 63:3,4***

1. should not ***fear the enemies*** of it

"And I say unto you my friends, B \_ n \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ \_ that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do." ***Luke 12:4,5; Isaiah 51:12***

**E. The *costs of caring too much* for Life, natural**

1. it ***stunts spiritual growth***

"And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And t \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, c \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_, and it becometh u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Mark 4:18,19***; ***Luke 8:14; 21:34***

1. it ***divides loyalty***

"N \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ can serve t \_ \_ masters: for either h \_ w \_ \_ \_ hate the one, and love the other; or else h \_ w \_ \_ \_ hold to the one, and despise the other. Y \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ serve God a \_ \_ mammon." ***Luke 16:13; 2 Corinthians 5:14,15***

1. it ***hinders service***and***being prepared***

"Ye d \_ \_ r \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_; who did h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ that ye should n \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ the

t \_ \_ \_ \_?" ***Galatians 5:5-9***

" I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that y \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which i \_ y \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. And b \_ n \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." ***Romans 12:1,2***

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ t \_ b \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, rightly dividing the word of truth." ***2 Timothy 2:15***

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**F. *The control* of Life, natural**

1. It ***belongs to God***

"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no God with me: I k \_ \_ \_, and I m \_ \_ \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_; I wound, and I heal: neither is there a \_ \_ that c \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ out of m \_

h \_ \_ \_." ***Deuteronomy 32:39; Psalms 22:29***

1. It is ***not in man's power***

"There i \_ n \_ m \_ \_ that h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ over the spirit t \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_;

n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ h \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ d \_ \_ o \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it." ***Ecclesiastes 8:8***

1. ***Promised*** by the LORD ***to them that Fear and Hope in the LORD***

"Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; T \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ their soul f \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ k \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ in famine." ***Psalms 33:18,19***

1. It is ***gratefully acknowledged***

"And now, behold, t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ m \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_, a \_ h \_ s \_ \_ \_, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: a \_ \_ n \_ \_, l \_, I am this day fourscore and five years old." ***Joshua 14:10***

1. ***Gets changed*** upon Christ's return

"Behold, I s \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ a m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; We shall not all sleep, but w \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ b \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_," ***1 Corinthians 15:50-53; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18***

\* Are not we glad that the Lord has control over **life**? We have seen what has happened when man tries to control it haven’t, we? Mankind is interested in **life** (or not) when it makes him a buck! Man has not done one thing (in his realm of control) to better "**life**" for anyone. Lots of hypothesis, but no "power." Man wants to get control of life so bad it is driving him nuts. He never will! God said so!

"Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth **Life**, and shall obtain favor of the LORD. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death." ***Proverbs 8: 33-36***

ALIVE - Possessing Life; full of life and spirit; Having life and spirit; the opposite of being dead!

"For to me to **live** is Christ, and to die is gain." ***Philippians 1:21***

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**Life**, eternal

1. ***How the Bible defines* Life, eternal**
2. it is ***knowing the only true God*** and ***Jesus Christ***

"And t \_ \_ \_ is **l \_ \_ \_** e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ the o \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, and J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_, whom thou hast sent. ***“John 17:3***

\* Anybody who does not *know* the *Only True God* and *Jesus Christ* does not know the definition of **Life**, eternal. There is a difference in knowing *of Him* and ***knowing Him***!

1. it is ***God's commandment***; the ***word of God spoken*** by Jesus Christ

"For I have not s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of myself; but the Father which sent me, h \_ g \_ \_ \_ m \_ a

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, w \_ \_ \_ I s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_, and w \_ \_ \_ I s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_. And I

k \_ \_ \_ that h \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ **l \_ \_ \_** e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak." ***John 12:47-50***

1. it is ***Jesus Christ (The Word)***

"That which was f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, which we h \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_, which w \_

h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ with our eyes, which we have l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_, and o \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, of t \_ \_ W \_ \_ \_ o \_ **l \_ \_ \_**; (For t \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** was m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and we have s \_ \_ \_ i \_, and bear witness, and shew unto you t \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and

h \_ \_ \_ \_ declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship i \_ w \_ \_ \_ the F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and with his Son J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. And these things w \_ \_ \_ \_ we unto you, that your joy may be full." ***1 John 1:1-4***

1. it is ***given by Jesus Christ***

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I g \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**; and they shall n \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." ***John 10:27-30***

1. it is ***The Gift of God***

"For the wages of sin is death; but t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ i \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** through Jesus Christ our Lord." ***Romans 6:23***

Okay, have we learned the definition of **Life** yet? What is **Life**?

1. ***Jesus Christ's relation to* Life, eternal**
2. it is ***in Him***

"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of **l \_ \_ \_** which i \_ i \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_," ***2 Timothy 1:1***

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1. it is ***manifested (reveals its presence) through Him***

"But is now m \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by the a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ o \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, who hath abolished death, and hath b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** and immortality t \_

l \_ \_ \_ \_ through the gospel:" ***2 Timothy 1:10***

1. ***He has the words*** of it

"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? t \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_

w \_ \_ \_ \_ of e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**." ***John 6:68***

1. it ***comes through Him***

"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness

u \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** b \_ Jesus Christ our Lord." ***Romans 5:21***

"For **with thee** is the fountain of **life**: in thy light shall we see light." ***Psalms 36:9***

1. ***The means of securing* Life, eternal**
2. by ***God's Gift***

"For b \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ are ye saved through faith; and that n \_ \_ o \_ y \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: it is

 t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_: N \_ \_ o \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_, lest any man should boast." ***Ephesians 2:8,9***

"For the wages of sin is death; but t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ of God i \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** through Jesus Christ our Lord." ***Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 9:15***

1. by ***having the Son***

"And this is the record, that God h \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ u \_ eternal **life**, and t \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** is i \_ h \_ \_ S \_ \_. He that h \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**; and he that h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ the Son of God h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**." ***1 John 5:11,12***

\* Be completely honest, do you have the Son? If you're not sure, get it settled today!

1. by ***knowing the True God***

"And t \_ \_ \_ i \_ **l \_ \_ \_** e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that they might k \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ the o \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_

G \_ \_, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." ***John 17:3***

1. by ***knowing the Scriptures***

"But t \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that ye m \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that J \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_

C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, the Son of God; and t \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ye might h \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** through his name." ***John 20:31; 1 Peter 1:23***

1. by ***believing the Son***

"That whosoever b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ h \_ \_ should not perish, but h \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**l \_ \_ \_**. He that b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ is n \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because h \_ h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ of the only begotten Son of God." ***John 3:15-36***

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1. by ***drinking the water of Life***

"Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ that I s \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall b \_ i \_ h \_ \_ a well of water springing up into e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**." ***John 4:13-26***

1. by ***eating the bread of Life***

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me h \_ \_ \_ everlasting **life**. I a \_ that b \_ \_ \_ \_ of **l \_ \_ \_**. I am the l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_: and the bread that I will give i \_ m \_

f \_ \_ \_ \_, which I will give for t \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** of the world." ***John: 6:47-58***

1. by ***confessing, believing, and calling***

"That if t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with thy mouth t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_, and shalt

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ that God hath raised him from the dead, t \_ \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_. For whosoever shall c \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ shall be saved." ***Romans 10:9-13***

1. **The *"Present aspect"* of Life, eternal for Christians**
2. they ***believe on the Son***

"He that b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ hath everlasting **life**: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see **life**; but the wrath of God abideth on him." ***John 3:18,36; 6:40***

1. they ***have assurance*** of **Life**, eternal

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, h \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed f \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**." ***John 5:24; 17:24***

1. they ***have promise*** of **Life**, eternal

"In h \_ \_ \_ o \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**, which God, that c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_, p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ before the world began;" ***Titus 1:2***

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for h \_ i \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_;)" ***Hebrews 10:23***

 'Cling to the Lords promise to you of **Life**. Expect the Lord to keep His promise to you.'

1. they ***have hope*** of **Life**, eternal

"That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ o \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**." ***Titus 3:7***; ***Romans 12:12; 15:4,13***

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1. they are ***laying hold*** of **Life**, eternal

"Fight the good fight of faith, l \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ o \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

***1 Timothy 6:12,19***

1. they ***hate their* Life** in ***this world***

"He that loveth his **life** shall lose it; and he that h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** i \_ t \_ \_ \_

w \_ \_ \_ \_ shall keep it unto **life** eternal." ***John 12:25; 1 Corinthians 15:19***

1. **the *"Future aspect"* of Life, eternal for Christians**
2. they ***shall inherit*** **Life**, eternal

"Knowing that of the Lord y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the reward of t \_ \_

i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for ye serve the Lord Christ." ***Colossians 3:24; Ephesians 1:11-14***

"To an i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away,

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ y \_ \_," ***1 Peter 1:4; Hebrews 9:15***

1. they shall live **Life**, eternal***in a new world to come***

"Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God’s sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and i \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ c \_ \_ \_ **L** \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_."

***Luke 18:28-30***

1. they shall ***rejoice in God's written word that revealed the Incarnate Living Word,*** who is **Life**, eternal

"S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; for i \_ t \_ \_ \_ ye think ye h \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**L** \_ \_ \_: and t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ which t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ m \_. And ye will not come

t \_ m \_, that y \_ might h \_ \_ \_ **L** \_ \_ \_." ***John 5:39***

"And t \_ \_ W \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld h \_ \_ glory, the glory as of the o \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the Father,) full of grace and truth." ***John 1:14***

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ I

s \_ \_ \_ \_ unto you, t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ **L** \_ \_ \_." ***John 6:63***

"Whoso despiseth t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded." ***Proverbs 13:13***

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing b \_ the w \_ \_ \_ of G \_ \_." ***Romans 10:17***

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"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, b \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ o \_

G \_ \_, which l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And t \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ which by t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is preached unto you."

***1 Peter 1:23,25***

1. they ***shall reap*** in **Life**, eternal for all that was sown to the Spirit

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit r \_ \_ \_ **L** \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season w \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_, if we faint not." ***Galatians 6:8,9***

"On **life's** road so dim and dirty, I have dragged to three and thirty,

What have these years left for me? Nothing - except thirty-three."

~Lord Byron on his thirty-third birthday~

**Life**, spiritual

1. ***the source* of Life, spiritual according to the Scriptures**
2. ***God is*** ***the source*** of **Life**, spiritual

"F \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ i \_ the fountain of **l \_ \_ \_**: i \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ shall we see light." ***Psalms 36:9***

1. ***the Lord Jesus Christ is*** ***the source*** of **Life**, spiritual

"Jesus saith unto him, \_ a \_ the way, the truth, a \_ \_ t \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**: n \_ m \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto the Father, b \_ \_ b \_ m \_." ***John 14:6***

1. ***God the Holy Ghost is the source*** of **Life**, spiritual

"And shall p \_ \_ m\_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ y \_ \_, and y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD." ***Ezekiel 37:14; Ephesians 1:13,14***

1. ***the word of God is the source*** of ***Life***, spiritual

"Of his own will b \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ u \_ w \_ \_ \_ the w \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." ***James 1:18***

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ that I speak unto you, t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ spirit, and t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**." ***John 6:63***

Are we getting any closer to defining **Life** yet?

1. **things that Life, spiritual *are described as***
2. **Life**, spiritual is described as ***a new birth***

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"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man b \_

b \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_, he c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ t \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is b \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***John 3:3-8***

1. **Life**, spiritual is described as ***a resurrection***

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, h \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**, and shall not come into condemnation; but i \_ passed f \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ unto **l \_ \_ \_**." ***John 5:24-29***

1. **Life**, spiritual is described as ***a translation***

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and h \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ into the kingdom of his dear Son:" ***Colossians 1:12-15; Acts 26:18***

1. **Life**, spiritual is described as ***a new creature***

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, h \_ i \_ a n \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." ***2 Corinthians 5:17***

1. **Life**, spiritual is described ***as a seed***

"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for h \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i\_

h \_ \_: and he cannot sin, because h \_ i \_ b \_ \_ \_ o\_ G \_ \_." ***1 John 3:9; 1 Peter 1:22,23***

1. **Life**, spiritual is described ***as a crucifixion***

"I a \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: neverthless I live; yet n \_ \_ I, but C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ m \_: and the **life** which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." ***Galatians 2:20,21***

1. ***evidences of* Life, spiritual**
2. ***growth is evidence*** of **Life**, spiritual

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, t \_ \_ \_ y \_ m \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ thereby:" ***1 Peter 2:2***

1. ***love is evidence*** of **Life**, spiritual

"W \_ k \_ \_ \_ that we have passed f \_ \_ \_ death u \_ \_ \_ **life**, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ l \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.: ***1 John 3:14***

1. ***obedience is evidence*** of **Life**, spiritual

"Know ye not, that to whom ye y \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ servants t \_ o \_ \_ \_, his servants ye are t \_ w \_ \_ \_ y \_ o \_ \_ \_; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" ***Romans 6:16-22***

1. ***victory is evidence*** of **Life**, spiritual

"For h \_ t \_ \_ \_ i \_ d \_ \_ \_ is f \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_." ***Roman 6:1-15***

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1. ***spiritual-mindedness is evidence*** of **Life**, spiritual

"For to be carnally minded is death; but t \_ b \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is **life** and peace." ***Romans 8:6***

1. ***God the Holy Ghost (the Spirit of Christ) in you is evidence*** of **Life**, spiritual

"But ye are not in the flesh, but i \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, i \_ s\_ b \_ that the Spirit of God

d \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ y \_ \_. Now if any man h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ the Spirit of Christ, h \_ i \_ n \_ \_ \_ o \_

h \_ \_." ***Roman 8:9-14***

1. ***the Spirit bearing witness with our spirit is evidence*** of **Life**, spiritual

"The S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with our spirit, that w \_ a \_ \_ the children of God:" ***Romans 8:15-17***

1. ***walking in the Spirit is evidence*** of **Life**, spiritual

"This I say then, W \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." ***Galatians 5:16***

1. ***putting off and putting on is evidence*** of **Life**, spiritual

"If we live in the Spirit, l \_ \_ u \_ a \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ in the Spirit." ***Galatians 5:19-25***

1. ***your name in the book of* Life *is evidence*** of **Life**, spiritual

"And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_

m \_ in t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlaborers, w \_ \_ \_ \_

n \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ i \_ the b \_ \_ \_ of **l \_ \_ \_**." ***Philippians 4:3; Revelation 17:8***

1. ***the growing process* of Life, spiritual according to the Bible**
2. **Life**, spiritual ***begins at a spiritual birth***

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man b \_ b \_ \_ \_ o \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ and o \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, he c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ into the kingdom of God." ***John 3:3-8***

1. ***feeds on spiritual milk*** during infancy

"As n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_, d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ of the word, that y \_

m \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ thereby:" ***1 Peter 2:1,2***

1. ***must not remain in infancy*** during spiritual growth

"For when for the time y \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ b \_ teachers, ye have need that one t \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as

h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ o \_ m \_ \_ \_, and not of strong meat." ***Hebrews 5:11-13***

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1. continues to ***grow in grace***, ***remember***, and ***don't be deceived***

"Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ lest ye also,

b \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ with the error of the wicked, f \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ your o \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. But g \_ \_ \_ i \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_, and in t \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ our Lord and Savior J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

***2 Peter 3:17,18***

1. ***arrives at adulthood*** in spiritual growth

"I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, y \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_, because y \_ a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ of G \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ y \_ \_, and ye h \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the wicked one."

***1 John 2:12-14***

1. ***arrives at maturity*** in spiritual growth

"But strong meat b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ \_ that are o \_ f \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_, even those who by

 r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ u \_ \_ have their senses exercised t \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ and

e \_ \_ \_." ***Hebrews 5:14; Ephesians 4:13-15***

1. ***some characteristics of* Life, spiritual**
2. ***it is imperishable*** (Unceasing, will not perish, cannot be destroyed, cannot die or decay)

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the **life**: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, y \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ l \_ \_ \_: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_. Believest thou this?" ***John 11:25,26***

"That whosoever believeth in him s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, but have e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **life**." ***John 3:15***

1. ***it is transforming*** (Changes, alters and converts)

"And be not conformed to this world: but b \_ y \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by the

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of y \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." ***Romans 12:1,2***

1. ***it is invisible*** (Cannot be seen, imperceptible by the eye, not prominent or noticeable)

"For ye are dead, and y \_ \_ \_ **life** i \_ h \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in God. When Christ, who is our **life**, shall a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, then s \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ a \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with him in glory." ***Colossians 3:3,4***

1. ***it abides forever*** (Without interruption, always, eternally, everlastingly)

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_." ***1 John 2:16,17***

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1. ***the enemies* of Life, spiritual**
2. ***the Devil is an enemy*** of **Life**, spiritual

"Be sober, be vigilant; because y \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom h \_ m \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:" ***1Peter 5:6-10; Ephesians 6:11-18***

\* Contrary to what some may think, even though the Devil is known as a red dragon in the Scriptures ***Revelation 13:3; 20:2*** among other things (he has many names), the Devil is a spirit! He is not like us. He can and will personify himself during the Tribulation, but he is a spirit. As God is a Spirit, so, the Devil is a spirit. ***Ephesians 2:2*** Because he is a spirit, he must be dealt with spiritually. There are four kinds of spirit. God's Spirit, the Devil's spirit, the animal's spirit, and man's spirit.

1. ***the world is an enemy*** of **Life**, spiritual

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ is enmity with God? whosoever therefore w \_ \_ \_ b \_ a f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ is the

e \_ \_ \_ \_ of G \_ \_." ***James 4:4; Romans 12:1,2; 1 Corinthians 2:12; James 1:27;***

***1 John 2:15,16; 2 Peter 1:4***

\* Remember! One thing the Devil tried to tempt the Son of God with, was all the "*kingdoms of the world*!" ***Matthew 4:8-10***

1. ***the flesh is an enemy*** of **Life**, spiritual

"For the flesh lusteth a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and the Spirit a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_

f \_ \_ \_ \_: and these a \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." ***Galatians 5:16-21; Matthew 26:41; Ephesians 2:3***

\* The Scriptures use the words *flesh* and *body*. The majority of the time it is referring to the same thing. ***Ephesians 5:28-30*** Even the word *carnal* is most of the time referring to the body or flesh or the lustful appetites and passions of it. ***Romans 8:5-14;***

***1 Corinthians 3:3*** What the Bible is talking about is the vessel that you live in that is going to return to the dust one day. The Lord is going to raise it back up and give it back to you in a perfect state "...like unto His glorious body." ***Philippians 3:20,21*** It will no longer be cursed and sinful. But, while we are still in it, it remains the enemy of **Life**, spiritual, and there is nothing good in it. ***Romans 7:14-25*** **NOTHING!!!** Don't kid yourself!

\* So, what is **Life**? Can you define it yet? Before a man can know and understand what **Life** is, he first has to know what he is. Do you know what you are? Some say you are a descendant of a monkey man! Some say that you came from a rock? Did you come from a rock? Does the Bible speak the same way about an animal's **life** that it does concerning a man's **life**? Do animals go to hell? Do animals sin? Do animals talk to God? Where did you come from? You had to come from somewhere, you **ARE**?

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**Life**, the triumphant Christian

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have **life**, and that they might *have it more abundantly*." ***John 10:10***

1. **Life, triumphant *over what***
2. **Life**, triumphant ***over sorrow***

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep,

t \_ \_ \_ y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_, even as others which h \_ \_ \_ n \_ h \_ \_ \_."

***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 16:20-22***

1. **Life**, triumphant ***over the world***

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and t \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the world, even o \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_. Who is he that overcometh the world, but h \_ t \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that J \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_?"

***1 John 5:4,5; John 16:33***

1. **Life**, triumphant ***over sin***

"For sin s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." ***Romans 6:6-18, 8:1-4; Ephesians 2:1-7; Colossians 2:13;***

***2 Corinthians 5:17-19; 1 John 1:9***

1. **Life**, triumphant ***over circumstances***

"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I h \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, in w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ I a \_, therewith t \_ b \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. I c \_ \_ d \_ all things t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which strengtheneth me." ***Philippians 4:8-13; Romans 8:35-39***

1. **Life**, triumphant ***over death***

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall have

 p \_ \_ o \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written,

D \_ \_ \_ \_ is s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ up i \_ v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. O d \_ \_ \_ \_, where is thy sting? O

g \_ \_ \_ \_, where is thy victory?" ***1 Corinthians 15:42-58; Romans 6:6-11***

1. **Life, triumphant *through what***
2. **Life**, triumphant ***through prayer***

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: a \_ \_, and y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that y \_ \_ \_ j \_ \_ may b \_ f \_ \_ \_." ***John 16:22-24***

Being able to talk to **GOD** is a privilege, not a right!

But, what "IS" **Life**?

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1. **Life**, triumphant ***through Christ's death***

"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead d \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ m \_ \_ \_; death h \_ \_ \_ n \_ m \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_." ***Romans 6:9-12***

\* The Lord Jesus Christ is the only one who can say and prove that He went into death, through death and out of the other side of death under His own power. The Lord rules death, it does not rule Him. Hallelujah! ***John 10:17,18*** The Lord has the power over death to keep Himself alive forever, and man seeing his day of death approaching, would be a fool not to accept and trust Christ to save him from death! ***John 17:2*** That is what the scriptures "SAY." If you believe in Him you will "live" and never die! ***John 11:25,26*** Is that what the scriptures "say?"

1. **Life**, triumphant ***through doctrine***

"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but y \_ h \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from

t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ that f \_ \_ \_ o \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which was delivered you. Being then m \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." ***Romans 6:17,18;***

***1 Timothy 4:8***

\* Our **"Doctrine"** is ***what we believe to be the truth*** about "*what is*" and "*what is not*," and we accept and live by this belief based on our **final authorities will**.

Our *Final Authority* is the **Lord Jesus Christ**. ***Ephesians 1:19-22***

Our *Final Authorities will* is **the word of God**. ***John 8:47; James 1:22***

The *word of God* is **our Doctrine**. ***1 Peter 1:21-25***

*Our Doctrine* is **what we believe** to **be the truth** about **what is** and **what is not**.

***1 Timothy 4:6-11; John 17:17***

1. **Life**, triumphant ***through God the Holy Ghost***

"There is therefore now n \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but a \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. For the law of t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ **l \_ \_ \_** in C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ hath m \_ \_ \_ m \_ f \_ \_ \_ from the law of sin and death."***Romans 8:1,2; 1 John 2:27; Ephesians 1:13,14***

1. **Life**, triumphant ***through Christ***

"I c \_ \_ do all things t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which strengtheneth me." ***Philippians 4:13***

1. **Life**, triumphant ***through grace***

"For s \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_: for ye are not under the law, but u \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." ***Romans 6:14,15; Ephesians 2:7,8; Luke 7:40-50***

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1. **Life**, triumphant ***through God's will working in us***

"For i \_ i \_ G \_ \_ which w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ y \_ \_ both to will and to do of his good pleasure." ***Philippians 2:13***

1. **Life**, triumphant ***through the return of Christ and hope of resurrection***

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ i \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ first:" ***1 Thessalonians 4:16-18***

1. **Life**, triumphant ***through faith***

"For whatsoever is born of God o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the world: and t \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_

v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that overcometh the world, e \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" ***1 John 5:4,5***

1. **Life, triumphant *for how long***
2. **Life**, triumphant ***forever***

"So when this corruptible s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ o \_ incorruption, and this mortal s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ o \_ immortality, t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up i \_ v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_." ***1 Corinthians 15:54;***

***1 Thessalonians 4:17; Romans 8:35-39***

1. **Life**, triumphant ***always***

"Now thanks be unto God, which a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ t \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_

C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place."

 ***2 Corinthians 2:14***

1. **Life, triumphant *for whom***
2. for those ***that are in Christ***

"There is therefore now n \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to them which are i \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

J \_ \_ \_ \_, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." ***Romans 8:1***

1. for those ***who were dead in sins***

"Even when w \_ w \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ i \_ s \_ \_ \_, hath q \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)" ***Ephesians 2:4-7***

1. for those ***that are born of God and believe***

"For whatsoever i \_ b \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but h \_

t \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that J \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_?" ***1 John 5:4,5***

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1. **Life, triumphant *the goal***
2. to ***demonstrate God's grace***

"Whereof I was made a minister, according to t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_

g \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ m \_ by the effectual working of his power." ***Ephesians 3:7-10***

"Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I w \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ what h \_

h \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ for m \_ s \_ \_ \_." ***Psalms 66:16***

1. to ***glorify God and the Lord Jesus Christ***

"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: t \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ i \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ b \_

g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." ***1 Peter 4:11; 1 Corinthians 6:20; John 15:8;***

***2 Thessalonians 1:12***

Boris Becker, the German tennis champion (1990) said, "Tennis ***IS*** **Life**." When Fischer, the American chess player, beat Spasky the Russian, he said, "Chess ***IS*** **Life**."

The Apostle Paul said, "For to me to **live** ***IS*** **Christ**, and to die is gain." ***Philippians 1:21***

\* Something that we need to keep in mind about the discussion of **Life** in the Scriptures, is that when we read the word "**Life**," it will be speaking of one of three different tenses of **life**, similar to the way it speaks of the word "Salvation." We have to study the verse closely to be sure of which tense its talking about. Is it speaking of **Life** *eternal*, **life** *natural*, or **life** *spiritual*? We have seen this in our study of **life** so far. God is a Trinity. Everything that is real is made up of three. So is **life**!

**Life** is a Trinity

The Godhead **Life**  Salvation Man

 (*Man is saved from*)

 The Father  **Life** eternal Presence of Sin Soul

 Jesus Christ **Life** natural Penalty of Sin Body

 Holy Spirit **Life** spiritual Power of Sin spirit

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." ***1 John 5:7***

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." ***1Thessalonians 5:23***

What *IS* **Life**? Do we know yet?

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Some things the Lord said about **Life**

* The Lord said, *one type of* ***Life*** *is more important than another*, and for man to *be careful to* *think of* ***Life*** *in its proper way*.

"Therefore I say unto you, T \_ \_ \_ n \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet f \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_, what ye shall put on. Is not t \_ \_

l \_ \_ \_ more than meat, and t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ than raiment? But s \_ \_ \_ y \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_

k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, and h \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; and all these things shall be added unto you. ***Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 12:16-23***

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For w \_ \_ \_ i \_ y \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**? It is even a vapor, that a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for a little time, and then v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ away." ***James 4:14***

* The Lord said, ***Life*** *is not formed by, originate in, lie in, dwell, comprised, contained in*, *embodied in or have its essential character in* ***STUFF***. (***Personal possessions***)

"And he said unto them, Take heed, and b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ covetousness: for a m \_ \_'\_ **l \_ \_ \_**

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

***Luke 12:15; 21:34***

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they b \_ n \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, nor

t \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ uncertain riches, b \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ l \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ o \_ eternal **life**." ***1 Timothy 6:17-19***

"And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a r \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ t \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_." ***Matthew 19:24***

* The Lord said, the majority *would and will rather have the "broad way*" than have **Life**.

"E \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ i \_ a \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**, and few there be that find it" ***Matthew 7:13,14; Proverbs 1:22-31***



"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_: n \_ m \_ \_ cometh unto the Father, b \_ \_ b \_ m \_." ***John 14:6***

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* The Lord said, ***Life*** *is to be both loved and hated*.

"He that l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ shall lose it; and h \_ t \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ i \_

t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ shall keep it unto ***life*** *eternal*." ***John 12:25***

"For to me t \_ l \_ \_ \_ i \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ d \_ \_ i \_ g \_ \_ \_."

***Philippians 1:21; Luke 14:26,27***

* The Lord said, *preserving one's* ***Life*** *is to be priority over everything*, and anything that is keeping you from Him, is dangerous, because hell is there, real and waiting.

"Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: i \_ i \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet t \_ b \_ c \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: i \_ i \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_

i \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** with one eye, rather than having two eyes t \_ b \_ c \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_

f \_ \_ \_." ***Matthew 18:8,9; Isaiah 5:14; 14:9***

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, w \_ \_ \_ h \_ h \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_, went and sold all that he had, a \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_." ***Matthew 13:45,46***



"Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." ***Proverbs 23:23***

\* Now we know that **Life**, eternal cannot be bought, and the Lord was not saying you could buy it. He was saying you had better get it while the getting is good, because things are going to change soon. A person is an idiot and a fool not to accept the free gift of **Life**, eternal that the Lord bought and paid for every man. There will come a time when it will be "your last chance." This is what the Lord is stressing.

"For the Son of man is c \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ \_ that which was lost." ***Matthew 18:11***

Someone once said, "The day has a very brief **Life**; its heart beats twenty-four times, and it is dead."

* The Lord said, *there is another world that is to come* that is not the same as ("this time,") and *in that world is where* ***Life****, eternal is*.

"And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, *for my* *sake, and the gospel’s*, But he shall receive an hundredfold now i \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and i \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ c \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**." ***Mark 10:29,30; Matthew 19:28,29***

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"If in t \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** o \_ \_ \_ we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

***1 Corinthians 15:19; Ecclesiastes 6:12***

* The Lord said, *He would and did give His* ***Life*** *(His Flesh) for the* ***Life*** *(eternal)*of the world.

"I am that bread of **life**. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, a \_ \_ n \_ \_

d \_ \_. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_: and the bread that I w \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ i \_ m \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, which I w \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** of the world." ***John 6:48-51; Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45***

\* You cannot kill God! God cannot die! You see, GOD had to take on a human body *(the* *Incarnation)* that could die *(mortal, human)* so He *(Jesus Christ*) could give it *(His* *human* ***life****, His flesh)* for the **life** of the world. Otherwise, it *(Redemption)* was not possible *(all have sinned)* to save *(give Eternal* ***life****)* that which was lost. *(fallen man)* GOD cannot die, but the Son of Man *(God in the flesh)* could. The victory is that God the Holy Ghost resurrected Him on the third day and He will never die again. Praise Him!

* The Lord said, ***Life*** *is to be respected.*

"Then s \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? t \_ s \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_,** or t \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_?"

***Luke 6:9; Mark 3:4***

* The Lord said, *how* ***Life*** *in one* ***Life*** *is spent, will have effect on things in another* ***Life***.

"And he that reapeth r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_, and gathereth fruit u \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**

e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

***John 4:36; Luke 8:14-16***

* The Lord said*, there is an offer of* ***Life,*** *eternal* and the alternative for the ones who will not receive the offer is "*to perish*," "*to be condemned*," "*will not pass from death*," "*will not be safely in the Lords hand*," "*will stay dead*" and "*God's wrath abides on them*."

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting **life**: and he that believeth not the Son

s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ s \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

***John 3:15,16; 3:36; 5:24; 6:47; 10:28; 11:25***

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal **life**: and they are they which testify of me. And y \_ w \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ t \_ m \_, that ye might h \_ \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_."**

***John 5:39,40***

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* The Lord said, *His words that He spoke unto us* ***ARE Life****.*

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ that I speak unto you, t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ spirit, and t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**." ***John 6:63***

\* It is amazing and scary that after the Lord Himself telling us how important His words are when it comes to **Life**, ("*...they are Life*.") that anyone in the name of Scholarship would think themselves wiser than God and attempt to change them. I'm not very smart but, if you change the "words that **ARE Life**, do you change **Life**? You change them if you want to, but not me! Also look at the "in your face" warning, in the Scriptures themselves! Remember, we are talking about **LIFE**. ***Revelation 22:18,19***

* The Lord said, *there is a "tree of* ***Life****," a "crown of* ***Life****" and "a book of* ***Life***."

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive t \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ **l \_ \_ \_**, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

***James 1:12; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3;5; 13:8; 20:12,15; 21:27; Genesis 2:9; Revelation 2:7; 22:2,14***

**Life**, a final look, thoughts and truths

\* Well, what do you think, have we figured out what **Life** "*IS"* yet? We have studied a lot of truths out of God's word. We have seen overwhelming evidence that **Life** is and that the Scriptures are not ashamed to speak of **Life.** We saw that it was a major subject to the Lord. He died for the reason of **Life.** Like the leaves blowing and being moved in the wind reveal the wind is present, does not explain what the wind "*IS*." The wind is invisible, it does not have a smell of itself, nor color, nor shape or anything other than the evidence that it reveals itself by.

\* It is looking like, very much so, that the answer we are seeking, "What '*IS*' **Life?**" is hidden by the Lord. There are many things that the Lord has placed a limit upon when it comes to knowledge, and man is just going to have to accept that he is not going to find out anymore until God says so. ***Ecclesiastes 3:11; 7:13,14,23,24; 8:16,17***; ***1 Corinthians*** ***2:7-9***. Haven't we gotten enough multi-Billion dollar "rocks" and "pictures? Apparently not? The *Doctrinal* things we have studied thus far in our Bibles are Truth, and we can and should use them for what we believe about ***Life***, because that is what the Scripture "Says!" But, nailing down the answer to "What IS ***Life***?" is something man has been running to and fro about from the beginning of time and has come up with nothing, because God has set boundaries. All of the so-called scholars and scientists are chasing vanity. The reason man wants control of **Life** is: 1.) He doesn't want God to have it. 2.) He doesn't want God telling him what to do. 3.) He wants the control so he himself can control it, $$$! Get it? (For the good of mankind, of course!)

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\* Let's look at a few more interesting areas of what our Bibles have to *say* about **Life**. We are going to just look and see what the Bible "says" "as it says it", and see where the Lord leads us.

**Life**, some definitions

Life is ~GOD~ is Life

And God said unto Moses, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, \_ \_ \_ hath sent me unto you. ***Exodus 3:14***

* ~ THAT ~ Introduces a subordinate clause "It is clear that you're up to the job"; Pointing out something "that house over there"; The other one from this "this one is green, that one is red".
* ~ I ~ Used of a single unit or thing; not two or more; single; unity; one.
* ~ AM ~ Have the quality of being; Have an existence, be extant; **Have life**, **be alive**; To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted; **being**.
* ~ BEING ~ The state or fact of **being** objectively real; A **living** thing that has (or can develop) the ability to act or function independently; Have the quality of **being**; Have an existence, be extant; **Have life**, **be alive**; To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted ; Be priced at.
* ~ HUMAN ~ Having human form or attributes as opposed to those of animals or divine **beings**; Any **living** or extinct member of the family Hominidae characterized by superior intelligence, articulate speech, and erect carriage; Relating to a person; Man.
* ~ IS ~ Have the quality of **being**; Have an existence, be extant; **Have life**, **be alive**; To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted; Be priced at; personify;
* ~ EXTANT ~ Still in existence; not extinct, destroyed or lost; existent; existing; **living**.
* ~ EXISTANT ~ Having existence, **being** or actuality; **Being** or occurring in fact or actuality; having verified existence; not illusory; Presently existing in fact and not merely potential or possible; actual; real.
* ~ REAL ~ **Being** or occurring in fact or actuality; having verified existence; not illusory; Having substance or capable of **being** treated as fact; not imaginary; Coinciding with reality; very; tangible; literal; genuine; actual.

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**Life**, truths of breath

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education. ~Mark Twain~

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_

n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ **l \_ \_ \_**; and m \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_."

***Genesis 2:7***

\* According to the verse above the *way* and *means* that man got "**Life"** was by God Himself breathing His breath into a formed man, (from the dust of the ground) the breath of **Life**. Through the Lords breath (called the breath of **Life)** entering into the formed man’s nostrils, it is what caused the formed man to become a ***living SOUL***. ***Isaiah 57:16***

**Question:** PR. = Proof

Did the (formed man) have **Life** before God breathed into his nostrils? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

PR?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Did the (formed man) have a soul before Gods breath entered into him? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

PR?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Could the (formed man of the dust of the ground) bring himself to **Life** before God breathed into him His breath? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, PR?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\* Note: From man’s creation throughout the Old Testament, man’s soul (an invisible body within) is attached to his physical body, even though it is a separate entity. Remember this! (Being born-again changes this!)

"O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: Which h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ in **l \_ \_ \_**, and suffereth not our feet to be moved." ***Psalms 66:8,9***

"Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: ***Isaiah 42:5***

**Question:**

According to what God's word "says," What made and keeps man **Life?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, PR?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

"Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,

t \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_, and return to their dust." ***Psalms 104:29***

"His b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ goeth forth, he r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to h \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_; in that very day his thoughts perish." ***Psalms 146:4***

**Question:**

What is it that causes a man to die? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, PR?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What part of a man dies when God takes away his breath? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PR? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

God gives **Life** by His breath, and God takes away **Life** by taking away the breath that was breathed into man by God, what does that make God's breath? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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"The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the w \_ \_ \_ o \_ m \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_. They have

m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, but they s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_; e \_ \_ \_ have they, but they s \_ \_ n \_ \_; They have e \_ \_ \_, but they h \_ \_ \_ not; neither is there any b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in their mouths. They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them." ***Psalms 135:15-18***

**Question:**

What were these things that had features like a man? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What were they made of? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Who made these things? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What did they have that man has? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Were these things alive? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In order for a man to be "alive" according to what Gods word says, he would have to have what, that the things did not have? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

So, according to this verse, what is breath? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Who gives breath? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

"For t \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_** of t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ is **"in"** the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." ***Leviticus 17:11***

**Question:**

Where does the Lord say in this verse **Life** resides? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What is "in" mans blood that, if he did not have, he would die? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

How does man obtain this to stay alive? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

So breath is what? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Who's breath is life? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_? So God is what?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

"Jesus saith unto him, I a \_ the way, the truth, and t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." ***John 14:6***

\*Do you see how the Lord's word points us back to Him when it comes to Life, truth of Breath?

Look in these verses in Job what is said.

"If he set his heart upon man, if h \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto himself **his** s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and **his** b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; All f \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ together, and man shall t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ unto dust."

***Job 34:14,15***

**Question:**

In the above verse, can God control mans spirit and breath?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. PR?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Does the verse "say" mans spirit and breath are two separate entities?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. PR?\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Who has ownership of the spirit and breath?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. PR?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What happens to a man if God gathers His spirit and breath? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What part of a man dies when God takes His spirit and breath? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Is any man excluded from Gods power over his breath? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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"But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and t \_ \_ G \_ \_ i \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:" ***Daniel 5:23***

"The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones ***live***? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, ***I will*** ***cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live***: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and ***put breath in you, and ye shall live;*** and ye shall know that I am the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: ***but there was no breath in them***. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto ***the wind,*** prophesy, son of man, and say ***to the wind***, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come ***from the four*** ***winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live***. So I prophesied as he commanded me, ***and the breath came into them, and they lived***, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army." ***Ezekiel 37:1-10***

**Question:**

Who in the verse above controls the wind? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What did the verse say that the wind was? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Did the sinews and skin that covered the army bring them to **Life**? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What then made the army stand up alive? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What was the breath called? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Who controls the wind? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Who controls breath? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

So, the *truth of breath* according to what the Bible "says" is **L \_ \_ \_.**

"Let every thing that **hath breath** praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD." ***Psalms 150:6***

Life, truths of spirit

\* As we can see from our study so far, *breath* and *spirit* in the Scriptures are very closely related. In fact, so closely related that it is difficult to differentiate them when it comes to the issue of the truth of **Life.** Let's see what the Bible says about *spirit* concerning **Life**.



\* Everyone that has breath, has spirit, therefore, has **Life**. But, even though everyone has spirit, this does not mean they have the Holy Spirit abiding in them ***1 Corinthians*** ***2:14***. Only people in this age that have been (Born Again) ***John 3:3-5*** have the Holy Spirit in their body abiding

***1 John 2:27; Ephesians 1:13***. All other people that have **Life**, have spirit, but not God the Holy Ghost (Spirit).

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\* There are found in Scripture different spirits. There is God the Holy Ghost (Spirit) ***John*** ***4:24***(The Third Person of the Godhead) ***Matthew 28:19***; ***1 Corinthians 2:10***. There is Satan, who is a spirit ***Ephesians 2:2***. There are unclean spirits(devils)***Luke 8:29***. There is the spirit of beasts ***Ecclesiastes 3:21***. Then there is the spirit of man ***1 Corinthians 2:11***. All of these are different and unique in itself.

\* More Bible truths of spirit

* *The Lord is the owner of the spirit*

"R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ now t \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because m \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ h \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_, and the mourners go about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ as it was: and t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ w \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ i \_. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity." ***Ecclesiastes 12:1-8***

* *Man does not have the power over the spirit that God does*

"There i \_ n \_ m \_ \_ that h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ over t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it."

***Ecclesiastes 8:8; Luke 8:54,55***

* *The spirit is necessary for the body to have* ***Life***

"For as t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ d \_ \_ \_, so faith without works is dead also." ***James 2:26***

* *It is because God gives the spirit to man, that he has it*

"Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:" ***Isaiah 42:5***

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* *It is God's spirit that he places with the man that causes him to be*

"T \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, they are c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and thou renewest the face of the earth." ***Psalms 104:30***

* *Jesus said His words are spirit and* ***Life***

"It is t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ q \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; the flesh profiteth nothing: t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ I s \_ \_ \_ \_ unto you, t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**." ***John 6:63***

\* If the Lord is telling us the truth (and He is) about His words, there is going to be a lot of answering to be done at the Judgment Seat of Christ for the Lives (Life) that were affected because of people changing and tampering with the word. According to what the Lord said, if you change His word you change the spirit. Isn't that what the word "says"? Not me! I stay with God's word (KJV). You use what you want, not me. Very dangerous territory!

* *The spirit in man has form*

"The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ 0 \_ m \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_." ***Zechariah 12:1***

**Life**, truths of being

\* As we look at some truths here in the Scriptures, this could be one of the closest truths yet to answering the question of "What "IS" **Life**? "Being!" All of us have used the term and have even been addressed as one at some time in our lives. "Human Being." Take a look at our definitions above again and see what "being" is. As far as the human side of the search for the meaning of what "IS" **life**, this is pretty close, wouldn't you agree? The Bible speaks of "being and **Life**."

\* Bible truths of being

* *While we live, we have our being*

"I will sing unto the LORD a \_ l \_ \_ \_ a \_ I l \_ \_ \_: I will sing praise to my God while I

h \_ \_ \_ m \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_." ***Psalms 104:33***

* *The soul and breath are relational with a man's being*

"Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O m \_ s \_ \_ \_. While I l \_ \_ \_ will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I h \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_. Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ goeth forth, he r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ h \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_; in that very day his thoughts perish." ***Psalms 146:1-4***

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* *A man's being represents who a man is, both to himself and others*

"And I said, Should s \_ \_ \_ a m \_ \_ a \_ I flee? and who is there, that, b \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ I a \_, would go into the temple to s \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_? I will not go in." ***Nehemiah 6:11***

* *The Scriptures say that a being is substance, and fashioned, and God can see it*

"T \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ did s \_ \_ my substance, yet b \_ \_ \_ \_ unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which i \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, when as yet there was none of them." ***Psalms 139:16***

* *A being is the presence of one*

"Now I P \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who

 i \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ am base among you, but b \_ \_ \_ \_ absent am bold toward you:"

***2 Corinthians 10:1***

* *There is no such thing as having being without the Lord*

"For i \_ h \_ \_ we l \_ \_ \_, and m \_ \_ \_, and h \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_; as certain also of your own poets have said, For w \_ a \_ \_ also his offspring." ***Acts 17:28***

***Offspring***: The immediate descendants of a person; Something that comes into existence as a result.

"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no God with me: I kill, and I m \_ \_ \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand."

***Deuteronomy 32:39***

~ So, can anyone define what **Life** "IS" according to what the Bible "Says"? ~

\* We have been over a lot of Bible and seen a lot of Scripture concerning **Life**, haven't we? Do you feel like you are confused in any way? Of course not. The Holy Ghost has taught us many different tenses of **Life**, it's origin and its destiny. We have also seen that **Life** covers many different areas depending on what you are wanting to know from the Lord. Do you now know and understand that man is never going to define **Life** without the Lord and His word? This is why it is such a mysterious thing to the lost and Christ rejecters, and how they imagine some of the most preposterous things in their imaginations. "Can't find the reasons here on earth, let's go to the moon!" "Nope, not there, how bout Mars?" "Nope, how bout DNA?" "How about cloning?" And on and on it goes! As we said before, no one is going to find out anything the Lord does not want known, or discover anything that the Lord wants hidden. Nobody manipulates the Lord, ever! **Life**, the way the Scriptures teach, is beautiful. The Truth!

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Is it What is **Life**? or “Who is **Life**?”

* **Natural Life** is in the **Body**. It is kept alive by the **spirit** (the spirit of man, not the Holy Spirit) which is *given to man and controlled by God*.

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall return unto God w \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ i \_." ***Ecclesiastes 12:7***



"For as the b \_ \_ \_ without the s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is d \_ \_ \_, so faith without works is dead also." ***James 2:26***

* **Eternal Life** is in the **Soul**. It is kept alive by **Gods Breath** (the breath of Life) which is *given to man and* *controlled by God*.

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ his nostrils the b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ l \_ \_ \_; and man became a l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_." ***Genesis 2:7***

"Behold, a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_; as the s \_ \_ \_ of the father, so also the s \_ \_ \_ of the son i \_ m \_ \_ \_: the soul that sinneth, it shall die." ***Ezekiel 18:4***

* **Spiritual Life** is in the **spirit** (the spirit of man) which is kept alive by **God the Holy** **Ghost (Spirit)** when a man trusts the gospel (Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ) written in the word of God. Man's spirit then is supernaturally quickened (made alive) (regeneration) by the Holy Ghost moving into his body and saving his soul (Born Again). **Spiritual Life** is *given to man freely and controlled by God and His word*.

"Being b \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, which l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for ever." ***1 Peter 1:23***

"It is the s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that q \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; the flesh profiteth nothing: the w \_ \_ \_ \_ that I s \_ \_ \_ \_ unto you, t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ **l \_ \_ \_**." ***John 6:63***

"The S \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ beareth witness w \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that we are the children of God:" ***Romans 8:16***

\*This will conclude our study of **Life**. We have by no means exhausted the study of **Life** from the Scriptures, but we have honored our Lord by finding out that all **Life** comes from and returns to Him. Thank you for studying the Lord's precious word. If someone asked you "What is **Life**?" what would you answer now? What does the Bible “say?”

**"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."**

***Revelation 22:13***

**“Neither is worshipped with men’s hands, as though he needed any**

**thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;” *Acts 17:25***

**"For in him we live,** (spirit) **and move,** (body) **and have our being;** (soul) **as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." *Acts 17:28***

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