

JESUS – THE LIFE

Introduction

- 1) God provides for man his existence, his knowledge, and his direction (Acts 17:28)
- 2) **John 14:6** – Jesus spoke of Himself as “*the way, the truth, and the life*”
- 3) Jesus here affirms that He is the one and only *way*, the absolute *truth*, and the source of *life*
 - a) Our faith, hope, and doctrine must be established in the preaching of Jesus (Col. 1:27-28)
 - b) Man’s true existence, knowledge, and direction is revealed now in Jesus (Col. 2:2-10)
- 4) This lesson will study Jesus as **THE LIFE**

I) “**Life**”

- A) Gk. *zoe* – alive, animate, the state of one possessing vitality, spiritually and physically
- B) God is the source of all life (Acts 17:25)
 - 1) Creation (Gen. 1:20, 24; 2:7)
 - 2) Gives and preserves life (Neh. 9:6; 1 Tim. 6:13; Job 33:4)
- C) Sanctity of human life (Gen. 1:26-27)
 - 1) Man’s life of greater value (Gen. 9:3, 6; Matt. 10:31)
 - 2) Compassion, care, and respect for even the weakest among us: children, aged, disabled, terminally ill, oppressed, and unborn (cf. Lk. 10:33)

II) **Sin and Death – the End of Life**

- A) Consequences of sin is death (Gen. 2:16-17)
 - 1) **Physical death** (Gen. 3:19; 1 Cor. 15:21-22)
 - a) Separation of body and spirit (Eccl. 12:6-7; Jas. 2:26)
 - 2) **Spiritual death** (Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:1)
 - a) Separation of man and God (Gen. 3:22-24; Isa. 59:2)
- B) The solution to this problem is Jesus (Rom. 6:23)

III) **Jesus, the Giver and Restorer of Life**

- A) All life is given through the Word (Jn. 1:1-4)
- B) Jesus, the good Shepherd, came that we may have life, and to have it “more abundantly” (Jn. 10:10)
- C) Jesus is the water and bread of life (Jn. 4:6-14; 6:26-69)
 - 1) Jesus provides all we need to access eternal life – the words of life (1 Jn. 1:1-2)
- D) Jesus is the resurrection and the life (Jn. 11:20-27)
 - 1) Jesus came the first time to raise us from spiritual death (Jn. 5:24-26; Rom. 6:3-4, 11)
 - 2) Jesus will come again to raise us from physical death (Jn. 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:20-23)

IV) **Jesus – Our Life**

- A) Made alive together with Christ (Col. 2:13)
- B) Our life is hidden with Christ, who is our life (Col. 3:3-4; Gal. 2:20)
- C) Eternal life is promised through Jesus, the Son of God (1 Jn. 5:11-13)
- D) After His second coming, there will be no more death for the righteous (1 Cor. 15:24-26, 53-57; Rev. 20:14; 21:4; second death for unrighteous, 21:8)

Conclusion

Jesus is the only way to pass from death to life, and to release us from the fear of death. He did so by His own death and resurrection, making possible our own resurrection from the death of sin and the grave. Jesus is the resurrection and the life – do you believe in Him?