

The Gospel Series
Life

What is life?

- Having a pulse/breath
- Cell division
- Being sustained by God
- One's soul being in their body

Why value it so much?

- We only get one life
- It is a gift
- It is short
- People fear the afterlife, so we cling on to this one
- For Christians, we know that after this life comes judgment.

So every decision we make here will have an impact on eternity.

What are the types of Life in the Bible?

Physical Life

Gen. 2:7

Lev. 17:10-12 – this teaches us about how God gave the blood of an animal for atonement. This is the basis of Christ's death. Because God orchestrates the world according to his will, and his will is that only a blood sacrifice can wipe out our disobedience then we see why the death of Christ is necessary for our forgiveness.

Deut. 8:1-3 – This verse shows us the importance of God's sustaining power in our lives. He sustains us through His Word, which can be found in his commands. However, we also talked about how Christ is the Word of God (John 1) and that Christ is the

one who holds all things together (Hebrews 1:1-3) at all moments. Therefore, we see that God is sustainer even more fundamentally than the food that we eat. We also see that living by heeding his word brings life because the Lord will not pursue us.

Spiritual Life

Eph. 2:1-5

What is the difference between Spiritual life and physical life?

We see in Ephesians 2 that there is life that goes beyond the physical. We were dead in our sins while we yet live. We were zombies before Christ. The walking dead. However, through Christ we have been given a life that is eternal. A life that goes beyond the material world. It is wrapped up in who Christ is.

Eternal Life

John 11:25

So, is there a difference between Jesus giving eternal life and being eternal life?

If Jesus simply gave eternal life without *being* eternal life himself, then we would not need Jesus. There would be no need to bind ourselves to Jesus as slaves to a master (Romans 6), there would be no need to continually have a relationship with him. However, since Jesus is himself life, we must continue in relationship with him. This is not about eternal security (which I hold to). It is about knowing who life is found in.

Why is this a part of the good news?

Life eternal with our Creator *is* the good news!