

Sermon ~ Sunday, January 31, 20221 by Pastor D. Benoit

Text: I John 5: 11 "And this is the record, that GOD hath given us eternal life, and this life is in HIS SON."

Title: "Life"

Life – according to Johns Hopkins University CSSE Covid-19 Data, to date (January 19, 2021) over 2 million have died to Covid-19 since January 22, 2020.

Life – over 400,000 in the US along has died as of January 19, 2021.

Life – "It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness."
(Is this so???)

Life – "Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, but only empties today of its strength."

Life – "**WISDOM** is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be Wise. Many know, a great deal and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have **WISDOM**."

Life – from my perspective, from his, her, their perspectives... But from **GOD**, what is **Life**?

The word "**Life**" is, "*zoe*," a Greek word, verb, that means "to live" or "to have life."

Life – is the energy, the force, the power of being. **JESUS** said, "**I AM . . . The LIFE**: no man cometh unto **The FATHER**, but by **ME**. (John 14: 6). "And this is life eternal, that they might know **THEE The Only True GOD**, and **JESUS CHRIST, WHOM THOU** hast sent." (John 17: 3)

Life – is the opposite of *perishing (apollumi)* that is, fully destroyed; cut off entirely. It is deliverance from condemnation and death. It is the stopping or cessation of deterioration, decay, and corruption. "For **GOD** so loved the world, that **HE** gave **HIS** only begotten **SON**, that whosoever believeth in **HIM** should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3: 16)

Life – is Eternal (*aionios*). It is *forever*. It is the very **Life of GOD HIMSELF** (John 17: 3). However, eternal life does not refer just to *duration*. Living *forever* would be a curse for some persons. The idea of eternal life is also *quality*, a certain kind of life, a life that consistently knows love, joy, peace, power, and responsibility. **JESUS** said, "**I AM** come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10: 10)

Life – is Satisfaction not contentment. "And **JESUS** said unto them, **I AM The Bread of life**: he that cometh to **ME** shall never hunger; and he that believeth on **ME** shall never thirst." (John 6: 35) (I'm a living witness!!!)

Life – is found only in **GOD**. **GOD is The SOURCE** and **AUTHOR of Life**, and it is **GOD WHO** has appointed **JESUS CHRIST** to bring life to us. **JESUS CHRIST** gives the very **Life of GOD HIMSELF** to us. "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which **The SON of man** shall give unto you: for **HIM** hath **GOD The FATHER** sealed . . . And this is the will of **HIM** that sent **ME**, that every one which seeth **The SON**, and believeth on **HIM**, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6: 27, 40)

Life – has now been revealed. It has been *unveiled* and is clearly seen in **JESUS CHRIST**. **JESUS CHRIST** shows us what life is... “In **HIM** is life; and **The LIFE** is The Light of men. And The Light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended **HIM** not.” (John 1: 4-5)

GOD gives us life through **HIS SON, The LORD JESUS CHRIST!** Life only comes to us by believing in **JESUS CHRIST!** Anyone outside of **JESUS CHRIST** only exists. They merely have only an animalistic existence. Real Life is found only in **GOD**. **GOD is the CREATOR** of Life. **GOD** alone knows what life really is and what it is supposed to be. This is the reason **GOD** sent **JESUS, The LORD JESUS CHRIST** into the world: to show us what life is. Have you looked to **JESUS** lately? Truly looked to **JESUS!** Do you see what I see... **LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS/FAVOR, MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE and SPIRITUAL CONTROL...**

O **LORD** my **GOD**,
when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds **THY HANDS** have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, **THY POWER** thru-out
the universe displayed!

Then sings my soul, my **SAVIOR GOD**, to **THEE**;
How Great **THOU** art, how Great **THOU** art!
Then sings my soul, my **SAVIOR GOD**, to **THEE**;
How Great **THOU** art, how Great **THOU** art!

When I think that **GOD, HIS SON** not sparing,
Sent **HIM** to die, I scarce can take it in—That on **The Cross**, my burden
gladly bearing, **HE** bled and died to take away my *sin*!
Then sings my soul, my **SAVIOR GOD**, to **THEE**;
How Great **THOU** art, how Great **THOU** art!
Then sings my soul, my **SAVIOR GOD**, to **THEE**;
How Great **THOU** art, how Great **THOU** art!

When **CHRIST** shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what **JOY** shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in
humble adoration, And there proclaim, my **GOD**, how Great **THOU** art!
Then sings my soul, my **SAVIOR GOD**, to **THEE**;
How Great **THOU** art, how Great **THOU** art!
Then sings my soul, my **SAVIOR GOD**, to **THEE**;
How Great **THOU** art, how Great **THOU** art!

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