

WHOSE LIFE IS IT

In my life, I've heard people say many times, "this is my life and I can do whatever I want. It's under my control and I can do whatever I wish."

The problem is this, they've conveniently left out the fact that 99.9% of the function of their natural life is controlled by involuntary muscle reactions. Everything from blinking and blood clotting, to their heart pumping blood and their lungs pumping air. The reality is, if they were in control of every one of these functions, they would die the 1st time they fell asleep.

So, when we talk about "our life", what are we really talking about. Let's look at the scriptures to shed some light on this question.

Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being. Genesis 2.7

It appears from this scripture that the life that we claim as our own has been given to us by someone else. It's actually God's life that makes us alive.

Here's another one.

In Him we live and move and have our being. Acts 17.28

So, God not only initially gave us our lives He is also the sustainer of that life as well. As it says in Ephesians 2.10, we are God's handiwork.

Babies are born millions of times a day on this planet, and we've come to believe that it's very natural. When in reality, it's totally supernatural. God is the only one in the universe who can make someone alive.

When Satan lied to Eve in the garden, he told her that there was life apart from God, who is the source of life, and that by rejecting God's word she could be completely independent, unrestrained and free to express her own life apart from God.

By running after that lie, Adam and Eve ended up separated from God, the source of life, and ended up with a cursed existence in this world struggling and scuffling by their own sweat and by they're own wits and they're own senses. Whatever they could perceive by their own 5 senses was what became their reality.

Romans 8.6 declares the reality.

The mind set on our natural senses produces only death. In spite of all of man's determination and effort the end result of all of it is death. We die a little bit more every day that we live.

All of mankind has proceeded to try to scratch out an existence in this natural world that they were never created to live in, apart from God.

This world continually reinforces to man's senses, that you are only the sum total of everything you've been through, and this is all there is for you in this world.

But, God said, that my thoughts are not your thoughts, and neither are your ways my ways.

As the creator of reality, God has a completely different picture of reality than this world.

Let's look at a couple more scriptures.

Here is one that speaks of Jesus.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. HE was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through HIM, and apart from HIM nothing came into being that has come into being In HIM was life, and that life was the light of men. John 1.1

Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 8.3

God creates reality with His word, and He actually IS His Word. God's Word is the expression of His Life.

As the Creator of everything, He also retains ownership of everything that he created.

Psalms 24.1 states, the Earth is the Lord's, the world and everyone who dwells in it.

Col 1.16 declares that all things were created BY HIM and FOR HIM.

Since the fall of man from God's presence mankind has been rolling along ignoring God, engrossed in building a life of their own making in this natural world.

God had no intention of allowing His greatest creation that He breathed His Life into to live forever in this death.

God's remedy for our hopeless situation is called the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Jesus came preaching, "repent because the Kingdom is at hand." Matthew 4.17

It wasn't repent of lying, murder, adultery, or any other kind of sin. It was repent of our sense-controlled lives that cause all of those sins, because the life that we were originally created for was available to us now.

I said earlier that our being born in this Earth is supernatural. Our being re-born is also supernatural.

The Gospel of the Kingdom is not a religion to try to perform with our natural effort. It's the supernatural work of God to re-create us back into His family.

And he did it in a way that only God Almighty could do.

He put all of mankind in Christ and whatever happened to Christ also happened to man. So, Christ not only died for us, in God's reality we actually died with Him and were raised with Him back into the presence of God.

Although God created man and retains ownership of His own creation, He created man in His image and likeness.

Which means that man has the ability to choose between living his own natural life apart from God or accepting the full redemption and complete oneness that God is made available through the sacrifice of Christ.

Jesus told the Jews of His day, "how I would have gathered you like a hen gathers her chicks, but you were unwilling."

Romans 1.18-25 explains that God revealed Himself through the things that He created. But some men chose to worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator and exchanged the truth of God for a lie.

Satan made the expression of our independent life apart from God sound pretty appealing to Adam and Eve. But he left out the consequences. It leads only to death. There is no life apart from God.

So what happens when we accept Christ's incredible sacrifice for us? I'll share just a few scriptures.

He redeems us from our useless way of life inherited from Adam and Eve. 2 Peter 1.18

We are redeemed from the authority and control of this world, which Satan rules, into the kingdom of God. Colossians 1.13

He re-created us as completely new creatures and delivers us from our past life which only produces death. 1 Corinthians 5.17

God offers us His Eternal life.

God has given us His eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 1 John 5.11

God is offering us His eternal life. The one that He originally breathed into Adam's nostrils, and the eternal oneness and fellowship that goes with it.

Moses told the Israelites, I have set before you, life and blessing, death and curse. Choose life.

In America we call this a no brainer. A simple decision that should be obvious to everyone.

The scriptures say, it is appointed for men to die and then the judgment.

In our final judgment before God, I believe the questions that God will ask us is, what did you do with the life that I gave you.

If we really want to possess the life that we were created for from the very beginning, we have to receive it from the Source.

LET'S NOT ACCEPT ANY SUBSTITUTES.

God bless you.

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