

Zoe – The God Kind of Life

Why did Jesus come?

- To found a church?
- To improve humanity?
- To give us a code of conduct?

Quote John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

The Greek word translated “life” is zoe, which means the God _____.

Romans 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal *life* in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

This eternal life He came to give us is the _____ of God.

John 5:26 says, “For as the Father has *life* in Himself; so has He given the Son to have *life* in Himself.”

John 1:4 tells us what this life will do for us. “In Him was *life*, and the *life* was the light of men.” Light stands for development. ie. “In Him was *life*; and the *life* was the development of men.” Or, “In Him was zoe; and the zoe was the development of men.”

There are 4 words translated “life” in the New Testament:

1. Zoe – eternal or the God kind of life
2. Psuche – natural or human life
3. Bios – manner of life
4. Anastrophee – means confused behavior

Typically, the church has majored on the *manner* of the Christian life or behavior rather than the *eternal life* which is the critical factor. No matter what your behavior or manner of life, if you don't have eternal life, it won't amount to anything anyway.

Receiving _____ is the most miraculous and important incident in life.

It is not "getting religion." It is God implanting His very nature, substance and being into our human spirit.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

"¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,"

Therefore if any man be in Christ... Paul is not talking about the body, or the mind but about the _____ - the inward man. God is actually giving birth to a new man.

In the new birth, your spirit is born of God. Ezekiel prophesied of a new covenant. This is the New Testament as we know it.

Read Ezekiel 36:26-27

"²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them."

Ezekiel is prophesying about the new birth. The words heart and spirit are used interchangeably.

My heart is my _____.

When God talks about the heart of man, He is talking about the real you.

Man is a spirit. He is in the class with God, because God is a Spirit, and man was made to have fellowship with God.

When you are born again, your body is not new and your mind is not new, but your spirit is new.

In Romans 12:2, Paul is talking to people who are born again and Spirit filled, yet they need to do something with their minds. What is it?

“² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

One of the greatest needs today is for Christians to have renewed minds. Your mind becomes renewed by the Word of God – the Bible.

Is the reborn spirit, the new man in Christ fully developed after receiving eternal life?

Yes / No ? _____

Read 1 Peter 2:2

“² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby”

You are complete in the sense that there is nothing missing, but you need to grow by feeding on the Word.

You are complete but not fully grown. You need to learn to let your spirit govern everything you do.

Romans 6:6 say, “⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be [a]done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

The body of sin Paul is talking about here is not your physical body. The sin nature in your flesh is still there. But the old sin nature in your spirit is gone. Your spirit is a new creature.

If your mind is not renewed with the Word of God, it will side with your flesh and dominate your spirit. But if you get your mind renewed, your spirit, through your mind will dominate your body.

Feeding your spirit with the Word will bring renewing of the mind. Even if it doesn't seem to be registering on your mind, it will speak to your spirit, which will instruct your mind as you meditate.

Everything originates in your spirit. Your spirit has to give your body permission to sin or your body cannot do it.

Your spirit picks up knowledge from the Spirit of God.

Your spirit will instruct your mind and emotions (soul).

Read James 1:21

“²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

Your spirit is become a new creation, but your soul is restored as the Word of God feeds your spirit and your spirit instructs your mind.

Zoe, then means the eternal life, or God's life. This new kind of life is God's nature. It produces change in a man or woman. It changes their desires, and begins to change their habits. But it is all prompted from the inside, the spirit of man.

It is the opposite of religious observance.

Say, "I am a new creature. I have the life of God in me. I have the nature of God in me. I have the wisdom of God in me. Hallelujah!"

Let zoe dominate you. Learn to feed your spirit. Develop your spirit man by listening to it and being obedient to it.

Say, "The zoe life is mine. It is in me and it is working. I am led by the Spirit of God. I am reigning in life through Christ Jesus. I am strong in Him. My confidence is in Him. I cannot be defeated because I have the Greater One in me. Amen."