

#4 Life's Glorious Expression

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- Life is a marvelous mystery that holds the world's greatest secrets.
- We all know what physical life is, but we only can define it by observation
- It moves, breathes, reproduces, grows, eats,

Christians talk much about spiritual life but really cannot explain it!

Analogies of life

- Scriptural authors and John in particular were amazed by symbols such as light, love and life.
- "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4).
- This basic notion of life is critical to gaining a good understanding of discipleship.
- New life describes the beginning of spiritual life.

Life is a frame on which all the other truths can hang.

Hidden from Sight

- Many truths are hidden from our lives in theological books.
- But Jesus used parables.
- Precious truths are locked up, out of reach.
- Keswick movement
- Miracles provide faith but not much growth

Spiritual Disciplines

- Easier to gauge doing disciplines but this is not the same as renewal.
- Have you prayed or read Bible without it bringing renewal?

- For many it is like driving without a destination.
- “I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed” (1 Peter 2:24).

Our Lessons

- God wants us to understand these truths and therefore built them into His creation.
- Jesus and scripture writers used analogies including the term ‘life’ to help us grasp and understand important truths.
- The church as a whole has never really grasped this concept of life and its purpose.
- Christian educational institutions have hidden the most important truths from their students, paralyzing not only their lives but consequentially much of the church.

Our Applications

- ➡ Do your best to describe spiritual life and how one grows spiritually.
- ➡ What is the goal of Christian life? Be as specific as possible.