

Some important questions about life

1Jo-5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

We know with an absolute knowledge that the Son of God has come and is here, and that He has given us a permanent understanding in order that we may know in an experiential way the One who is genuine. And we are in the Genuine One, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the genuine God and life eternal (Wuest's Word Studies from the Greek New Testament).

Smith, commenting on this verse, says: "The assurance and guarantee of it all — the incarnation, an overwhelming demonstration of God's interest in us and His concern for our highest good. Not simply a historic fact but an abiding operation — not 'came' (ἐλθε) but 'hath come and hath given us.' Our faith is not a matter of intellectual theory but of personal and growing acquaintance with God through the enlightenment of Christ's Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

In this Bible study, we will ponder over some of the important questions about life and with the answers will judge ourselves and correct ourselves.

1Co-11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

1. Who am I ?

The Bible calls us as the **“offspring of God”**.

Acts 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. 29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

The Bible calls us as **“born of God”**.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 3:3,5,7; 1 John 2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1,4,18;

The Bible calls us as **“children of God”**.

Gal-3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: (Deut 14:1. Ps 82:6. Math 5:9; Luke 20:36; Rom 8:21; 9:8; 1 John 3:10;4:4; 5:2.

The Bible calls us **“sons of God”**.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

The Bible says that we are created in the image and likeness of God.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

The Bible calls us - Ambassadors of God (*2 Cor 5: 20*); Heirs of God and Joint heirs with Jesus (*Rom 8:17*); Peculiar people zealous of good works (*Tit 2:14*); Righteousness of God (*2 Cor 5:21*); Kings and priests of God (*Rev 1:6; 5:10*); Salt of the earth (*Math 5:13*); Light of the world (*Math 5:14*);

Epistle (2 Cor 3:2); New creature – all things of God (2 Cor 5:17-18 ; Friend of Jesus (John 15:14); Saint of God (1 Thes 3:13).

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Who am I? I am a child of God created by God in His image and likeness.

2. How am I created?

Creation of the First Man

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

1 Thes 5:23

God ----- → *Breath of life* ----- → *Spirit of man*

Dust of the Ground-----→ BODY

Spirit +Body -----→ SOUL

The order in *1 Thess 5:23* is SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY.

1 Cor :16 ... that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you.

GOD'S TEMPLE has three parts 1. Holy of Holies, 2. Holy place , 3. Outer court. God lives in the Holy of Holies.

Man's three parts are spirit, soul, and body. God lives and communicates in his spirit.

SPIRIT: The noblest part of man occupies the innermost area of his being. This is the part where God dwells . By the spirit we communicate with God and worship him (John 4:24). Our spirit is the real life-giving part of us (*James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*).The spirit has 3 major functions or parts: 1.Fellowship (worship), 2. Intuition 3. Conscience. The spirit receives its orders from God and transmits it to the soul. The soul passes the order to the body and the body obeys and exercises the spirit's order.

SOUL: It is the organ of man's free will. What a man is depends on how his soul is. His soul represents him and expresses his individuality.

THE SOUL

CAN will to obey God; and will allow the spirit to rule over man.

CAN will to disobey God ; and will allow the body to rule over man.

CAN will to disobey God; and will suppress the spirit and rule over man.

To be a spiritual Man who has intimate communication with God (John 4:24), and who is led by the Holy Spirit (Rom; 8;14)..... one should know the clear cut difference between the spirit and soul. The only way is Heb 4:12 - THE WORD OF GOD. The word of God divides the soul and spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us the experience of this DIVISION.

In the Bible the word 'HEART' usually means some parts of the spirit and soul together.

BODY: It is the part which we see and feel with flesh, blood and bones. The body is the shell which houses the soul and the spirit..

Creation of me

God ---→Breath of life ----→ My spirit.

The sperm of my father + Egg of my mother -----→My body.

My spirit + My body -----→ My soul.

3. For what purpose did God create me?

1.To rule the world

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Psalms 8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet (Heb2, 7,8).

Psalms 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

But man because of sin lost the ability to fulfil the purpose of his creation. He lost his authority to rule the world and gave (yielded up, surrendered) his authority to Satan (*Gen 3:6; Rom 6:16; 1 Tim 2:14*). This is how Satan became the ruler of this world (*Ps 82:6; (John 12:31, 14:30; 2 Corinthians 4:4*). Jesus took back this authority from Satan (*Matthew 28:18, Ephesians 1:19-22, and 1 Peter 3:22*) and gave it back to us (*John 5:26-27; Matthew 28:18; 2 Cor. 5:20*).

How do we bring this change into the world?

By preaching the Gospel with signs, wonders and miracles.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

This is how the apostles changed the world upside down (*Acts 17:6; Luke 23:5, Acts 16:20*).

2. To worship God (Fellowship with God)

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Worship: proskuneō (meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand) (Strong's Concordance).

The worship of God is nowhere defined in Scripture. A consideration of the verbs shows that it is not confined to praise; broadly it may be regarded as the direct acknowledgement to God, of His nature, attributes, ways and claims, whether by the outgoing of the heart in praise and thanksgiving or by deed done in such acknowledgment.

(from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words)

The main purpose of God sending Jesus to die on the cross was to give eternal life to man.

John 3:16 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.

Now what is everlasting life – eternal life?

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Eternal life is – ‘knowing’ God. The Greek word for ‘knowing’ is ‘ginasko’ which means an ‘intimate relationship’ (*Gen 4:1; 19:8; 24:16; Math 1:25; Luke 1:34*).

So, the main purpose of Jesus’ coming and dying on the cross is that we can have an intimate relationship with God. This relationship was lost in the Garden of Eden and Jesus came to restore this relationship and we have eternal life – intimate relationship with God now (*1 John 5:12 ; John 5:24 ; John 3:36; 5:24; 1 John 5:13*).

3. To show the exceeding riches of His grace

Ephesians 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

No one is qualified enough to earn anything from God. It is all through His Grace. God has everything and He wants to give us His everything. All that we can receive from God is given to us through Jesus Christ.

Each one of us is created for a specific purpose.

Isaiah 49:1 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

Psalms 139:15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Before we were formed in the womb of our mother God knew us. He creates everybody with talents and abilities to fulfill His purpose. Each one of us was specifically designed by God with a purpose.

Some of the examples are Samson (*Judges 16:17*); Isaiah (*Is 49:1*); Jeremiah (*Jer 1:5*); David (*Psalms 139:13-16*); Paul (*Gal 1:15-17*); and all of us (*Rom 8:29*).

But many are not fulfilling the purpose in their whole life or for some time. Apostle Paul, even though he was separated from the mother’s womb with the calling to preach the Gospel, he did not do it for some time. So he was again separated and called to preach the Gospel (*Acts 13:2*).

God creates us all with a good purpose. No one was created to be a ‘waste’ (*John 3:16; Heb 13:21; 1 Tim 5:24; Col 1:9; Phill:6; Eph 6:6*).

But He uses us according to our cooperation.

2 Timothy 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Like clay in the hands of the potter, the potter intends to make every vessel to be a vessel of honor. But according to the cooperation of the clay, he uses it for various purposes. Instead of throwing away some, he uses it for some fit purposes. But if anyone cooperates with God, God can use him as a vessel of honor.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jer 29:11 I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out — plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for (THE MESSAGE BIBLE).

Do you know the specific purpose for which God created you?

Be born in a good family. Grow up as a good child. Study well and get good grades. Get into a job-oriented professional course. Come out with good grades. Get a comfortable hi-fi salary job. Marry a rich, same caste, tall, thin, fair, long haired, Christian, spiritual, obedient, homely and ready to be attached with our family - girl. Get married to a rich, same caste, Government employed, foreign employed, tall,

handsome, educated, Christian, spiritual, loving, ready to leave his family - boy. Live a normal Christian life, neither cold nor hot. Be in a church for certificates and a place in the beautiful graveyard. Give birth to a boy and a girl. Educate them, earn for them, get them married, settled and keep enough for retirement. Keep all insurances ready. Keep the minimum requirement to take part in the rapture. Die believing that I will go to heaven.

Is this the actual purpose for which God created you?

No. It cannot be. If you do not know the specific purpose for which God created you, you have to find it prayerfully. Only then can you proceed to fulfil it. And only then will you fulfil the purpose of God in your life. Otherwise your life will be a purposeless life.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

How can you find out the purpose for which God created you?

Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Colossians 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; Apostle Paul is writing this to born again people. So that part of God's will is fulfilled. Paul was still praying for them to be filled with the knowledge of God's will. Therefore, it's clear that there is much more to salvation than just being born again, much more than just the forgiveness of our sins. There are vast stores of wisdom and understanding that we need to enter into and fulfill God's will. Even toward the end of Paul's life, he was longing to know Jesus more (*Phil 3:10*).

Paul's desire was that the Colossians might be filled with the knowledge of God's will. The word "filled" means "to put in as much as can be held" (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). Such knowledge is to permeate all of one's being.

Knowledge of God's will is foundational in developing Christian conduct and character. The first thing Paul desired for the Colossians was that they be filled with the knowledge of God's will. Only then would they be able to "walk worthy of the Lord" and be "fruitful in every good work" (Col 1:10). There is no way people can fulfill God's will if they don't know what it is. The starting point for all Christians must be understanding God's will for them.

How can we obtain such knowledge of God's will for us?

1. Desire it.

Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

The first step is to desire it. Once we seek God with all our heart, we can find the knowledge of the will of God for us.

2. Through the Holy Spirit

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The Holy Spirit is the dispenser of God's wisdom. It is through Him that we know the things God has revealed to us (1 Cor 2:10-12). One of the primary ministries of the Holy Spirit is to reveal God's will to us (John 16:13). There has to be a dependency on the person of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 2:10).

3. The Word of God

We must study the Scriptures because they reveal the will of God concerning our actions and attitudes. To be filled with the knowledge of God's will, we must be filled with God's Word. God's Word is His will! Those who are ignorant of God's Word will be ignorant of God's will.

4. Who is my God?

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Luk-24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Joh-5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Act-18:28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

1Co-15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

1Co-15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

My God is the God mentioned in the Holy Scriptures.

Do you know your God?

Phi-3:8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

Phil 3:10 [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope] (AMP).

2Pe-3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Do you know your God? Who is He? Who is He for you?

5. How is your life now?

How is your physical life?

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

How is your prayer life? (Math chapter 6; 17:21; 21:22; 26:41. Eph 6:18; 1 Tim 2:8; Heb 13:18; Jude 20; 1 Thes 5:17. Psalms 55:17).

Jesus set us an example how to pray *Math 14:23*.

How much time you spend with the word of God?

Jos-1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night,.....

Psa-1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Is your life a testimony for Jesus?

One of the meanings of the word Christian is “little Christ”.

Philippians 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Mat-10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

Luk-12:8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

2Ti-1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

(Mark 16:15-18; 2 Cor 5:18-20).

Is my faith alive or dead?

If you say you are a believer, your life should show it.

Faith without works is dead. If you believe you should show it in your works.

Jam 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

6. What is my future?

1 Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

Do you know what is going to happen now onwards?

Rapture may happen at any time. Two things will be decided in Rapture

1.To Eternally live with God. 2.To Eternally suffer in hell.

Will I be taken in the Rapture? Or left behind to undergo eternal suffering.

If I am taken, will I get any rewards for my life on the earth at the time of the Judgment of believers?

Am I ready to meet my Lord?

What work will I be doing in the millennial rule?

What experience do I have?

When I meet the Lord who died for me, will I be able to stand boldly in front of Him saying “here I am lord! I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Give me the crown of righteousness”?

2 Peter 3:11-18 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Be blessed. You are a blessing.

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