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What is Life?

WEEKEND OF MARCH

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2019

- **"What's life?"**
- **> "A magazine."**
- **> "No it's not..."**
- **> "Well then, what is it?"**
- **> "It's a book..."**
- **> "What does it cost?"**
- **> "Diligence."**
- **> "What's the payoff?"**
- **> "Life...!"**



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“The Spirit gives life, the flesh does not: the words I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life!” –Jesus, John 6.63

What if that's true?

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- That flesh life without the Spirit is no life at all?
 - That ‘creaturely life’ with all its ‘creature comforts’ PROFITS NOTHING: lit: helps, benefits, does good, is useful, to no one, nothing, w/o spirit life?
 - Life wasn’t meant to be merely “creature!”
 - “Sin entered, we died!” **Romans 5.12**
 - Life is only real, attached to spirit life!

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- “That what is born of the flesh is (merely) flesh and what is born of the Spirit is spirit?” **John 3.6**

What if it's true...

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- That spiritual things are spiritually discerned?
 - “The unspiritual self, just as it is by nature, can't receive the gifts of God's Spirit. There's no capacity for them. They seem like so much silliness. Spirit can be known only by spirit—God's Spirit and our spirits in open communion. Spiritually alive, we have access to everything God's Spirit is doing...” **1Corinthians 2.14,15 MSG**

If it's true...

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**Then it would be *very*
important for us to be
cultivating ourselves with the
words that are spirit and life!**

2Timothy 2.15

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- “Study to show yourselves approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” [KJV]
- “Make every effort to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman who accurately handles the word of truth!” [Lexicon]

2Timothy 2.15



- **“Use speed in your earnestness to substantiate yourself tried and approved before God, a learner-to-teacher (leader) who isn’t put to shame for skimpy, bad, dishonest work, but who rightly lays out, straightly cuts through, the word of truth!”**
[transliteration]

2Peter 1.3,4

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- His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.



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**THAT SOUNDS
LIKE LIFE!**

It looks like..

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- **God has provided for us all things that pertain to true and complete life...**
 - Embedded in our knowledge of Him...
 - Engaged by promises that in Him are “yes and amen...”
- **So that we can be partakers of the divine nature (Spirit life) of God...**
 - Having escaped the way that leads to death in the world!
- **All packaged-up in His Word, The Bible!**

So, what's the plan?



- **To know the (W)words of the Bible!**
 - To have faith in God! **Romans 10.17**
 - To believe for salvation! **Gal 2.16 Eph 2.8**
 - To get the fundamentals! **Heb 5.12 6.1-3**
 - To move on to live by the faith of the Son of God! **Galatians 2.20**
 - To believe and see mountains move! **Mark 11.22-24**
 - To overcome the world! **1John 5.4**

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 - Begins with ‘versions!’
 - Several hundred versions, none “perfect!”
 - Ultra-literal, Literal, Greek-Hebrew, Expanded, Mostly/Partially/Thought-for-Thought/ Different point of view/Great- Good- Easy- Painful Reading Versions... (and then various NT’s)

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 - Ex: Jesus wept. Jesus burst into tears and wept silently. Shed tears Jesus.
 - Can anything be more off point/version?
 - Point: *‘Jesus hurt for their slowness!’*

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 - Whichever you choose; have a reading plan that includes continuity!
 - The Bible is best understood, the scenes most real, when you read uninterrupted!

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- **The Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, 153p**
- **The Acts, 56p**
- **Romans, 18p**
- **Church Letters: 1/2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1/2 Thessalonians, 55p**
- **Pastorals: 1/2 Timothy, Titus, w/Philemon and Hebrews, 24p**
- **General epistles: James, 1/2 Peter, 1/2/3 John, Jude, 19p**
- **Revelation, 22p**

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**350 pages
away from
new...**



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**The words He speaks
are spirit and they
are life!**



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**And if it's true then we
need to know His
words and ways of life!**

Romans 10.2-4

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- **“I bear record that they (religious, observant Jews) have a zeal for God (all legal, formal and social forms), but not according to knowledge (epignosis: over-knowledge). For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God... of which Christ is the end!”**

**For them, the word
stopped at
'information!'**

**For us, we won't stop
until we arrive at
'incarnation!'**



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AND THAT'S...

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