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Accessing The GOD LIFE

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Week 1: Introduction to the God Life

Thematic Scriptures: Eph 2:18-22, 2Peter 1:3-4
Scripture References: Eph 1:3, 1 Cor 2:9-16, Col 1:13.

Introduction

As believers, we must come to terms with the reality and be conscious that there are provisions that God our Father has prepared for us that was ratified on the grounds of the finished work of Christ and made accessible through the help ministry of the Holy Spirit. Being born again qualifies us as beneficiaries, who can fully take advantage of the provisions of this new life. “Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Cor. 5 : 17)

The provision of the God life is not just about longevity but speaks to the quality of life we have been given that ensures we live a life of dominion while on the earth (Ref Gen 1 vs 26-28)

The Bible records that, “We have been rescued from the power of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son” (Col 1:13).

What this means is that believers now operate from a different realm using superior set of principles obtainable in

our Kingdom. Jesus's life is the yardstick and template by which the God life is measured. Christ will often say "I and the father are one". Christ also said about the believer..." they are not of the world"

A believer is therefore a foreigner on this earth. He is alien to fluctuations in currencies, changes in policies; environmental or earthly mode of operations. Faith is the currency he spends. The realm a believer lives has access to limitless possibilities (Ref Heb 12 vs 22-24). Therefore, we must fully engage and interact with the knowledge of this ecosystem of the kingdom to fully enjoy and be partakers of the fullness of what our Father has provided.

In this Bible Study Series, Accessing the God Life, we will be discussing topics such as the description of the God life, the possibilities that abound, hindrances to accessing it, how to fully live the life, and many more interesting topics that will open our understanding to the level where we do not just observe but become full partakers of this life. We are going on a journey of the possibilities of the God life where we experience the gospel in life as it is in print.

Discussions

What are your expectations from this Series?

Briefly share some of the provisions we can access through the God life.

Weekly Activity

Make out time this week to intentionally search out scriptures that talks about the many provisions we have access to in the God life and draw out a personal confession from them.

Week 2: The Description of the God Life

Thematic Scriptures: Ephesians 2:18-22 and 2 Peter 1:3-4
Scripture References: John 3:16, Romans 6:23,
2 Cor 5:17, John 10:10

Introduction: We often hear statements like, “He lived a good life” and “She is living the good life.” The former is typically said of people who are deceased, while the latter, is echoed about the living – who by the world's estimation – have the finest things life has to offer.

But God has a different plan for those who choose to follow Him. He desires that they live the best life possible. He wants them to partake of His divine nature and live the God life here on earth. He wants them to have Zoe, His very life, which is imparted to every new believer at the point of receiving salvation.

At salvation, we become partakers of the life of God suddenly! Through simple faith in Jesus Christ, the miracle of the new birth takes place in the spirit of the believer. Eternal life (Zoe), a spiritual substance from heaven is imparted into the spirit of man. Eternal life is not simply life

that goes on forever, the essential of eternal life is not duration, it is quality. It is living and experiencing life like God and with God. A new quality of life in and through Christ, God's own life, the very same life that raised Jesus from the dead (Ephesians 2:4-6). This life is ours NOW, we have eternal life now. We are not trying to get it. We know we have IT AS A present possession; we have eternal life. The gift of God is eternal life (Romans 6:23).

With this life, the believer has the power to change circumstances, transcend time and override the natural world. It is a life marked by the supernatural. A life undergirded by faith where there are no impossibilities and no limitations.

Discussion Questions:

What are the characteristics of the God life?

When does an individual come into the possession of the God life?

Activity of the Week: Find as many In Him scriptures and meditate on what the God life is and how it should shape our belief systems, words, and actions.

Week 3: The possibilities of the God life

Thematic Scriptures: Ephesians 2:18-22 and 2 Peter 1:3-4
Scripture references: John 1:1-14; 3:1-16; 14: 8-12, 17, 2
Corinthians 4:3-7

Introduction

The God life, initially bestowed upon humanity in the idyllic setting of Eden, unfortunately slipped away through the disobedience of Adam and Eve. However, through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, a pathway to limitless possibilities emerged, enabling us to reclaim the extraordinary life God originally intended for His creation.

Eternal life is marked by the nature of God Himself. As we walk with God, come into the knowledge of His will and align with the divine purpose, we become more like His divine nature. Our spirit becomes alive, and we are transformed. We have access to the riches of His grace and superabundant life that transcends the limitations of the temporal. We have the access to all the divine promises and capacity to manifest all the inheritance in Christ.

The Possibilities of the God Life

Divine intelligence- Genesis 2:19-20

(Adam naming all animals)

Divine Health- Exodus 15:26

(I am the Lord who heals you)

Divine Provision- Philippians 4:19

(God will supply every need)

Deliverance from Sin- Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:22

(But now that you have been set free from sin...)

Seated with Christ above all principalities and powers-

Ephesians 2:6 (And God raised us up with Christ
and seated us...)

Divine lifting Eph 2: 6 - Joy unspeakable

And many more beyond comprehension- Ephesians 3:20

(God is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or
imagine)

Discussions

1. What are the possibilities of the God life we can access through Jesus Christ?
2. Give examples of Bible characters that showed us the possibility of the God Life?

Week's activity:

Meditate on the scriptures provided, confessing the realities of the God life daily

Week 4: Prayer Break

Week 5: Hindrances to accessing the God-life

Thematic Scriptures: Ephesians 2:18-22 and 2 Peter 1:3-4
Scripture References: Rom 5:1-5 MSG, James 1:2-5,
Eph 1:3,1 Cor 2:9-16, Col 1:13.

Introduction

Read Romans 5:1-2 MSG before discussing the lesson. The God-life is all about a life prepared from start to finish by God as an expression of His Love for His children. God has planned our life to every detail and He asks us to allow Him to make us an offer we cannot refuse. The Grace of God is the fullness of all Jesus died to make available for us, and this grace is plenteous and lavish.

Just like a full or tight fist cannot receive a gift until it opens and releases what it is clutched to, we also must throw open the gates of our lives to God to receive and experience His Grace. Below are few hindrances to entering into the abundant life Jesus has provided for us by His Grace.

Not understanding what it means to be a new creation.
2 Cor 5:17

Not knowing our place in Him and His place in us. Eph 2:10
Not realizing our righteousness in Him. 2 Cor 5 vs 21

Not understanding our privilege and right to use the name of Jesus. John 16 : 23

Not understanding the importance of acting on the word of God. Heb 4:2

There are other hindrances to entering the fullness of God's agenda for us and that is the center of our discussion for today.

Discussions

- Explain your understanding of the God-life.
- Discuss how the hindrances mentioned above stand in the way of our entering what God has prepared.
- Mention and discuss other hindrances to the God-Life.
- What steps should a believer take regularly to avoid these hindrances or come out of it when they find themselves in it?

Weekly Activity

1. Listen to the cross-over service message by Pastor, meditate and ask God to show you areas where you may be holding on to your parallel plan.

Week 6: Handling the tests of the God-life

Thematic Scriptures: Ephesians 2:18-22 and 2 Peter 1:3-4
Scripture References: James 1:2-5, Eph 1:3,
1Cor 2:9-16, Col 1:13.

Introduction

One may assume that once I hand over my life and future to God, throwing open the gates of my life to this God-life, living will be a smooth sail henceforth. But no, the realization of the blessings of the God-life in His word and the substance of our heavenly reality within our spirit, is not immunity from tests and trials.

Trouble and challenges will occur as part of life and living. The individual perception and experience of challenges would vary but our response must be based on the same principle of the word of Grace and the power of the God life within us so that we do not find ourselves turning away from trusting God and taking back our lives into our own hands.

The appropriate response when we encounter tests and trials is to rejoice in the Lord with praise and thanksgiving enabled by the God life within us (Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-3). We must be steadfast in faith knowing that trials and tests lead to promotion and maturity of our faith. We

should not walk by sight or respond in the flesh in despair rather judge God faithful to His word. Ultimately, we must live and exercise the God life to the point where we are at peace even in the face of trials.

Discussions

1. In what ways or contexts do tests and trials come to the believer? Share biblical and /or personal experiences.
2. Rejoicing amid tribulation is one of the major ways to handle the tests of entering into and experiencing the God-Life. Outline and discuss additional steps to take in response to tests and trials.

Weekly Activity

Identify an area of challenge in your life and follow the outlined steps above to respond to the challenge. Note and share your testimony with your class before the end of this series.

Week 7: LIVING THE GOD LIFE.

Thematic Scriptures: Ephesians 2:18-22, 2 Peter 1:3,4.

Scripture References: Philippians 2:12-13,
1 Timothy 3:16, John 13:17, John 1 :1-9

INTRODUCTION

As children of God, we are obliged to demonstrate the character of our Father. As we come to the knowledge and acceptance of what we have and who we are in Christ, we have the capacity to live the fullness of the God life as God works effectually to empower us to do what pleases him. The life of Jesus is the template and yardstick upon which the God life is measured. Jesus said ...I am the way, I am the bread of life, I am the resurrection and life. There was no time He doubted the capacity of what has been invested in Him or who He is. all these truths apply to us as we live our life daily. Christ lived His life not as God but as a human subjected to everything like as we are.

Titus 2:11-12 shows us that the very grace of God that brought salvation (God life) to us also teaches us how to conduct our life in this present world.

We demonstrate the God life in the context of our social relationship, community grouping, workspace and family setting. Zoe life is an overwhelming awareness of God's

divine nature in us – and that zoe life will naturally overflow in our daily lives.

Col 2:9-10 (NLT) says, “For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.”

Nothing missing, nothing broken. We're not waiting on God to give us something – He already has. We walk in divine health. We don't bounce from crisis to crisis, or miracle to miracle, just to see us through. It emanates from us, flows out of us as a consequence of our relationship and union with Christ.

Living the God life is natural to the kingdom believer, it is what we became by being partakers of the divine nature through Christ Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- (1) How do we demonstrate the God life in our day to day living?
- (2) What difference can we make if we find ourselves in a corrupt setting?
- (3) Is it possible and practical to live the God life in today's world? -discuss.

Weekly activity:

Set time apart this week to reassess your practice of the God life in your sphere of influence.

Week 8: Prayer Break

Week 9: Disciplines or the Consecration of the God-life.

Thematic scriptures: Ephesians 2:18-22, 2 Peter 1:3-4.

Scripture references: Exodus 32:29. 1 Thessalonians 4:4. 1 Corinthians 25-27. 2 Timothy 2:3-4. 2:21, 1 Tim 4:7-8(NIV)

Introduction:

Our walk with God thrives and flourishes in an atmosphere of strict compliance and obedience to God's instruction and command as revealed in the scripture.

If you wanted to be an Olympic-level gymnast, your daily life would be defined by certain disciplines. Some would help you do things you were previously unable to accomplish. These include endurance training, strength training and conditioning.

Those aren't the only kinds of disciplines you would need. You'd also cut out certain habits that inhibit your athletic performance. You'd go to bed earlier since you'd be getting up earlier to work out. You'd eat healthier. In fact, your diet would become very specific and regimented.

Spiritual disciplines work similarly. (1 Timothy 4:13-16.)
The privilege of our receiving and living the God-Life puts

a high demand on us to fully commit (consecrate) our entire being to God and His purpose on earth.

We should not get ourselves entangled with things and activities that do not contribute to the advancement of this Life in us.

Under the old covenant it was required of the priests to be consecrated or sanctify; that is being set apart for the specific service of offering sacrifices and of the service of the temple. (Exodus 29:9) "...thou shall consecrate Aaron and his sons". And also under the new covenant God Himself is He who sanctifies us for the singular purpose of being set apart for Him.

(1 Thessalonians 5:23) Every believer is a priest, therefore it is required of him/her to live out the God-life in consecration and discipline. Whatever we do now must be done to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31). Even in things as mundane as eating and drinking, we must be intentional about it all.

For one living the God life disciplines such as prayer, fasting, scripture reading, meditation, fellowship with the brethren, a life of thanksgiving must be second nature to him/her. In conclusion; God calls to a live of consecration, discipline and commitment.

Discussion Questions:

- (1) What steps are we required to take in order to live this consecrated life?
- (2) What are our responsibilities in keeping our selves (vessels) for noble use?

Weekly Activity

Week 10: Sustaining and Transferring the God-life

Observe to strengthen your consecration and discipline in living out the God-life with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Thematic Scriptures: Ephesian 2:18-22, 2 Peter 1:3, 4
Scriptures References: 2 Kings 18:5-7, Genesis 39:2-3, 1 Samuel 18:14-15

Introduction

“I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. Psalm 82:6. The concept of God life remains a guiding force that shapes our beliefs, values, and the pursuit of a purposeful and ethical life. Nevertheless, for believers, this concept of God life often serves as a moral compass that provide a foundation for ethical behavior and guiding individuals in their interactions with others and the world. So, living in alignment with these principles is considered a way to participate in God life and contribute to the betterment of humanity. This means that our life in Christ is a very valuable and precious thing in the sight of God.

You can't give away something that you don't possess. Neither can you give away something you don't realize you possess.

However, the life of every believer is indeed a life filled with

trials, tribulations, temptations and persecutions. But, it is also a life filled with victory, triumph, love and hope of an everlasting life - the gifts of eternal life that is received in Jesus Christ. We are not saved by the works of righteousness but by grace, and whatever saved us must continue to sustain us as well because we were created to experience an intimate relationship with a personal God. So, it is the sufficiency of the grace of God that sustains us as believers.

Hence, how can we go about sustaining and transferring the God life?

1. Constant fellowship in God's presence. It is during these times we can hear and sense God more clearly.
Psalm 84:7, Isa 40:31
2. Practice God's Word through constant feasting on His Word and meditation. 1 Timothy 2:4, Romans 8:14.
3. God life is sustained by faith of the believer- Romans 5:2, 8:10, 11
4. Spend time with God in the place of Prayer. Acts 4:31
5. Living out our love for God through obedience. John 14:21, James 1:23-25.
6. Actively engaging in acts of service, charity, and compassion towards others. 1 John 4:20
7. Focusing on cultivating inner qualities such as humility, gratitude, and forgiveness. Romans 12:2
8. Living a virtuous life by practicing love, compassion, kindness, honesty, and other virtues associated with God. 2 Corinthians 3:18
9. Seeking wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, whether through religious scriptures, moral texts, or personal reflection. Jeremiah 29:13

10. Sharing spiritual teachings or truth with others.
Acts 4:33, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Discussion Questions:

- How can one participate in the God life?
- Mention at least five ways you can contribute to the advancement of people.
- How can we sustain the God life?

Weekly Activity

Take time this week to intentionally practice the steps that helps to sustain the God-life in your walk and activities to help convey this life to those who are in your space.

Week 11:

Case study 1:

“Biggie” is a devoted Christian, in his mid-thirties married to “Moe” and has two young children. He works in the financial sector and his company is currently experiencing the full weight of the ongoing economic downturn. His job requires him to work extra hours leaving little time for spiritual activities and family.

He was also informed through an email that four members of his team will be relieved of their Jobs leaving him with the responsibility of delivering on the target for the quarter with 25% of the previous number on the team.

He may also have to take a pay cut leaving him with less funds to cater to his needs and that of his family. He deeply desires to honour God through his work and provide for his family but feels overwhelmed, unsure of how to navigate this turn.

- Discuss his struggles.
- What are the possible way out?
- What are the responses expected of a believer demonstrating the God life?
- What opportunities exist as a kingdom believer to witness Christ here?

Week 12:

Case study 2:

Greg a successful Christian businessman, who is in the midst of a cutthroat environment finds himself at crossroads. He recently lost a truck to a mob attack, his driver escaping the mob by whiskers. The mob attack happened when the truck on the way to deliver a ton of cement was involved in an accident that claimed a life.

The prevailing economic condition has also increased his cost of doing business. As his company faces fierce competition in sourcing contracts, pressure mounts on him to make compromises that conflict with his faith. Greg desires to maintain his integrity and live a God-honoring life. He feels torn but knows there is a way out.

- Discuss his struggles.
- What are the possible way out?
- What are the responses expected of a believer demonstrating the God life?
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Week 13: Prayer break

Week 14: Q& A(FEEDBACKS)