

# WHAT'S THE WORD?

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Truth In An Uncertain World

**Last Sunday's Topic**

**Biblical Economics**

**Next Sunday's Topic**

**Bible's Guide for Parents**

**Today's Topic**

**Meaning In Life**

Our culture, through technology and wealth and materialism and influence, promises a **Full** Life.

Eventually, everyone discovers that the efforts and priorities and demands from the culture result in an **Empty** Life.



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**WHAT'S THE  
WORD?**

What if I have worked hard to  
achieve every possession or  
credential or experience that the  
world offers but my life still  
seems empty?

# John 3

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:1-3

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” John 3:4-6

“Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” John 3:7-8

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?” John 3:9-12

“No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness [Numbers 21], even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.” John 3:13-15

Jesus said to Nicodemus...

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

**FOR GOD** THE GREATEST LOVER  
**SO LOVED** THE GREATEST DEGREE  
**THE WORLD** THE GREATEST COMPANY  
**THAT HE GAVE** THE GREATEST ACTION  
**HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON** THE GREATEST GIFT  
**THAT EVERYONE** THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY  
**WHO BELIEVES** THE GREATEST SIMPLICITY  
**INTO HIM** THE GREATEST ATTRACTION  
**WOULD NOT PERISH** THE GREATEST ASSURANCE  
**BUT** THE GREATEST DIFFERENCE  
**WOULD HAVE** THE GREATEST PROMISE  
**ETERNAL LIFE** THE GREATEST BLESSING

**John 3:16**

**WHAT'S THE  
WORD?**

- Nicodemus had worldly success and yet something was missing, life seemed empty.
- Jesus offered to fill the emptiness with eternal life.
- “Eternal” life is not about LENGTH but MEANING.

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What does the Bible say about the  
interlude between  
“belief” and “eternal life”?

If I have chosen to follow Jesus, what  
should I know and do NOW?

# The Abundant Life

# The Promise of an Abundant Life

Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, **and have it abundantly.**” John 10:10

# The Gift of an Abundant Life

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the **gift** of God

Ephesians 2:8

# The Priority of an Abundant Life

Jesus taught, "But **seek first His kingdom** and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Matthew 6:33-34

# The Mindset of an Abundant Life

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. **Do not be wise in your own eyes**; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Proverbs 3:5-7

# The Process of an Abundant Life

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And **do not be conformed to this world**, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. Romans 12:1-3

# The Origin of an Abundant Life

For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

# The Provider of an Abundant Life

‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’  
declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not  
for calamity **to give you a future and a hope.**’

Jeremiah 29:11

# The Motivation of an Abundant Life

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. **It is the Lord Christ whom you serve** Colossians 3:23-24

# The Budget of an Abundant Life

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful giver**. 2 Corinthians 9:7

# The Courage of an Abundant Life

When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, **in God I have put my trust**; I shall not be afraid. What can mere man do to me? Psalm 56:3-4

# The Comfort of an Abundant Life

- When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul.

Psalm 94:19 (NAS)

- When I am filled with cares, **Your comfort brings me joy.** Psalm 94:19 (HCSB)

# The Heart of an Abundant Life

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in **serving one another** as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10

# The Intentionality of an Abundant Life

So teach us to **number our days**, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

# The Grace of an Abundant Life

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to **forgive us** our sins and to **cleanse us** from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

# The Focus of an Abundant Life

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, **dwell on these things.** Philippians 4:8

# The Speech of an Abundant Life

Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will **know how you should respond to each person.** Colossians 4:6

# The Conclusion of an Abundant Life

Apostle Paul wrote...

I have fought the good fight, **I have finished the course**, I have kept the faith; 2 Timothy 4:7

# The Reward of an Abundant Life

Jesus said, “**Well done**, good and faithful servant. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; **enter into the joy of your master.**”

Matthew 25:21

# The Legacy of an Abundant Life

I have no greater joy than this, to hear  
of **my children walking in the truth.**

3 John 1:4

**Where are you today?**

**Which words of Jesus do you need to hear?**

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