

Veiled in Flesh the Godhead See

(The Wonder of the Incarnation)

desert breeze
community church



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Advent: "Life" - John 1:11-13 - Daren Dirksen

Advent is about the arrival of *life in the midst of death*. Life is one of the major themes of John's gospel, where the word is used thirty six times. When it comes to this subject, *we all know that it is possible to be alive, and yet not really have life in its fullest and truest sense*. This true life is what we were made for.

What does that look like and where can we receive it? There are at least four essentials of life; light (the sun), air, water, and food. Even more than that, the great John Brown tells us that true life is having the capacity of action (healthy growth) and enjoyment (healthy appetite). *Do you know it is possible to have all of these and yet not have them in the truest sense?* In the gospel we find that the Lord Jesus Christ is and gives all of this and more (Jn. 1:4; 3:8; 4:10-14; 6:35; 7:37-39; 8:12; 15:6; 20:22; Mal.4:2).

LIFE...

- ii. The desperate need for this life (V. 10-11) (1 Kings 8:46; Heb.11:6; Eph. 2:1-5; 4:17-18; 1 Cor. 2:14; Jn. 3:5-7; 6:44)

¹¹He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him."

- Apart from Christ we are spiritually dead.
- What happened when man fell into sin?

4 different answers:

1. Fall upward
2. Fall part way
3. Fall over the edge but onto a ledge half way down
4. Fall to the bottom.

- iii. The gracious benefit of this life (V. 12) (Jn. 20:31; Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Tim. 2:25; Jms.1:18)

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,"

- "Receiving Jesus means taking Jesus into your life for what He is. It does not mean a kind of peaceful co-existence with a Christ Who makes no claims—as though He can stay in the house as long as he doesn't play his music so loud." – J. Piper

- i. The miraculous source of this life (V. 13) (Jn.8:42; Jms.1:18)

"who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

- New life is from God through new birth
- The result of this new life will be enjoyment and action.

Growing Notes John 1:11-13

- Do you believe it is possible to be alive in one sense and in another sense not be truly living physically, and spiritually? What are your thoughts on this?
- Life consists of at least four essentials including; light (The sun), water, food, and air and two cores consisting of having the capacity of action and enjoyment. (cf. Jn. 1:4; 3:8; 4:10-14; 6:35; 7:37-39; 8:12; 15:6; 20:22; Mal.4:2). Jesus is and gives this in its truest and deepest sense. What does this mean practically in your life?
- Read Jn. 1:10-11. Why do unbelieving people need to be born again into a new life? (cf. Eph. 2:8-9) What does the desperation of the condition of sin in our life say about the kind of salvation we need?
- Read Jn. 1:12. Have you received this new life? What is the gracious benefit of new life to those who receive it? Why is this important or not important to you? (cf. Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Tim. 2:25)
- Read Jn. 1:13. What is and is not the source of this new life? What is one thing you will apply in your life from one truth from these passages?