

God, Our True Life

Text: He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.' (Revelation 2:7)

Belgic Confession article 14: For he transgressed the commandment of life, which he had received, and by his sin he separated himself from God, who was his true life...

Intro: The Commandment of Life

For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; (John 5:26)

I. The Commandment of Life

A positive command

She [wisdom] is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who hold her fast. (Proverbs 3:18)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins souls. (Proverbs 11:30)

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life. (Proverbs 13:12)

A soothing tongue is a tree of life, but perversion in it crushes the spirit. (Proverbs 15:4)

II. Life Lost and Regained

In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. (John 1:4)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. (2 Peter 1:1-4)

III. Back to the Garden

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Application 1: A Life of Sin

Augustine: our _____ are restless until they come to rest in _____.

Application 2: The Day of Grace

The way, the truth, the life

The beautiful city

Right of access

The end of my life or the beginning?

Application 3: For Christians