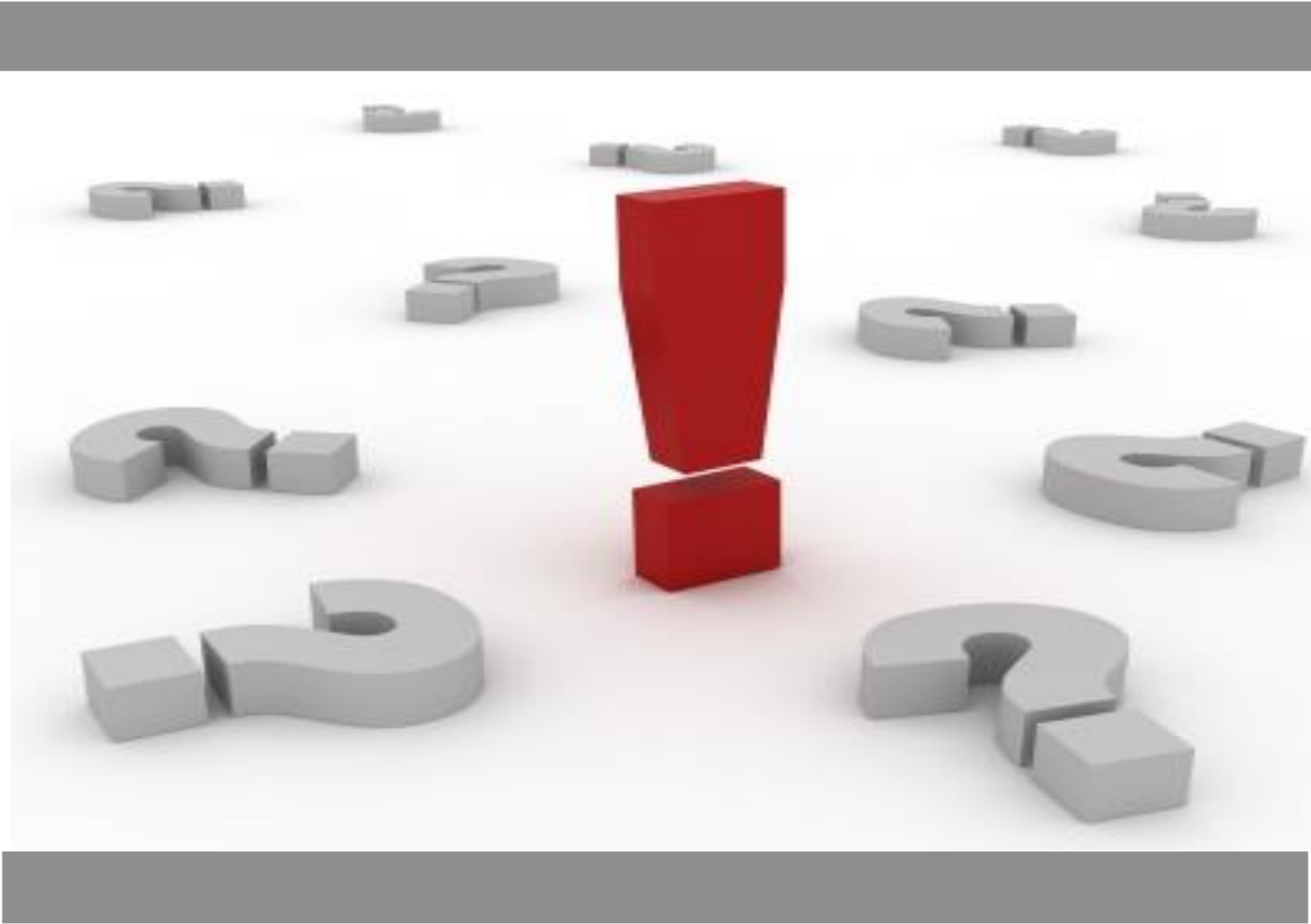


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You have probably considered the true meaning of life and what happens after death at some point. Perhaps you have considered your own ideas about these questions. Perhaps you asked your parents about this. Perhaps you have talked with your friends about it. Perhaps you have even searched for books or other information on the subject. But, have you ever considered what God has to say about the true meaning of life and what happens after death?

As we consider this series of life's most essential questions, we must ask, "Where are we going and why are we here?" The Bible gives us a clear, definitive answer for this question. Actually, there are two intimately related questions in this question. First, the question of, "Where are we going?" Second, the question, "Why are we here?"

Actually, the Bible is the only way we can know the true answer to these questions. Although people can observe that everyone dies physically, it is impossible to observe what (if anything) happens on the other side of death. Only the Bible (as God's word) can accurately provide information on this subject. Therefore, since the Bible is the only source containing these answers, it is the only book that can

accurately describe the true purpose of our earthly existence.

Both of these questions get to fundamental aspects of our existence on the earth. Therefore, this question is an *essential* question because it applies to everyone who has ever lived (or will ever live) and will dramatically impact the way in which we choose to live our lives on the earth (if we accept the truth on the subject)! So, in this second lesson, we will seek the answer to the question, "Where are we going and why are we here?"

The Soul Of Man

Before we look directly into the two questions involved in our study, we need to establish that there is something unique about mankind's existence. While we can see the physical element of our existence, we have to recognize that there is something more. This other part of our existence is called a "soul" and is the spiritual element to our existence.

Mankind has a soul that survives physical death

The special thing about this soul is that it survives physical death. In fact, it is when the soul departs from the body that physical death occurs. James 2:26 says, "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." Ecclesiastes 12:7 says, "and the dust returns to the earth as it once was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it."

So, as we will see a bit later in this study, we will all experience this time of physical death. When this happens, the spirit/soul departs from the body. While physical death marks the end of our physical lives (as the body will return to the dust of the earth), we will continue to exist in the spiritual realm (as our souls will continue to live on).

Created in the image of God

Mankind has a soul because we have been created in the image of God. The book of Genesis

describes the creation of mankind in the following way. “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.’ So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female” (Genesis 1:26-27).

Of all the things God created on this earth, only mankind is said to have been created “in the image of God.” But, what does being created in the image of God help us understand about our nature? Certainly, the Scriptures teach that this is not a physical resemblance. For, God does not have a physical body. Rather, “God is spirit” (John 4:24). This means that mankind has also been given a spirit (or, soul).

Passages demonstrating this truth

A number of other passages also help us to see that mankind has a soul. And, it is essential to recognize that this soul survives physical death. That is, the soul continues to live on. Consider a few passages briefly.

In Luke 16:22-23, two individuals (identified as a rich man and Lazarus) are each shown to have a continued existence after they experienced physical death. “One day the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torment in Hades, he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off, with Lazarus at his side.” We’ll talk more about their continued existence later in this study.

Luke 20:37-38 says, “Moses even indicated in the passage about the burning bush that the dead are raised, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. He is not the God of the dead but of the living, because all are living to him.” Jesus was talking about the occasion God spoke to Moses from the burning bush (see Exodus 3). And, whenever God claimed to *be* the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the necessary implication is that they continued to live. This is because God is not the God of the dead, but of the living – “because all are living to him.” Therefore, even though these three men had been

physically dead for many years, God indicated that they all still continued to exist!

Listen to the statement Jesus made to the thief who expressed remorse and belief in Jesus while he was dying on the cross next to Jesus in Luke 23:43. Jesus told him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” Now, they were both going to die physically. Yet, Jesus said they would continue to exist in a place called “paradise” that day. Surely, there must have been more to their existence than just their physical lives!

Paul also plainly tells of an existence apart from the body in 2 Corinthians 5:1-8. He speaks of a temporary physical existence by calling it his “tent” (since a tent is only a temporary place to live). Then, he speaks of having a “building from God, an eternal dwelling in the heavens, not made with hands.” Just as a building is meant to be a permanent structure, Paul speaks of another kind of dwelling that comes after the “tent” is destroyed. So, for now, we live in this physical body (or, tent). But, we will continue to live on and put on a spiritual body that will last throughout eternity. For those who serve God, Paul said that it would even be preferable to “be away from the body and at home with the Lord” (verse 8). Although we will learn about the place God has prepared for those who obey Him later in this lesson, recognize that there is clearly a continued existence after physical death.

So, the Bible clearly demonstrates (through these and other passages) that mankind has been created with a soul that survives physical death. Again, Ecclesiastes 12:7 simply states that “the dust returns to the earth as it once was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.” That is, when the physical body experiences death, it will turn back to dust (just as it was created from the dust of the ground, see Genesis 2:7). But, the spiritual existence will continue on. This fact will have a great impact on our discussion of these questions!

Where Are We Going?

Having seen that we have all been created with souls that will continue to exist past our physical deaths, we now need to consider *where* we will exist and what will happen to us there. In addition, learning these truths will help us discover our true purpose in life. For, we all have choices to make on this earth that will impact where we will live and what we will experience after death. Surely, this ought to have a great impact on how we choose to live on the earth.

Many different people living on earth

Before we get an answer to this question, I want you to consider some other questions. Why are there so many people living on earth? Is there a reason there are billions of people who currently live on the face of this earth?

Then, why is each one of these billions of people different in some way from all the others? Certainly, there are not two people identical on this earth. Each individual has different qualities, characteristics, skills, weaknesses, etc. Why aren't we all exactly alike?

Do we all have the same purpose in life – or do we all have different purposes? Do individuals living in one country have a different purpose than individuals living in another country? Does your purpose in life differ depending on your age or abilities? Does your purpose in life differ from another depending on whether you are wealthy or poor?

While there are billions of people living on this earth (and billions more who have lived previously) and while we are all different in so many ways, there are some similarities. And, as we will see in this lesson, it is through these similarities that we will find the true purpose in life!

What are our similarities? First, we have already seen that we each have been given a soul that survives this earth. Second, we will all die, be judged, and spend eternity somewhere – either in Heaven or in Hell. All of this works to demonstrate

that we all have the same purpose in living on this earth (which we'll talk about more a little later in this study)!

Death

We will all die someday. That is, we each have an appointment with death. Hebrews 9:27 says, "And just as it is appointed for people to die once – and after this, judgment." Just as an appointment indicates that you have something to do or somewhere to be at a specific time, having an appointment with death indicates that we will all certainly experience physical death. The only difference between a normal appointment and this appointment is that we do not know our appointment times with death. Yet, no matter who you are (i.e. no matter how old or young you may be, how healthy you may seem to be, how important you may be to other people, how much money you may have, etc.), you will die!

Additionally, James put the duration of our lives into perspective by comparing them to a vapor that appears for only a short time before it vanishes away. He also emphasizes that we do not know how long our lives will last. He writes, "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit.' Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring – what your life will be! For you are like vapor that appears for a little while, then vanishes. Instead, you should say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.' But as it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil." (James 4:13-16).

As you embrace the reality that you will die (just as everyone will die), you should consider exactly what happens. Of course, all the functions of your physical body that worked to sustain your life stop (i.e. your heart stops beating, your brain stop functioning, your organs stop working, etc.). Then, the Bible describes physical death as being the time your physical body and soul separate. Again, James 2:26 (in making a point about the connection between faith and works) says, "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." Also, Ecclesiastes 12:7 said that your physical body will return to the dust of the ground,

but your soul will return to God. The Bible clearly teaches that you will experience physical death – as your soul will depart from your physical body. Then, we must continue to study the Bible to see what will happen to your soul after your physical death.

Hades

Those who die before Jesus comes back will go to Hades. Hades is the realm of the dead. It is the place where those who have died in the past are today. And, there are two sections (or, compartments) in Hades that are described in Luke 16:23-26 (the passage describing the rich man and Lazarus I referenced earlier).

“And being in torment in Hades, he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off, with Lazarus at his side. ‘Father Abraham!’ he called out, ‘Have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this flame!’ ‘Son,’ Abraham said, ‘remember that during your life you received your good things, just as Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here, while you are in agony. Besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you, so that those who want to pass over from here to you cannot; neither can those from there cross over to us.’”

First, there is a section of comfort. This is referred to as Abraham’s side (or, bosom) and is called “paradise” by Jesus (Luke 23:43). This is where Lazarus went after he died, according to the text – and is where Jesus and the penitent thief on the cross went when they died (compare Luke 23:43 and Acts 2:31). This is a peaceful place that is free from everything that is evil and from every kind of suffering.

Second, there is a section of torment. This is the place the rich man went after he died. The rich man was tormented so much in this place because of the flame that he desired to have a drop of water given to him to cool his tongue and provide a moment’s relief from his agony. But, not even this relief was granted.

In between these two sections of Hades is a great chasm that is fixed so that those in one section cannot pass to the other. Their fate is already sealed

at this point – and they experience the outcome of how they had lived their lives. The Bible clearly teaches the law of sowing and reaping (see Galatians 6:7-8). So, those who live for themselves and sin while they are on the earth will experience torment whenever their lives end. But, those who live for God while they are on the earth will experience paradise whenever their lives end.

So, the Bible teaches that, if you die before the return of Jesus Christ, you will go to one of these two sections of Hades – either Paradise or torment. You will experience a continued conscious, spiritual existence while you wait for the final Judgment. And, what you experience in this place will depend on whether you lived for God or not. Then, whenever Jesus Christ returns, you will be brought out of this place and experience what we will be considering next.

The coming of Christ

Christ is coming again. In John 14:3, Jesus said, “If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.” Jesus also said that nobody on this earth knows when His coming will be. In Matthew 24:36, He said, “Now concerning that day and hour no one knows – neither the angels of heaven nor the Son – except the Father alone.” In Matthew 24:42-44, Jesus said, “Therefore be alert, since you don’t know what day your Lord is coming. But know this: If the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he would have stayed alert and not let his house be broken into. This is why you are also to be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect” Again, in Matthew 25:13, He said, “Therefore be alert, because you don’t know either the day or the hour.”

What will happen at the time when Christ returns? Consider three main points. First, the dead will rise. In John 5:28-29, Jesus said, “Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear his voice and come out – those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of condemnation.” So, those who are in Hades (both in comfort and torment) will be brought out. Revelation 20:13 pictures the

great Judgment scene (that will follow the coming of Christ) and informs us, “Then the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them; each one was judged according to their works.”

Second, everyone will be judged. We’ll focus on the Judgment in just a moment – and talk about what the Bible tells us about this major event. For now, just recognize that the Judgment will take place after Jesus returns (as John 5:28-29 and Revelation 20:13 said).

Third, the earth will be destroyed. Whenever Jesus returns, this earth will no longer be needed for anything. So, the earth and everything in it will be destroyed by fire. Listen to 2 Peter 3:10-12. “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief; on that day the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will burn and be dissolved, and the earth and the works on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, it is clear what sort of people you should be in holy conduct and godliness as you wait for the day of God and hasten its coming. Because of that day, the heavens will be dissolved with fire and the elements will melt with heat.”

The Bible teaches that you will take part in the return of Jesus Christ and this great resurrection! Although you do not know when, you must recognize that Christ is coming. And, you must live your life preparing for this day. For, when He comes, every earthly thing will be destroyed and you will be judged for how you have lived your earthly life.

The Judgment

Everybody who has lived on this earth will stand before Jesus Christ and be judged when He comes again. This includes you! This Judgment will compare how people have lived their earthly lives by the law God has revealed in the pages of His word (the Bible). And, since Jesus is God and knows everything (as we discussed in lesson 1), we can be certain that He will not make any mistake during this Judgment.

Listen to how Jesus pictured the Judgment Day in Matthew 25:31-33. “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then

he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on the left.” Then, verse 34 says that He will tell those on His right hand, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” But, verse 41 says that He will tell those on His left hand, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels!”

So, 2 Corinthians 5:10 says, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:14 adds, “For God will bring every act to judgment, including every hidden thing, whether good or evil.” Nothing you do while you live on this earth will escape God’s attention. He sees every good and every evil thing you do (Proverbs 15:3). And, you will be judged for it all.

The standard He will use to determine whether you have lived a good or evil life is the law God has given in the pages of the Bible. For you (and everyone who is living today), the law given in the pages of the New Testament will be the standard. Jesus said, “The one who rejects me and doesn’t receive my sayings has this as his judge: The word I have spoken will judge him on the last day” (John 12:48). And, when the Judgment Day is pictured in Revelation 20:11-15, verse 12 says, “I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books.” These “books” are the books of the Bible that contain the words of God.

The Bible teaches that you will be judged according to the things you have done while you have lived on earth, whether they were good or whether they were evil! You will not escape this Judgment. And, you will not be able to hide anything you have done from the one who will judge you.

Eternity

The soul God has given to mankind will continue to exist forever. As we saw from Matthew 25, there are only two options as to where each person will spend eternity. Based on the judgment you receive (as previously described), you will either spend eternity in Heaven or in Hell.

Let's take a moment to consider what eternity in Heaven will be like. It is described as eternal life (Matthew 25:46). This is a beautiful place that is a true paradise, pictured in Revelation 21:1-22:5. It is a place where there will be no pain, sorrow, or death (Revelation 21:4). It is a place where there will be no evil. Revelation 21:27 says (concerning Heaven), "Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those written in the Lamb's book of life." And, it is a place where you will forever be with God. In John 14:3, Jesus promised, "If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also."

Let's also take a moment to consider what eternity in Hell will be like. It is described as eternal punishment (Matthew 25:46). It is a place represented by fire and darkness. Revelation 21:8 says, "But the cowards, faithless, detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars – their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." Matthew 25:30 pictures this place as a place of "outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Mark 9:47-48 says, "And if your eye causes you to fall away, gouge it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched." And, it is a place where you will be eternally separated from God. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 says that those who do not know or obey God will experience God's "vengeance with flaming fire" and "will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord's presence and from his glorious strength." So, Hell will be a truly godless place that is full of complete agony.

The Bible teaches that you will certainly spend your eternity in one of these two places. You

could spend eternity in Heaven, where you will experience all of the joys we have described and be with God forever. Or, you could spend eternity in Hell, where you will experience the suffering we have described and be separated from God forever.

As you consider your two options as to where you will spend eternity, you must seriously evaluate which one of the two you want to live in. Clearly, there is a connection between how you live your earthly life and where you will spend eternity – and no one who really understands what Heaven and Hell will be like wants to miss out on Heaven and go to Hell. So, it is important to make up your mind right now that you will do whatever God says you must in order to go to Heaven!

Why Are We Here?

Since these things describe where we are all going, it is necessary for us to now consider the question, "Why are we here?" The answer to this second question is dependent on the things we have already established – that we have been created with a spiritual existence (a soul that survives physical death) and the things that will happen at and after death. For, our purpose in living on this earth cannot be just about the getting and experiencing earthly things.

Many suggested answers

People answer this question in many different ways today. In doing so, they make living life on this earth about things that will not last. But, we should all learn from Israel's King Solomon. Whenever he wrote the Bible book of Ecclesiastes, he reported on his search for true meaning and happiness in life. He was a wealthy king who seemed to have it all. He tried wealth. He tried worldly sources of pleasure. He tried earthly wisdom and knowledge. He tried relationships. He tasted the best this world had to offer while he lived. But, he concluded that it was all futile (meaningless) because he was going to die and everything he had worked to accumulate and achieve would be left behind.

Listen to what he said in Ecclesiastes 1:2-4. “‘Absolute futility,’ says the Teacher. ‘Absolute futility. Everything is futile.’ What does a person gain for all his efforts that he labors at under the sun? A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.”

He continued in Ecclesiastes 2:9-11, “So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem; my wisdom also remained with me. All that my eyes desired, I did not deny them. I did not refuse myself any pleasure, for I took pleasure in all my struggles. This was my reward for all my struggles. When I considered all that I had accomplished and what I had labored to achieve, I found everything to be futile and a pursuit of the wind. There was nothing to be gained under the sun.”

A man who seemed to have everything there was to have and experience on this earth during the time he lived, saw the absolute worthlessness of it all. He knew that he would soon die and lose everything he had worked for. So, like Solomon, let’s consider a few of the false answers this question receives and understand why they do not actually offer the true explanation of our purpose in living on this earth.

(1) Gain wealth. Although wealth can be used to accomplish many good things, your wealth will not do you any good whenever you die. 1 Timothy 6:7 simply states, “For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out.” So, the best that earthly wealth can do is a few temporary good works. Yet, your wealth will clearly be of no benefit to you beyond this earthly life. Is *this* what life is all about?

(2) Be happy. Happiness is also a good thing. But, true happiness will only be found through living a life that is pleasing to God. While some turn to drugs, sex, physical possessions, and other earthly things for happiness, the happiness that is promoted by the Bible is *not* found through physical things. When your life ends, none of the physical sources of happiness will be there to provide any benefit, comfort, or pleasure for you. In fact, Hebrews 11:24-26 calls the pleasures involved in living for earthly things “fleeting pleasures.” Is *this* what life is all about?

(3) Experience the most that you can possibly experience. Some suggest that your purpose in life is

to see the most sights, experience the greatest earthly pleasures, experience the best that this life has to offer, etc. However, when your life ends, none of these things will be there for you. Is *this* what life is all about?

(4) Family. Family is a wonderful, God-given blessing for you to have during your lifetime. But, your family members are also dying (and some may have died already). Does your life lose some of its purpose whenever a family member dies? Is *this* what life is all about?

(5) Friends. Good friends are also great blessings. Still, your friends are dying (and, perhaps, have died). Does your life lose some of its purpose whenever a friend dies? Is *this* what life is all about?

Do these things properly describe your purpose in life? Or, is there some other reason that you live? Is there some greater purpose for your life? If there is no other purpose in life, then your life is empty/meaningless – just like King Solomon concluded! Your life would simply be focused on living a few self-serving years! How sad this reality would be! And, this reality would be even sadder for those who die young, for those who die in the womb, or for anyone else who never really gets to experience any of these things! However, let me eagerly assert that you are here for a particular purpose – a magnificent purpose! A purpose that, if you do your part, will result in tremendous blessings!

Our magnificent purpose

Our magnificent purpose is to devote ourselves entirely to God so that we will bring glory to Him! As Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes, he repeatedly demonstrated how worthless earthly pursuits are – because they all end at death (if not before). However, he recognized that there really is a magnificent purpose for living on this earth. He identified this purpose in the final two verses of the book.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 says, “When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is this: fear God and keep his commands, because this is for all humanity. For God will bring every act to judgment, including every hidden thing, whether good or evil.”

So, let's consider this two-fold purpose for living, since we will all be judged by God one day.

First, you must Fear God. This is a deep, reverential respect for God that is coupled with being afraid of disobeying Him (knowing the consequences for doing so). In this deep respect for God, you must recognize that your life is not about yourself. Instead, your life is about bringing glory and honor to God. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 shows us that our physical bodies and lives are not to be wasted on selfish pursuits. Instead, our bodies belong to God and we should "glorify God" with our bodies! So, we must respect God so much (recognizing who He is, as we discussed in lesson one) that we want to please and bring glory and honor to Him in everything we do in our lives!

Second, you must keep His commandments. Keeping God's commandments (recorded in the pages of the Bible, as we will see from lesson three) is the only way to truly show your deep respect for God and to glorify Him in your life. God has given us all free will so that we can either *choose* to obey Him or disobey Him. Therefore, we are free to pursue our own selfish interests, or we are free to pursue righteousness by the grace of God! Sadly, most people choose to pursue their own selfish interests. Jesus demonstrated this when He said, "Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it. How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Yet, those who truly love God will keep His commandments and will not consider His commandments burdensome (1 John 5:3)!

So, are you living your life according to this magnificent purpose? Or, are you living your life according to some other purpose? Only those who live according to the way God instructs through His Word will spend eternity in Heaven. All others will spend eternity in Hell.

Conclusion

In recognition of where you are going, you should determine to live according to this magnificent purpose! Please seriously consider the "facts of life" as we have been discussing and your true purpose in life! So, what should you take from this study? (1) That you (and all people) have been created with a soul that survives physical death. (2) That you will experience the things that we have discussed – death, Hades (if you die before the return of Christ), the second coming of Jesus Christ, the Judgment, and eternity. (3) That you should devote your life to bringing glory to God by fearing Him and obeying His commandments. While we could discuss more, I hope this lesson has helped you understand where we are all going and why we are here!

Study Questions

Why is it essential to know the answer to this question?

1. The Soul Of Man

Does mankind have a soul that survives physical death?

What does it mean for mankind to have been created in the image of God?

Briefly explain the following passages which demonstrate the truth that mankind has a soul that survives physical death.

1. Luke 16:22-23 –

2. Luke 20:37-38 –

3.

3. Luke 23:43 –

4.

4. 2 Corinthians 5:1-8 –

5.

2. Where Are We Going?

Does everyone on earth have a different purpose? What are some similarities between those who live on earth? What is the significance of these similarities?

What is mankind's magnificent purpose in life? Discuss each one of the following points.

1. Fear God –

2. Keep His commandments –

What does the Bible teach about death?

Are you living your life according to this magnificent purpose?

What does the Bible teach about Hades?

What does the Bible teach about the coming of Christ?

What does the Bible teach about the Judgment?

What does the Bible teach about eternity?

3. Why Are We Here?

List and discuss some commonly *suggested* answers to this question:

1.

2.