**LIVING A LIFE THAT MATTERS…!**

2021 BMBC BIBLE STUDY SERIES

8 SEPT 2021

**ARE YOU?**

Understanding the Christian Life takes courage…

When we accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour, we enter a new world - the world of reality! Unfortunately, our mind, however, is still trained in the old world's pseudo-fantasy way. That is, bogusly, believing that this life is the real and completion of what life means. Our minds have to be re-educated. That re-education comes as we study, meditate, memorize and apply the Word of God to our lives.

**“There's a way of life that looks harmless enough; look again—it leads straight to hell. Sure, those people appear to be having a good time, but all that laughter will end in heartbreak." Proverbs 14:12-13 MSG**

In our search for life we must begin by realizing that as human beings we exist in three basic areas:

1. The Physical, i.e. the body and senses,

2. The Mental, i.e. the mind, thoughts, desires, emotions, and intellect

3. The Spiritual, i.e. interacting in the unseen; but very real realm of the spirit.

**ACTIVATING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Who then is the one faithful guide who will bring us to the fulfillment of our desires? Who is the one we can trust, the one who will never lead us down a wrong path? Who is the only who is totally familiar with the realm of the spirit, the one who personally crossed death's barrier and returned to show us the way with confidence? The answer is simple: JESUS CHRIST.

JOHN 10:9…

**"I Myself am the Door for the sheep, all others who came before Me are thieves and robbers...I am the Door. Anyone who enters in through Me will be saved - will live...**

**The thief comes only in order that he may steal and may kill and may destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance - to the full, till it overflows." - Jesus Christ**

God tells us that He sent His Son Jesus so that we may not just have life on earth, but more importantly, eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. We, who are living in the power of Jesus and the Holy Spirit have the ability to experience heaven on earth! God wants us to experience an abundant life.

THE DIRECTION OF OUR LIVING…

1 BY…

2 FOR…

3 THE…

4 IN…

5 BROUGHT…

**HOW YOU LIVING IN THE …**

Ephesians 5:15-16

**1 Living by the Spirit’s Opportunity**

15 So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 **Make the most of every opportunity** in these evil days.

-To walk/live circumspectlymeans to walk/live carefully or to walk/live accurately. When you walk carefully, you look all around before we take a step.

-A fool is one who is primarily governed by his or her feelings. Why do they do what

they do? Well, because they felt like it. Fools cannot give reasons for why they

behave as they do.

Colossians 3:23-25

**2 Living for the Master**

23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the **Master you are serving is Christ.** 25 But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites.

-As believers, EVERYTHING we do, we do for God.

-WHATEVER station in life we are called, we work for the lord. It is amazing to know

that when we work hard for our earthly bosses, we are actually working hard for

Christ. Our work assigns value and if we keep focused on the truth that we are

working for the Lord then even menial tasks are important.

John 14:6

**3 Living “THE” right meaning**

6 Jesus told him, “I am **the** way, **the** truth, and **the** life. No one can come to**THE**Father except through me.

-THE WAY…He is the way of God’s selection. He is entirely complete to the order of

God.

-THE TRUTH…He is the true God. He taught the way of God in truth; He is true and

faithful to Him that appointed Him; and as a King, just and true are all His ways

and administrations: He is the sum and substance of all the truths of the gospel.

-THE LIFE…Christ is the author and giver of life, natural, spiritual, and eternal; or He

is the way of life, or "the living way".

Galatians 2:20-21

**4 Living in Christ**

20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me.** So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.

-**DON’T WASTE CHRIST’S LIFE**

-Since Jesus took on our flesh, we should take on His life.

-We are alive more than ever because Christ lives in us by His Holy Spirit.

-We don’t live for those things anymore, but rather for the things of Christ. He has

put His own desires in us. He has put His own Spirit in us to guide us into all truth,

and to empower a righteous life.

John 1:4-5

**5 Living brought Light**

4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his **life brought light** to everyone. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

-He is a revealing light.  He reveals what we are in comparison to Him.

-He is a guiding light – a Light that shines in the depth of darkness.

-The world’s difficulties and problems can be summed up in the words of verse 5:

“And the light shined in the darkness, and the darkness has not understood it.”

Even today, there are many in this world who are living in spiritual darkness and

don’t even realize it.  I believe there is a much greater number of people in this

world today who have chosen to live in spiritual darkness and oppose the light of

Jesus Christ.

-Are you in the darkness or in the light?