

A Call to One Another Ministry

Gospel Life in the Body of Christ

Community Bible Chapel

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Lesson 1

Life under the sun or Life in the Son

I. Goals of the Class

II. One Another Ministry – Worldview Belief #1



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Goals of the Class

1. Identify, discuss and validate the core biblical beliefs that should direct our ministry to one another in the trials of life.
2. Compare these core biblical beliefs with the beliefs that lie behind why we embrace professional Christian and Biblical counseling.
3. Address the following question:
How competent are we, ourselves, to minister during trials?



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One Another Ministry Belief #1



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Question

Who do you call in this situation?

1. Serious marriage problem for middle-aged couple
2. Older man struggling with severe anxiety
3. Young man (late 20's) diagnosed with OCD



Question

What are the pressing issues behind the calls?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.



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One Another Ministry – Worldview Belief #1

A Christian has been given **LIFE** in Christ

Who we call for help and the answers we are seeking are significantly influenced by our understanding of the gospel. By grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, a Christian has been given LIFE in Christ and this resurrection life in the Son is fundamentally different than life under the sun.



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Life?

1. Life under the sun - **Psuche**

2. Life in the Son - **Zoe**



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Life under the sun – Psuche Defined

- Breath – breathing in and out life
- According to Strong's Concordance used 104 times in the NT



I John 3:16

“We know love by this, that He laid down His **life** for us; and we ought to lay down our **lives** for the brethren.” NASB



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John 15:13

“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his **life** for his friends.” NASB



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John 13:37

Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow
You right now? I will lay down my **life** for You.”

NASB



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Philippians 2:30

“...because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his **life** to complete what was deficient in your service to me.” NASB



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Question

What are good examples of **psuche**?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.



Life in the Son – Zoe

Defined

- Resurrection life
- Vital union with Christ
- Eternal life – as distinguished from temporal life
- Refers to BOTH resurrection life on earth BEFORE physical death and complete resurrection life in heaven AFTER physical death
- According to Strong's Concordance used 281 times in the NT



As Jesus says, “you are not willing to come to Me so that you may have life.” Jesus continually called people to him and to come after (follow) him. The focus of our lives must coincide with the focus of Jesus’ call and the focus of the Scriptures themselves. Life is only found in Jesus, and the Scriptures do not only mean “eternal life” after death by the word “life”. All life, now and then, is found only in Jesus. In him is life. Truth and life came into being in Jesus. The knowledge of him is all we need for life and godliness. On and on the Scriptures point.

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Gospel Life in Christ

One Another Ministry Belief #1



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A Christian has been given LIFE in Christ



A Brief Look at “in Christ”

1. “in Christ” means union with Christ
2. We are “in Christ” and Christ is “in us”
3. Expressions that indicate the closeness of the bond between our Lord and His people
4. One of the great mysteries revealed in the gospel (Col. 1:27)
5. Believed by many to be the core thought in Paul’s epistles
6. Union with Christ is the foundation of all our spiritual experience and all spiritual blessings
7. These blessings are given to us “in Christ” and only those who are “in Christ” can ever experience them.

It is about a person... the God-Man... Jesus Christ... and our relationship with Him

The **Life** we have in Him... in the Son



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John 6:67-68

So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?” Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal **life**.” NASB



I John 5:12

He who has the son has **life**; he who does not have the son does not have the **life**. NASB



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John 20:31

but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have **life** in His name.

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Galatians 2:19-20

For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might **live** to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and the *life* which I now **live** in the flesh I **live** by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. NASB



John 5:24-26

Truly, truly I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent me, has eternal **life**, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into **life**.

Truly, truly I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will **live**.

For just as the Father has **life** in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have **life** in Himself; NASB



Gospel Life in the Son – Zoe Summary

1. About moving from being dead to being alive
2. About our union with Christ in His resurrection



Gospel Life in the Son – Zoe Reinforced

- **In the life of Christ**



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The Temptation - Matthew 4:1-11

But He answered and said, “It is written, *Man shall not **live** on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.*” Matthew 4:4 NASB



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Stilling the Seas – Luke 8:22-25

They came to Jesus and woke Him up, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And He got up and rebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and it became calm. Matthew 4:4 NASB



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Calvary - Hebrews 12:2

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, ...NASB



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Gospel Life in the Son – Zoe Reinforced

- **In the life of Christ**
- **In the miracles of Christ**



Miracles

- Crowd reaction to miracles – how the crowds were huge early on – they wanted the **psuche** results – didn't really want companionship with Christ – crowds thinned when He stopped delivering
- Our Lord's use of time for miracles – did perform them a lot but not primarily why He came
- Our Lord's caution to early recipients of miracles to keep it quiet – His ministry was not about miracles
- Specific illustrations like the paralytic and the blind man(John 9) where forgiveness of sins (**gospel of life -zoe**) is more important than the physical miracle.



Gospel Life in the Son – Zoe Reinforced

- In the life of Christ
- In the miracles of Christ
- In the language of death for believers – sleep



John 11:11

This He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep”. NASB



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1 Corinthians 15:18, 51

Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. NASB

Behold I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will be changed, NASB



Isaiah 26:19

Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise.

You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy,

... NASB



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John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” NASB



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Gospel Life in the Son – Zoe Reinforced

- In the life of Christ
- In the miracles of Christ
- In the language of death for believers – sleep
- In the language of our home for believers – tents



2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by **life**...Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord - ... NASB



Gospel Life in the Son – Zoe Reinforced

- In the life of Christ
- In the miracles of Christ
- In the language of death for believers – sleep
- In the language of our home for believers – tents
- In the language of directing our lives



Matthew 6:25-34

For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your **life**, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on... But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you? NASB



Philippians 4:8

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. NASB



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Hebrews 12:2

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, ...NASB



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- In the language of our home for believers – tents
- In the language of directing our lives
- In the language of directing our prayers



The Lords Prayer – Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who is in heaven,

Hallowed be Your Name.

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, ...NASB



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Ephesians 1:18-20

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

These are in accordance with working of the strength of His might which He brought about **in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.** NASB



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Mark 8:35

“For whoever wishes to save his **life** will lose it, but whoever loses his **life** for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.” NASB

(Note also Matthew 16:25, Luke 9:24, Luke 17:33)



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John 12:25

“He who loves his **life** loses it, and he who hates his **life** in this world will keep it to **life** eternal.”

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Conclusion – Two calls can be made

One is influenced by LIFE UNDER THE SUN

One is influenced by LIFE IN THE SON

One is driven and affected by me at its center

One is centered and based on my joy with the presence of Christ

One is impacted by the circumstances and cares of this world and how they have created value and become attachments to me

One is impacted by the Holy Spirit, my brothers and sisters around me and my longing to please and draw near to Him



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