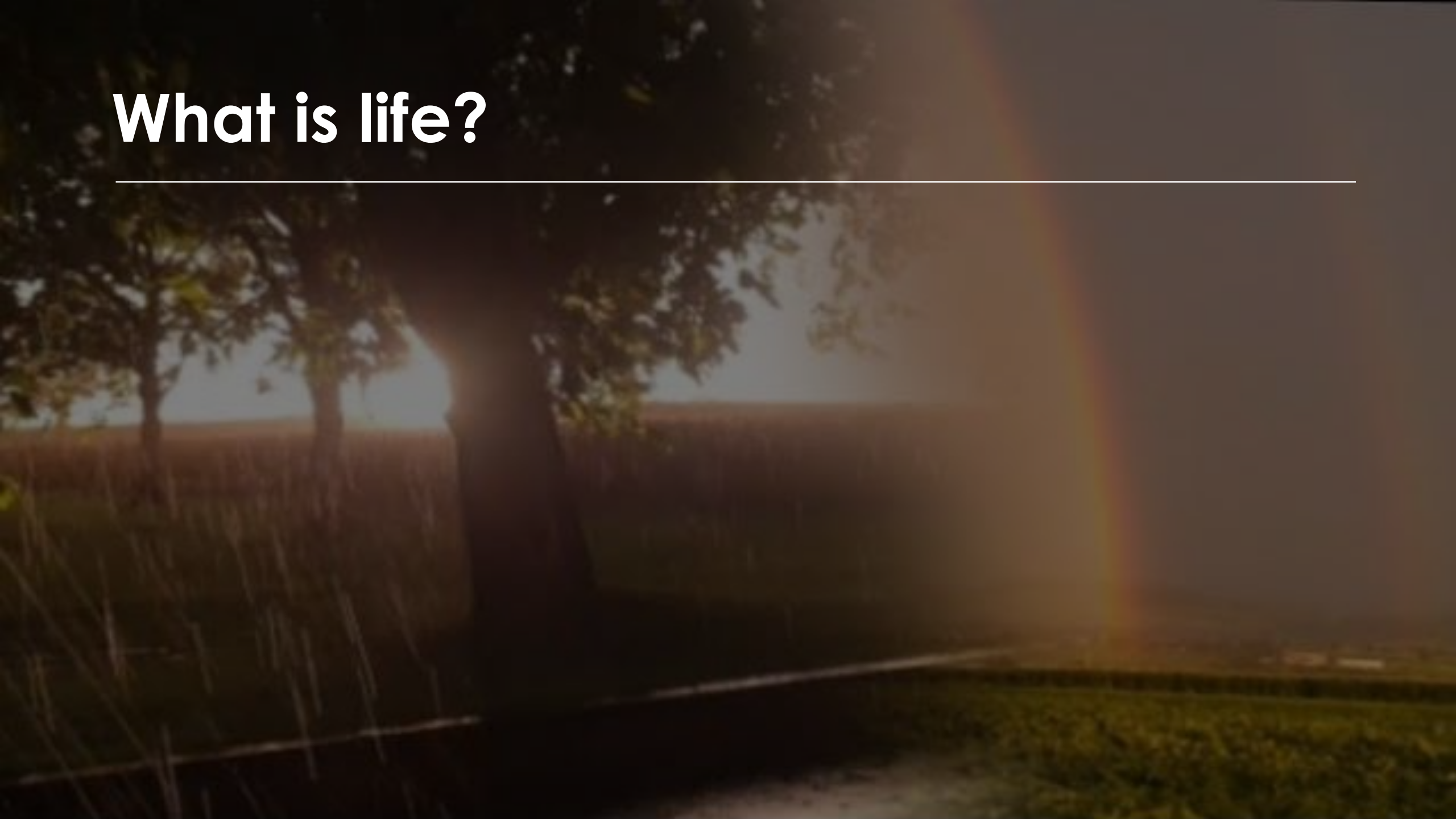
A close-up photograph of several golden wheat stalks with long, thin awns, set against a bright blue sky with a large, soft sun flare in the upper right. The wheat is in sharp focus, while the background is blurred.

Jesus

The Life of the World

What is life?



What is life?

- “The capacity for growth, reproduction, functional activity, and continual change preceding death”
- Once, the Earth was not just dead, it was hellish
- Two kinds of life: *bios* and *zoe*

<i>bios</i>	<i>zoe</i>
In all plants, pets & people	Only in Jesus' disciples
Primarily physical	Primarily spiritual
Temporal happiness	Eternal joy
Finite	Endless



Luke 8:14 – *bios* life

The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this **life (*bios*)**



John 6:51 – *zoe* life

I am the **living (zoe)** bread which came down from heaven.

If any man eat of this bread, he shall **live (zoe)** for ever.

And the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the **life (zoe)** of the world.

Life

- Getting it
- Growing it
- Guarding it

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Getting it

- God created man with both *bios* and *zoe* life
- Man lost his innate *zoe* life through sin, as evidenced by:
 - Deceit
 - Shame
 - Murder
 - Enmity
 - Death
- Man's *bios* life has flourished (8b) but is still finite (83y)
- To recover one's *zoe*, one must be born again



John 3:6-7

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'



John 3:14-15

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal **life (zoe)** in him.



John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal **life (zoe)**

Getting it

- How to be born again?
 - A) Admit to God that you're a sinner and repent
 - B) Believe that Jesus is the Son of God and then
 - C) Confess your faith in Jesus as Saviour and Lord

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Growing it

- Both the *bios* and zoe life must be sustained
- All living things require:
 - Air
 - Water
 - Food
 - Shelter
 - Sunlight



Genesis 2:7 – air

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of **life (zoe)**, and the man became a **living (zoe)** being.



John 4:14 – water

But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.

Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a fount of water springing up to eternal **life (zoe)**.



John 6:51 – food

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Psalm 91:1 – shelter

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.



John 8:12 – sunlight

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to **life (zoe).**”

Growing it

- Both the *bios* and *zoe* life must be sustained
- All living things require:
 - Air – the breath of life
 - Water – the living water
 - Food – the living bread
 - Shelter – the shelter of the Most High
 - Sunlight – the light of the world

Growing it

- What did Jesus mean by “I am the living bread”?
- How on earth do we “eat” Jesus?




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A wooden cross is placed on an open Bible. A pair of glasses with a dark strap is also visible, resting on the pages of the Bible. The scene is set on a wooden surface.

John 6 (71 verses!)

- 5,000 fed with 5 loaves & 2 fish
- 12 baskets of leftovers
- Crowds wanted to make Him king
- Crowds wanted free-flow food
- Crowds cite manna at Jesus
- Christ says He is the Bread of Life



Manna

- First provided in Exodus 16 after the Israelites complained
- God commanded a daily portion but the Israelites hoarded
- The Israelites complained about the manna in Numbers 11
- Manna ceased in Joshua 5

Growing it

- What did Jesus mean by “I am the living bread”?
 - Manna became a symbol of God’s faithful provision and of Israel’s ungratefulness and disobedience
 - Manna symbolised Israel’s supernatural sustenance
 - Jesus would meet Israel’s physical and spiritual hunger sufficiently
- How on earth do we “eat” Jesus?



John 6:53

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no **life (zoe)** in you.”



John 6:55-56

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.



John 6:57-58

The one who feeds on me will **live (zoe)** because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will **live (zoe)** forever.

Growing it

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- How on earth do we “eat” Jesus?
 - Communion (1 Corinthians 11:24) – remembering the Lord
 - Scripture (Ezekiel 3:1, Jeremiah 15:16) – reading the Word



1 Corinthians 11:23-24

The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said,

“This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”



Ezekiel 3:1

And [God] said to [Ezekiel], “Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel.”



Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them.

Your words became my joy and my heart's delight.

For I bear Your name, O LORD God of Hosts.

Growing it



Blue Letter Bible Daily Bible Reading Program Chronological Plan

1-Year Plan. These readings are compiled according to recent historical research, taking into account the order in which the recorded events actually occurred. This is a fantastic plan to follow if you wish to add historical context to your reading of the Bible. If the schedule provided is followed, the entire Bible will be read in one calendar year.

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2. Genesis 4-7
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5. Job 6-9
6. Job 10-13
7. Job 14-16
8. Job 17-20
9. Job 21-23
10. Job 24-28
11. Job 29-31
12. Job 32-34
13. Job 35-37
14. Job 38-39
15. Job 40-42
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19. Genesis 22-24
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21. Genesis 27-29
22. Genesis 30-31
23. Genesis 32-34
24. Genesis 35-37
25. Genesis 38-40
26. Genesis 41-42
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59. Numbers 11-13
60. Numbers 14-15; Psalm 90
61. Numbers 16-17
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63. Numbers 21-22
64. Numbers 23-25
65. Numbers 26-27
66. Numbers 28-30
67. Numbers 31-32
68. Numbers 33-34
69. Numbers 35-36
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71. Deuteronomy 3-4
72. Deuteronomy 5-7
73. Deuteronomy 8-10
74. Deuteronomy 11-13
75. Deuteronomy 14-16
76. Deuteronomy 17-20
77. Deuteronomy 21-23
78. Deuteronomy 24-27
79. Deuteronomy 28-29
80. Deuteronomy 30-31
81. Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 91
82. Joshua 1-4
83. Joshua 5-8
84. Joshua 9-11
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88. Joshua 22-24
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91. Judges 6-7
92. Judges 8-9
93. Judges 10-12
94. Judges 13-15
95. Judges 16-18
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99. 1 Samuel 4-8
100. 1 Samuel 9-12
101. 1 Samuel 13-14
102. 1 Samuel 15-17
103. 1 Samuel 18-20; Psalms 11, 59
104. 1 Samuel 21-24
105. Psalms 7, 27, 31, 34, 52
106. Psalms 56, 120, 140-142
107. 1 Samuel 25-27
108. Psalms 17, 35, 54, 63
109. 1 Samuel 28-31; Psalm 18
110. Psalms 121, 123-125, 128-130
111. 2 Samuel 1-4
112. Psalms 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21
113. 1 Chronicles 1-2
114. Psalms 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87
115. 1 Chronicles 3-5
116. Psalms 73, 77-78
117. 1 Chronicles 6
118. Psalms 81, 88, 92-93
119. 1 Chronicles 7-10
120. Psalms 102-104
121. 2 Samuel 5; 1 Chronicles 11-12
122. Psalm 133
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125. Psalms 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68
126. Psalms 89, 96, 100-101, 105, 132
127. 2 Samuel 6-7; 1 Chronicles 17
128. Psalms 25, 29, 33, 36, 39
129. 2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18
130. Psalms 50, 53, 60, 75
131. 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19; Psalm 20
132. Psalms 65-67, 69-70
133. 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20
134. Psalms 32, 51, 86, 122
135. 2 Samuel 13-15
136. Psalms 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55
137. 2 Samuel 16-18
138. Psalms 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64
139. 2 Samuel 19-21
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141. 2 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 57
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144. Psalms 108-110
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147. 1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalm 127
148. Psalms 111-118
149. 1 Kings 1-2; Psalms 37, 71, 94
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155. Proverbs 4-6
156. Proverbs 7-9
157. Proverbs 10-12
158. Proverbs 13-15
159. Proverbs 16-18
160. Proverbs 19-21
161. Proverbs 22-24
162. 1 Kings 5-6; 2 Chronicles 2-3
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165. 2 Chronicles 6-7; Psalm 136
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169. Proverbs 27-29
170. Ecclesiastes 1-6
171. Ecclesiastes 7-12
172. 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9
173. Proverbs 30-31
174. 1 Kings 12-14
175. 2 Chronicles 10-12
176. 1 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 13-16
177. 1 Kings 16; 2 Chronicles 17
178. 1 Kings 17-19
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228. Jeremiah 32-34
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233. Jeremiah 41-45
234. Jeremiah 46-48
235. Jeremiah 49-50
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238. Lamentations 3-5
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251. Ezekiel 37-39
252. Ezekiel 40-42
253. Ezekiel 43-45
254. Ezekiel 46-48
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258. Daniel 7-9
259. Daniel 10-12
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262. Haggai
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288. Mark 4-5
289. Matthew 10
290. Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9
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338. 2 Corinthians 1-4
339. 2 Corinthians 5-9
340. 2 Corinthians 10-13
341. Romans 1-3
342. Romans 4-7
343. Romans 8-10
344. Romans 11-13
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347. Acts 24-26
348. Acts 27-28
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352. 1 Timothy
353. Titus
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355. Hebrews 1-6
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357. Hebrews 11-13
358. 2 Timothy
359. 2 Peter, Jude
360. 1 John
361. 2, 3 John
362. Revelation 1-5
363. Revelation 6-11
364. Revelation 12-18
365. Revelation 19-22

Growing it

- Some tips:
 - Start small (1 Corinthians 3:2) – milk, then bread, then meat
 - Better to snack than to starve, but best to eat daily
 - Not just reading some text, but living out truths
 - Pray for God's help to do God's will

Growing it

- How to grow your zoe life?
 - A) Read your Bible
 - B) Pray every day
 - C) You will grow, grow, grow

Life

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John 6:37

Everyone the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away.



John 6:39

And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of those He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day.



John 10:28

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

No one can snatch them away from me.

Guarding it

- Our salvation is sure, but our lives will still be evaluated



2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.



1 Corinthians 3:13

Their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light.

It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work.



1 Corinthians 3:14-15

If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.

If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.



Works Works Works

- Do good deeds (1 Timothy 6:17)
- Do what is good (Titus 3:8)
- Prove faith by deeds (James 2:14)
- Created for works (Ephesians 2:10)
- Done for the least (Matthew 25:40)

Guarding it

- So, what is the good life?
- The good *bios* life is what the advertisers promise you: surplus health, wealth, happiness, and meaning
- The good *zoe* life promises eternal forgiveness, safety, comfort, meaning, holiness and joy, but not without temporal trial

Guarding it

- What does Jesus the Life of the World look like in practice?
 - The Church Invisible grows, and its influence is felt
 - On a personal level, we are kinder, more patient, more generous
 - Families will be reunited, feuds resolved, friendships revived
 - As a community, the poor will not just be looked after but loved
 - Nations will uphold laws honestly and peace will begin to be built
 - We will take better care of our physical environment

Guarding it

- How to guard your Zoe life?
 - A) Be careful little eyes what you see
 - B) Be careful little ears what you hear
 - C) Be careful little feet where you go

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Life

- If you don't yet have the zoe life, get it
- If you have it, live it



Psalm 90:10

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.