

The Gift of Life

The Gifts of God - Week 17 (3-15-23)

I. What is Life?

- A. Gen. 2:7 - "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."
 - 1. The Breath of God is = Spirit/life
 - a) Only God can produce True life!
 - 2. John 6:63 - God's Words are Spirit/life
 - a) Spirit = Pneuma - Breath (blast), breeze, current
- B. Your life is hid in Jesus. Nowhere else - Colos. 3:2-3
 - 1. Jesus is the only way to life - John 14:6 - "...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me.", John 6:53
 - 2. 1 Corin. 15:42-45 - Living verses Life Giving
 - a) Adam gave up man kind's connection to life. Jesus gave up His own connection to life for the sake of all man kind.
 - b) John 12:24-25
 - c) Philip. 1:20-21
 - d) Romans 8:10-17
- C. Our Corrupt physical bodies have not yet put on incorruption, but we have a "down payment" to empower us while we are still here!
 - 1. Eph. 1:12-14

II. Abundance of Life

- A. John 10:10 - "The Thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."
 - 1. Abundantly = Perissos - Beyond; extraordinary, superabundant, excessive
 - 2. Amp. "...to the full, till it overflows"
 - 3. Why would God give us more life than we need?
 - a) Living is not so much about me being me but about me being Christ.
 - b) He gives to us so that He can give through us!
 - 4. Power with a purpose
 - a) High Octane Fuel
 - b) God started pouring out His spirit at pentecost in order to empower His people to do the work that He is calling them to do!
 - (1) We need to times of refreshing in order to fulfill our calling, and we get that refreshing by pursuing the presence of God - Acts 3:19
 - 5. There were multiple additional times where God's spirit moved throughout Acts.
 - a) 2:4, 4:31, 8:17, 10:44, 19:6
 - b) Are we wanting a fresh touch from God just for the experience or are we looking to be empowered so that we can continue the work He has for us to do?

III. It's Not Too Late!

A. Ezekiel 37:1-14

1. God is calling His people out, and drawing them nearer to Himself, and it's all for the purpose of ushering His presence and growing His kingdom before the final time is up.

B. Shelby - "No more excuses!"