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LIFE

There are three different Greek words for LIFE in the new testament, what's that about?

What did Jesus mean when He said in **John 10:10**, “**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.**” Did He mean He would help us have a better human life? Enrich it? Improve it?

To delve into the answers we need to look at the word as it appears in the original Greek. In the Greek three distinct words – *bios*, *psuche*, and *zoe* – are translated as “life” in English, and each has a different meaning.

For instance:

Bios in Luke 8:14 – “**The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.**” This “life” refers to the life of the physical body and is where we get the word “biology”. Other illustrations of bios life; **1 Timothy 2:2, 2 Timothy 2:4 and 1 John 3:16.**

Psuche in Matthew 16:25 – “**For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.**” The Greek word here refers to the psychological life of the human soul, being the mind, emotion and will. It is where we get the word psychology. Other illustrations of psuche life; **Matthew 6:25, Acts 20:24 and 1 John 3:16.**

Zoe – in **John 1:4** - “**In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.**” Here the Greek word refers to the uncreated, eternal life of God and His divine uniqueness. Other illustrations of zoe life; **John 5:26, John 17:3 and 1 John 5:12.**

The eternal life can be seen everywhere in the Bible. Beginning in Genesis, the Word of God presents the tree of life. This tree signifies the divine, uncreated, incorruptible, indestructible, eternal life of God – the *Zoe* life. This tree was given to Adam as food before Adam disobeyed and fell prey to sin. Although Adam was at some point sinless, it was only human life. He did not have the life of God. Looks like God not only wanted Adam to be sinless, but to take in His eternal life also.

The tree of life is seen again at the close of the Bible in **Revelation 22:14** – “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.” Here because mankind was corrupted by a sin nature, God made a way through the blood of Jesus, the Spotless Lamb of God, to wash us so we can partake of the tree of life.

The mention of the tree of life in the first and last books of the Bible show us a central theme. God wants us to take in His eternal life. Now check out **John 10:10** and replace the meaning of Zoe life with the English “life”. “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: I came that they may have God’s Eternal Life, and have it abundantly.” Now it is seen that Jesus came that we can have the eternal, divine life of God. Quite a difference from thinking He came so we can have a richer improved life here on earth.

By our natural birth, we possess only the soulish *psuche* life and the physical *bios* life. But when we believed in the Lord Jesus, The Christ, we were not only redeemed, we also received the divine life, the *zoe* life within us. We were born again with the life of God. It seems God wishes us to receive and increase in His *zoe* life and to have the blessings of His *zoe* life exude from us in our daily living. That will bless us and bless those around us too.

We need not focus too much of our attentions to our *bios* or our *psuche* life looking for spiritual progress there and wondering why we can’t seem to fix something or improve ourselves. Focus on getting that *zoe* life in abundance by eating and drinking His Word, spending time in prayer and thinking on Him.

George Tamburino (NY)

The Rolling Saints led the ride for Amy’s Wish on a very rainy Saturday in May.





2024 SPRING KICKOFF IN BARDSTOWN KY

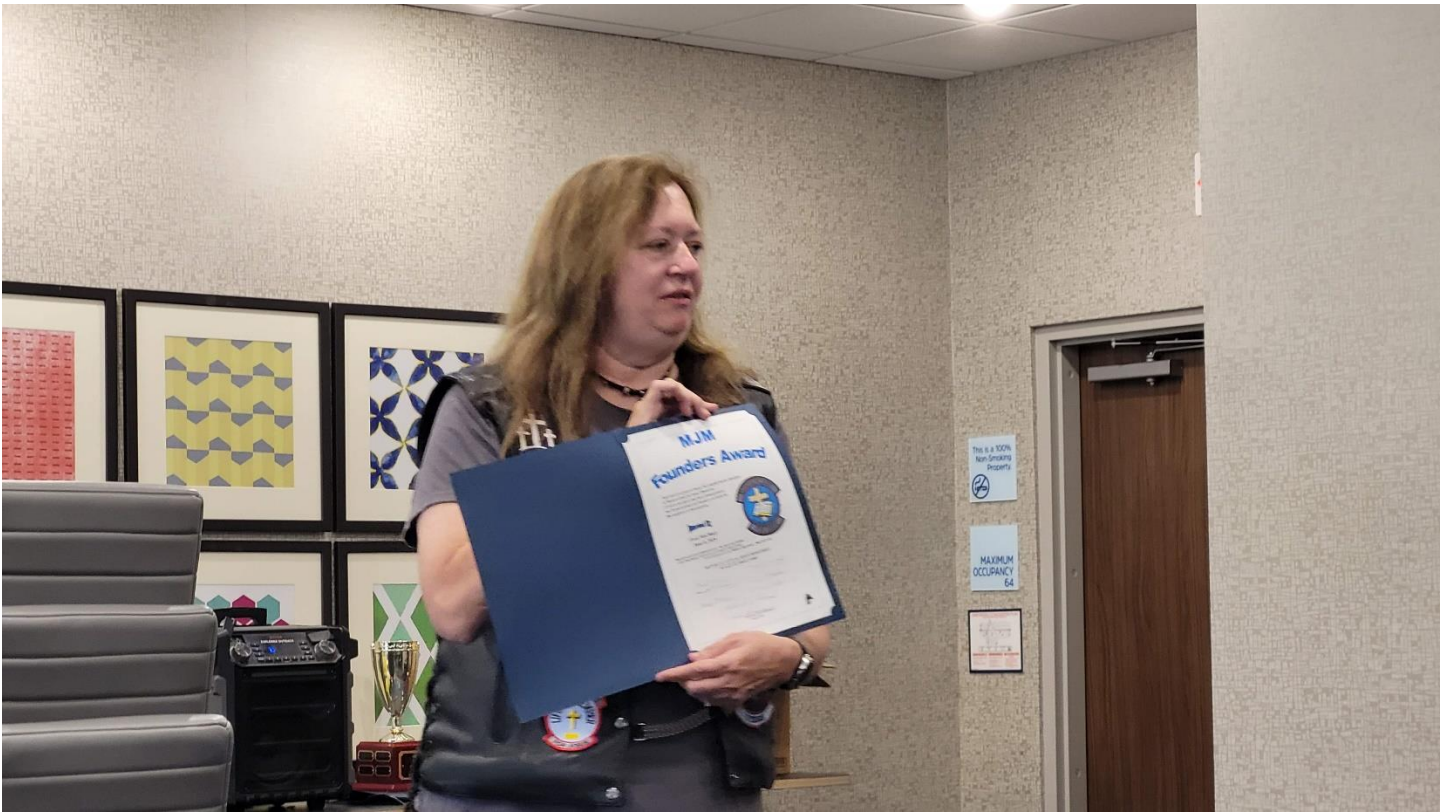














We saw some old friends and made new friends. First night we had Mexican to eat and of course ice cream. It wouldn't be a spring kickoff without it, lol. Next, Eric led us on a beautiful ride to Perrysville battlefield. While we were there Brother Williams led us in an inspiring message. George tried out our Indian. It looks good on you George! Next stop Lincoln's childhood home. We all took a break for some wonderful fellowship. In the evening, Eric led us in communion and worship music. Brother Garcia delivered a powerful sermon. The awards for this kickoff are:

2023 Pappy's Award – Rolling Saints

2023 Missionary of the Year – Russell Hare

2023 Founder's Award – Fred McClincy

2023 Servants Award – Vern Hawkins

Appreciation awards to Freedom Praise Riders and Holy Ghost Riders

Tom and I went to church on Sunday at Eric and Holly's church. We enjoyed the music and message.

EDITORS NOTE

Hello everyone. Please submit any articles, stories, testimonies, praises, poems, pictures, favorite verses, thoughts, or ideas you would like to see or have published in the MJM T.E.A.M. Voice newsletter to amber_beckman@hotmail.com or text 614-598-0682. Thank you, Amber Beckman

A few weekends ago Tom and I took our side by side to Tecumseh trails in Hocking Hills. They were having a poker run to raise money for a young lady named Keri that had cancer. We were doing great and then we got stuck in the mud. I had a face to face closeup with the mud pool. Tom went and got help and a group of guys hooked their winch up and pulled us out backwards. We finished up the poker run portion and then went to the "Dragon's Tail". It is the most difficult trail there. Tom asked 2 people to follow us on the trail. We came to a difficult point that had a lot of water and deep trenches going up the other side. Our vehicle got stuck twice so we had to back out. The other 2 riders showed up and showed us a different path to the left and we were able to move on. At the next difficult spot it seemed there was no good way to pass and then the other rider showed up and took a hidden trail through the woods and we then backed up and used that same trail. We then came to another big trench filled with water and the other riders stayed on top of the hill to watch us get through it. We did get stuck and used our winch to hook to a tree and pulled ourselves out. The other riders indicated they had never seen it that bad before. On the final part of the trail we came to another part that looked impassable but we remembered the previous hidden trail and backed up and found a trail that we could use to pass by the obstacle. God has our back. He sends people to us to help us through difficult parts of our lives. Sometimes showing us the way and other times showing us around obstacles. Sometimes God has an angel watching over us and we feel that presence and that is all we need to make it through. But we learn from our experiences. As we go through the trials of life using those experiences we are able to maneuver through the obstacles that are put before us knowing God is watching us. Jesus taught his disciples to become fishers of men. They may not have known what to do at first but Jesus guided them and taught them the ways of God. And they learned through each step of the way as they faced different obstacles in their life and by the time they reached the end of their trail where Jesus was crucified on the cross they knew truly how to become fishers of men.

By Thomas and Amber Beckman

Riders For The Cross (OH)

June 2024 Voice Newsletter Report

May 22, 2024

Years of Service for May

Elaine	Walde	6
Alvin	Bankert	16
Theresa	Bankert	16
Merida	Beck	5
Charles	Moore Jr.	8
Gail	Moore	8
Douglas	McDonald	21
Tonya	McDonald	16
Ernest	Collins	20
Brenda	Collins	20

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June Birthdays

George	Partridge	6/4
Steven	Modricker	6/8
Maxine	Cobb	6/10

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June Anniversaries

Chris	Cooter	6/2
Linda	Cooter	6/2
Bier	Debra	6/7
Bier	Rev. Curtis	6/7
John	Klein	6/11
Cynthia	Laemmerhirt	6/11
John	Platchek	6/11
Sharon	Platchek	6/11
Alvin	Bankert	6/12
Theresa	Bankert	6/12

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None to Report

God Bless

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