



Lesson #1

Make Your Life Count

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Text: ***Ephesians 2:4-10***

Introduction: Are you fulfilling your destiny? You have only one life to live. You've been given your life as a gift. No one else has your version. No one else has the same qualities, characteristics, and life experiences. You are unique. One of a kind. But, life passes by quickly. A Christian should seek to live life to the fullest. If you are a Christian, you have been given a new life, so don't forget to live! Let's study together

Discussion:

I. Love The Life God Gave You

Ephesians 2:4 says, "*But God's mercy is great, and He loved us very much.*"

II. Live The Life God Wants For You

Ephesians 2:5 says, "*Though we were spiritually dead because of the things we did against God, He gave us new life with Christ. You have been saved by God's grace.*"

III. Look To The Future God Wants To Write About You

Ephesians 2:6-7 says, "*And he raised us up with Christ and gave us a seat with him in the heavens. He did this for those in Christ Jesus so that for all future time he could show the very great riches of his grace by being kind to us in Christ Jesus.*"

IV. Learn To Embrace The Gift God Has Given You

Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "*I mean that you have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. It was not the result of your own efforts, so you cannot brag about it.*"

V. Listen To The Plan God Has For You

Ephesians 2:10 says, "*God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.*"

Conclusion: We need to find our place in the kingdom. We have been called to fulfill our destiny. We need to leave a legacy that last for generations. Are you ready to make your life count? Are you ready to live?

WORD OF THE DAY = "LIFE"