**LIVING THE GOOD LIFE**

**Colossians 1:9-14**

**9**[**For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Colossians-1-9/)

**10**[**That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Colossians-1-10/)

**11**[**Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Colossians-1-11/)

**12**[**Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Colossians-1-12/)

**13**[**Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Colossians-1-13/)

**14**[**In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Colossians-1-14/)

**INTRO:**

**\*\*Paul had a prayer for the Colossians, and his prayer was that they could live the good life!**

**\*\*He desired that they be filled with knowledge of God’s will, wisdom, and spiritual understanding. (V-9)**

**\*\*He desired that they walk worthy, pleasing, and fruitful for God. (V-10)**

**\*\*He desired that they have strength, power, patience, and joy. (V-11)**

**\*\*He spoke to them about having a part in the inheritance of the saints of light because they had been delivered from the power of darkness through the blood of Christ and His forgiveness! (V-12 – V-14)**

**\*\*In other words, Paul prayed that the Colossians would live the good life!**

**1. The Good Life Has Enemies**

**\*\*The enemies of the good life are . . .**

 **A. Satan**

 **B. Sin**

 **C. Scams**

**\*\*If you believe that mansions, money, and materialistic riches is living the good life, you have been scammed!**

 **D. Schisms**

**\*\*False Facts, False Faith, and False Followings have detoured some from Living the Good Life!**

**2. The Good Life Has Encouragers**

**A. The Scripture of God Enlightens Us About the Good Life**

**B. The Salvation of God Elevates Us Amidst the Good Life C. The Son of God Empowers Us Amongst the Good Life**

**\*\*Everybody can have the good life if they really want it!**

**\*\*The good life cannot be bought, and it cannot be borrowed!**

**\*\*The choices you make will determine if you will obtain the good life!**

**\*\*Here are the things you must choose in order to be Living the Good Life.**

**BODY – LIVING THE GOOD LIFE
I. CHOOSE SALVATION**

**\*\*Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
\*\*Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:
 A. IT TAKES THE BOOK TO BE SAVED**

**\*\*I Corinthians 1:21 . . . it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
\*\*James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.**

 **1. The Book Gives Us A Conviction**

 **2. The Book Gives Us A Clue**

 **3. The Book Gives Us A Cue**

 **4. The Book Give Us A Christ**

 **5. The Book Gives Us A Correction**

 **6. The Book Gives Us A Comfort**

**\*\*You can find the good life in the good book!**

 **B. IT TAKES THE BLOOD TO BE SAVED**

**I Peter 1:18-19 18Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
\*\*The Blood Saves . .**

 **1. Not Corruption (Not with corruptible things)**

 **2. Not Coins (Not with silver and gold)**

 **3. Not Conversation (Not with vain conversation)**

 **4. Not Culture (Not the traditions of society)**

 **5. Not Customs (Not the traditions of the church)**

**\*\*You will only find the good life in the blood of Jesus!**

 **C. IT TAKES THE BIRTH TO BE SAVED**

**John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
 1. Get Birthed into the Salvation of God**

 **2. Get Birthed into the Spirit of God**

 **3. Get Birthed into the Son of God
\*\*You can have the good life when you get born again!**

**II. CHOOSE SEPERATION**

**II Corinthians 6:14-18 14Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.
 A. IN OUR WALK**

**\*\*Ephesians 5:3-12 3But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: . . . 7Be not ye therefore partakers with them. 8For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
\*\*Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:**

**\*\*I John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.
\*\*Walk with the Spirit, Walk with the Savior, Walk with the Saved if you want the good life!
 B. IN OUR WORDS**

**\*\*Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
\*\*Our words should be Sincere, Soothing, Seasoned, Salty, and Spiritual!
\*\* Colossians 4:6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.
 C. IN OUR WANTS**

**\*\*Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
\*\*Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**

**\*\*The good life is never lived through Selfish wants or Sinful wants.**

**III. CHOOSE STEADFASTNESS**

**I Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**

**\*\*Some people never live the good life because they never get in church and get in Christ and stay consistently steady!**

**\*\*Here today and gone tomorrow people and Christians miss out on the good life!
 A. IN YOUR STAND**

**Ephesians 6:10-13 10Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

**\*\*Stand steady in the Lord despite Lucifer, the Laws, the Lawmakers, the Load, the Lashing, the Laughter!
 B. IN YOUR STRIVING**

**Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

**\*\*With one mind strive together for the faith . . .**

 **1. Regardless of any Preacher
“whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit”**

**\*\*If your favorite preacher . . .**

 **a. Leads the Flock – You Must Stay Faithful**

 **b. Leaves the Flock – You Must Stay Faithful**

 **c. Leaves the Faith – You Must Stay Faithful**

 **2. Regardless of any Problem**

 **a. Stand fast in God even if you have a personal problem.**

 **b. Stand fast in God even if you have a public problem.**

 **3. Regardless of any Person**

 **a. Don’t let Family Hinder Your Striving for God**

 **b. Don’t let Friends Hinder Your Striving for God**

 **c. Don’t let Foes Hinder Your Striving for God**

 **C. IN YOUR STAYING**

**Joshua 23:8 But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.**

**\*\*The good life comes when we stay in the altar and . . .**

 **1. Cleave Unto God**

 **2. Cry Unto God**

**CLOSE**

**1. Do you want the good life? Then choose salvation, separation, and steadfastness!**

**2. Do you have the good life? Don’t leave it! Keep faithful and stay with God and endure until the end!**

**3. If you want the good life and want to stay in the good life, then come and pray and get it today!**