

Living True Life

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Key Text

John 17:1-5

Introduction

Our heavenly father does not value us based on our 'Christian performance'. Many Christians are living life, but not finding true life. Life is meaningless without true life.

Why Do We Live on Earth?

To Find Life

When Adam ate the fruit he didn't physically die, yet he died spiritually, which means to be separated from God (Gen 2:15-17). Life means knowing God, such as being born-again, which means to have received spiritual life.

To Live an Abundant Life

Jesus talked about living an abundant life, which is often misinterpreted as referring to prosperity. However, Jesus later emphasizes life as knowing God (John 17:3), rather than consumerism, power, intellect, fame or fortune.

To Live a Successful Life

The act of salvation is the most successful act a Christian can perform. God does not value us more by our attendance in Church, how often we pray or how much we read the bible.

Practical Application

Enjoy the presence of God. Let all the Christian acts and rituals (fasting, reading the bible, prayer or church attendance) come from an intimacy with God, rather than doing these acts to earn that intimacy (eg. The prodigal son, Luke 15:11-32).