

Where does life come from? How can one explain the very essence of life that carries us through day by day?

Genesis 2:7 gives a simple yet descriptive event of the creation of mankind; “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 being.”

Isaiah 42:5 describes God’s creation encompassing all of its elements this way: “Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it.”

In short, God created the universe and all that it contains; but to man and woman, He breathed in them a soul and spirit.

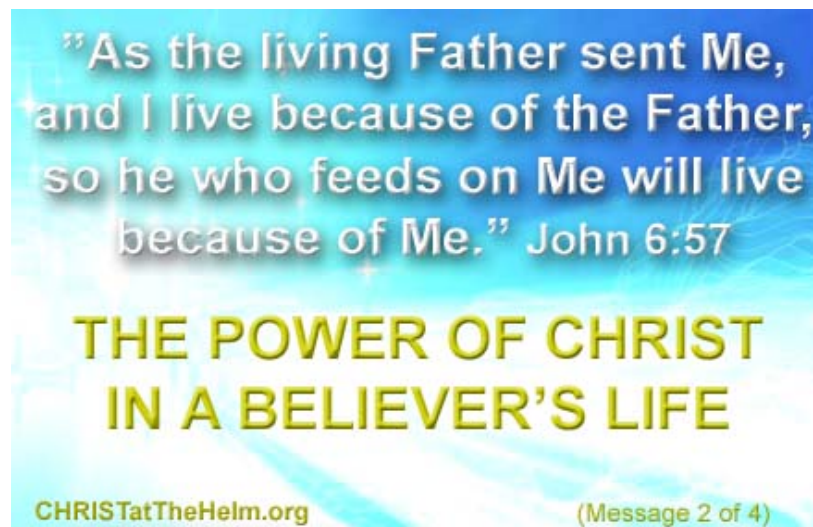
Psalms 33:6 confirms it this way; “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.”

Then Jesus added this: “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.” (John 6:63.)

Paul in 1 Cor 15:45 highlighted Jesus’ Words this way: “And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.”

Do we possess Christ’s life-giving Spirit?

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God spoke through Isaiah in prophesying about Christ this way: "The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD." (Isaiah 11:2)

Interestingly enough, the same Spirit of God inhabits all those who are saved through Christ, as Jesus so confirmed in John 6:57." In other words, the Holy Spirit is given to all believers at the new birth in Christ. John 1:12-13 clarifies this; "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Paul in 1 Cor 6:17 added, "But he who is joined to the Lord is one Spirit with Him." In essence, to reject to believe in Christ explains why the world is dead spiritually, as they won't even seek to know the truth about God, and would rather express opinions about life born in pride and based on the flesh.

Why? "But *there is* a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding." (Job 32:8)

Do we realize that the very power of God is available to sanctify us day by day, if we believe, repent and surrender to Christ? Are we one Spirit with Christ?

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"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Is 55:11

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

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How could we, in simple terms, define God's very purpose of life for mankind?

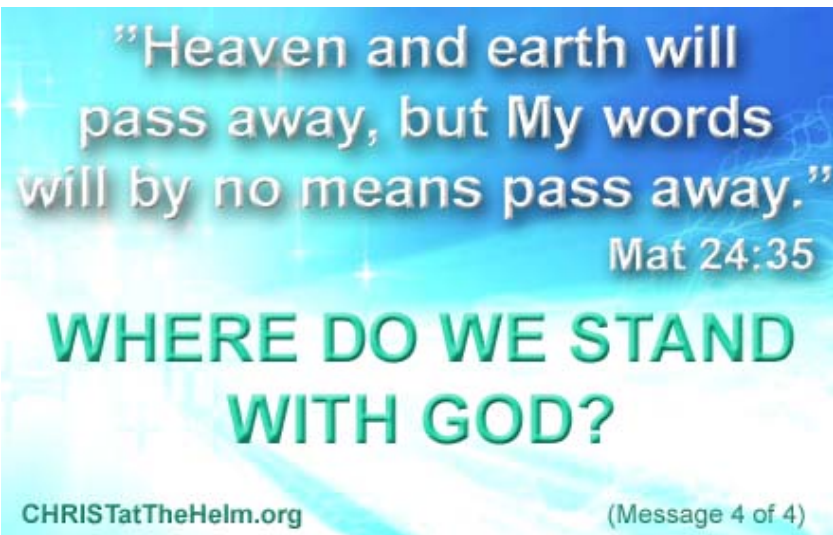
The apostle in 2Peter 1:3-4 answers this question: "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."

In other words, the very purpose of God in creation is summed up in providing us a way to receive eternal life in His presence. This is achieved only if we will simply believe in and follow Christ. Following Christ means abiding in and living by His Word, as Jesus said in John 8:31-32, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Where must we start and remain if we believe in Christ? "All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2Tim 3:16-17)

Looking into our hearts right now, are we indeed abiding in and following God's plan?

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If we believe that God is the very source of life, shouldn't we be concerned about finding out the truth, what it is that He not only desire, but as well requires from us?

Is it possible that some might consider themselves saved yet their lives prove the complete opposite?

Is believing in God and Christ simply a statement made at one time without any transformation of our life to change us in His image?

Paul in 1Tim 4:1-2 clearly said, “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.”

Jesus in Mat 7:21 said, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” Then in John 3:36 added, “The one who believes in the Son has eternal life; but the one who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

Obviously, belief in Christ encompasses obedience to His Word. We can therefore conclude that those rejecting obedience to God's Word are deceived and only pretend to be saved.

Where could we say we stand in living by God's Word?

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