

What Is Your Life?

Romans 8.18-27

I suppose it is reasonable to want to see real purpose in your life. We all want to be fulfilled, not frustrated. I believe that everyone, without exception, saved or lost, wrestles with the apparent futility of life. It is not a new problem, spawned by our technological age. It has been around since the beginning of time. We all want to know what life is all about.

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What is really happening is that people are grappling with the meaning of their existence. It is the question of life. What difference do I really make?

*“What is your life? **You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.**”*
James 4.14

*“‘Meaningless! Meaningless!’
says the Teacher.
‘Utterly meaningless!
Everything is meaningless.’*

*What does man gain from all his labor
at which he toils under the sun?*

*What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun.”* Ecclesiastes 1.2-3, 9

The writer of Ecclesiastes sounds like people today. He is struggling with the futility of life. He sees the routine and asks, “What can give me meaning?”

Ecclesiastes 5.10-11

Ecclesiastes 12.13-14

“Then he [Jesus] said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’”
Luke 12.15

What Is It That You Want From Life?

*“Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his **sufferings** in order that we may also share in his **glory**.”*

*I consider that our **present sufferings** are not worth comparing with the **glory that will be revealed** in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.*

*We know that the **whole creation has been groaning** as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but **we ourselves**, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **groan inwardly** as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.*

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but **the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans** that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.”* Romans 8.17-27