

LIVING THE ETERNAL LIFE NOW

SESSION TWO:
WHAT IS SPIRITUAL LIFE?
WHO IS A SPIRITUAL PERSON?

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WHAT IS LIFE?

- Self-initiating
- Self-directing
- Self-sustaining activity
- Different kinds of life—plant, animal, personal
- Spiritual Life is activity from a non-physical source, “from above.”

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WHAT IS “SPIRIT”?

- Spirit is non-bodily personal power.
- God is Spirit. John 4:24, 5:26, Ex.3:14, 2 Tim. 6:13 & 15-19
- Spirit is invisible.
- The two landscapes we live in.
2 Cor. 4:16-19 (Acts 17:28) Rom. 8:4-8

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HUMAN BEINGS ARE SPIRITUAL

- Our experiences, not our bodies, make up our life.
- Experiences are not visible—yet we know them, are aware of them, by our experience.
- They are what we treasure in persons—ourselves and others
- 1 Cor. 2:11, John 14:15-17.

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WILL, CHOICE, INTENTION

- Will, the power of choice—the ability to initiate things and events—is the most precious part of spirit, human personality.
- Will is the basis of “kingdom” and character in the human being.
- Question: my will or God’s will?

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THE TWO “LANDSCAPES” AND THE BASIC HUMAN CHOICE—

- The “flesh” and the “spirit.”
- The “mind” of the flesh and the “mind” of the spirit. Rom. 8:5-8
- The most basic freedom is where you will put your mind.

To think only in terms of the natural powers of the human, or place everything under God.

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SOWING TO THE FLESH SOWING TO THE SPIRIT

- We can choose to invest our lives in the spiritual, the invisible, and the result will be eternal living. (Gal. 6:8; Rom. 8:5f)
- We can choose to invest our lives in the visible, the natural abilities or “flesh,” and the result will be “corruption.”

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INVESTMENT IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF GOD—

- Provides a “greater weight of glory” to the individual. Rom. 8:18, 2 Cor. 4:17.
- Abolishes death.
John 8:51-53, 2 Tim. 1:10.
- Frees from fear of death.
Luke 12:4 & 22, Heb. 2:14-15, Acts 20:24, Phil. 1:21

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WHO YOU ARE AND WHY YOU ARE HERE:

You are a never ceasing spiritual being with
an eternal destiny in God's great universe.

- SPIRITUAL - In substance
- NEVER CEASING - In duration
- RULING - Creative governance
- In destiny

*"And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ
whom Thou has sent." (John 17:3)*

"And they shall reign forever and ever." (Revelation 22:5)

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*God's intention for each
of us is that we should
grow to the point where
He can empower us
to do what we want.*

Really!

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