

**Christianity 101: According to Jesus...
Jesus' Offer of True "Spiritual Life"**

Our Journey

Goal 1: We established multiple reasons to trust Jesus to teach us the true meaning of life.

Goal 2: We are examining the meaning of life according to Jesus.

Assignment: What does it mean to be a spiritual person?

Does it affect the mind? ... the emotions? ... what do we do if we don't feel like doing something? What is spirituality?

Teachings of Jesus that we need God's work within us to truly understand the meaning and purpose of life.

The Most Important Teachings of Jesus

1. We need Jesus to give us "living water" so that we will understand and experience life to the fullest.

John 4:10-11

John 7:37-39

Jeremiah 17:12-14

"For My people have committed two evils: They have abandoned Me, the fountain of living waters, to carve out for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that do not hold water." Jeremiah 2:13

We need Jesus, through the Spirit, as the Source of Life and Understanding informed by God.

2. We need the Spirit to implant "a new nature" in us so that we will understand Jesus and His intentions for the world.

John 3:3-8

"unless one is born again (from above) he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

We need God's Spirit to see and understand the implication of everything Jesus said and did.

3. We need revelation from God and God's help to see life with eyes wide open.

Matthew 4:4 *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."*

Matthew 16:13-17 *"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God... Jesus said... flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven*

We cannot see Jesus for who He really is without God's help.

Weeks to Come:

- **The relevance of the "seed" in the Parable of the Sower and the Seed (Matthew 13; Mark 4; Luke 8)**
- **The Teaching Ministry of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:13-15)**
- **Jesus' teaching on how the "truth" will set us free (John 18:37; 8:31-32)**
- **Jesus' teaching that we need His teaching to bear fruit pleasing to God in life.**

Our Need for Healthy Thinking

- **Jesus' most relevant teaching in life was that we need a supernatural work within us to understand the meaning and purpose of life.**
- **God's work within us establishes us as "children of God" capable of learning truths from God able to make us wise in serving what matters most.**

Luke 8:19-20

"Mankind in its splendor, yet without understanding, Is like the animals that perish." Psalm 49:20