

Falling In Love With Life

“Falling In Love All Over Again” Series: Sermon #2

Mark 12: 28-31 Pastor David Redmond February 14, 2010

You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of Your presence and the pleasures of living with You forever.

Psalm 16:11 (NLT)

For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:17 (NLT)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:10 (NAS)

How Do I Experience The Life God Has Prepared For Me?

1. Choose The _____ Of My _____.

One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”²⁹ Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD.’³⁰ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.”

Mark 12:28-30 (NLT)

Then He 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 (NIV)

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul.

Mark 8:36 (NAS)

This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3 (NAS)

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand.

²Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴And when Christ, Who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all His glory. Colossians 3:1-4 (NLT)

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

2. _____ My Love _____.

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Mark 12:31a (NIV)

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (NIV)

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in Him. ¹⁷In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like Him. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. I John 4:16-18 (NIV)

A. _____ Others Like God Has _____ Me.

Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. John 13:34b (NLT)

B. _____ Others Like God Has _____ Me.

Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. Romans 15:7 (NAS)

C. _____ Others Like God Has _____ Me.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32 (NAS)

3. _____ A Life Of _____.

There is no commandment greater than these Mark 12:31b (NIV)

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:1, 2 (NIV)

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing. ³If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing. I Corinthians 13:1-3 (NLT)