

WHY CHURCH?

“The Promise of Life”

Sermon Notes from July 24, 2022



Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with **the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus**. – 2 Timothy 1:1

The gospel offers people life – true life, eternal life – both here and hereafter. It declares that this life is *in Christ Jesus*, who not only said he was himself the life (John 14:6), but, as Paul declares, actually “destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:10).

The Gospel does more than “offer” life; it “promises” life to all who are in Christ. It says uncompromisingly: “whoever has the Son has life” (1 John 5:12).

The PROMISE of Life – and God does not lie! – that you received through Christ Jesus.

- John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall have ... everlasting life!

- John 3:36 – He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.
- John 4:14 – Whoever drinks of the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.
- John 5:24 – Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.
- John 6:47 – Very truly I tell you, the one who believes (*in me*) has eternal life.
- John 17:2-3 – For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life; that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
- John 20:31 – But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
- 1 John 5:11-13 – And this is the testimony; God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

“That you may know!” I know that I know that I know ... that I have eternal life ... according to His mercies through the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you know this PROMISE OF LIFE?