SESSION 6 | THE LIFE-GIVING GOD

CELEBERTY Part 1

DISCUSS

What, if you lost it, would make you feel that life wasn't worth living ?

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READ: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

[3]For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, [5]and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. [6]After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. [7]Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, [8]and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

CHRIST | Jesus
SCRIPTURES | The Old Testament part of the Bible
CEPHAS | Another name for Peter
BROTHERS AND SISTERS | fellows Christians
SINS | Putting anything or anyone in God's rightful place
Raised | Brought from death to life
JAMES | One of the twelve disciples
Fallen asleep | died
THE TWELVE | Jesus' twelve closest followers, often called the disciples
APOSTLES | One sent as a messenger. The apostles were sent by Jesus to tell the world about Him.

CELBERTY Part 2

- if we trust in anything other than God for our ultimate security, we will "die a million deaths" before we actually die
- When we live for power, approval, comfort, or control, then when we don't get those things, we feel as if life isn't worth living
- These "gods" promise life, but they can't deliver from death
- Jesus demonstrated that He can deliver us from death. He proved that by overcoming death Himself
- Jesus' resurrection delivers us, not just from "literal" death, but also from the "million deaths" we would suffer if we don't submit to Christ.
- A person can only stop trusting idols if their desire something else (or someone else) is greater. We need to see Jesus Christ as more desirable to us than anything else.

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READ: Acts 17: 22-31

22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that
in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your
objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So
you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to
you. 24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and
does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if
he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.
26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he
marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this
so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not
far from any one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your
own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' 29 "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we
should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by
human design and skill. 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands
all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with
justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him
from the dead."

RELIGIOUS | Devoted to a god or gods
PROCLAIM | Announce/tell
OFFSPRING | Children and descendants
THE DIVINE BEING | God
REPENT | To turn away from sin and turn back to God

EXPLORE

1. **In Acts 17:22 Paul says, "I see that in every way you are very religious". From your own experience, do you think "non-religious" or "anti-religious" people can be religious?**

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2. **Paul then compares the real God with the false gods that people worship instead.**

   - Who is the real "Lord of heaven and earth", according to the first part of verse 24?

   - How is this God different to their idols, according to the end of verse 24?

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3. **What is the other difference between God and idols, according to verse 25?**

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4. **From what you've heard in this session, how do you think the following idols "need" to be served?**
   - physical beauty
   - approval of others
   - money

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5. **The resurrection shows that, in Christ, we can have life after death. Look again at verse 31. What else does the resurrection show?**

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6. **If we've come to realize that we've been serving idols rather than "the God who made the world and everything in it" (verse 24), what must we do, according to verse 30? What would it take for you to do this?**

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7. **What has been the most striking for you during this session?**

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