

# Sunday, April 16, 2023

*1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."*

**Title:** Christ Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

**Series:** People of the Way ... 1

**Text:** John 13:31 - 14:7

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the REALITY that Christ Jesus is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE.

## 1. Christ Jesus is the LIFE:

Jesus makes a profound declaration in verse 6 – that HE is the life.

~ The word here is G2222, *zoe*. There are three Greek words that are translated – life. They are uniquely different and correspond to 1 Thessalonians 5:23, *"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

~ The Greek word translated life in Luke 8:14 is *bios*! *"And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life (G979, bios), and their fruit does not mature."*

~ *bios* refers primary to the natural physical life and those things that maintain the *bios*.

~ Matthew 16:25, *"For whoever would save his life (G5590, psyche) will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

~ This Greek word is translated in the KJV as soul 58 times, life 40 times, mind 3 times, heart 1 time. This idea goes beyond physical life.

~ John 14:6, *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life (G2222, zoe). No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*

~ John 1:4, *"In him was life (G2222), and the life (G2222) was the light of men."*

~ John 10:10, *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life (G2222) and have it abundantly."*

~ Matthew 7:14, *"For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life (G2222), and those who find it are few."*

~ John 3:15 – 16, *"that whoever believes in him may have eternal life (G2222). (16) 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (G2222).'"*

~ John 3:36, *"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life (G2222), but the wrath of God remains on him."* see John 5:24, 26, 29

~ Revelation 20:15, *"And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life (G2222), he was thrown into the lake of fire."*

The only means to be a person on the WAY is to be one who has accepted Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and has thus received the gift of LIFE (ZOE).

## 2. Christ Jesus is the TRUTH:

~ John 14:6, *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*

~ John 1:14 and 17, *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (17) For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."*

~ John 17:17, *"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."*

~ Ephesians 4:21, *"assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,"*

~ 1 Timothy 2:3 – 4, *"This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, (4) who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

~ James 1:18, *"Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."*

~ 1 John 1:8, *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."*

Truth is in fact the Lord Christ Jesus; sound doctrine takes us to the person Christ Jesus.

## 3. Christ Jesus is the WAY:

~ John 14:6, *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*

~ G3598 *hodos*, 101 times:

1. Properly: A. a way as in a travelled way, road, B. a travellers way, journey travelling

2. Metaphorically: A. a course of conduct, B. a way (i.e. manner) of thinking, feeling, deciding

~ Acts 9:2, *"and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem."*

See Acts 18:25 & 26, 19:9, 19:23, 22:4, 24:14, 24:22, 1 Corinthians 4:17, 12:31; Hebrews 10:20; 2 Peter 2:2; Revelation 15:3

## Conclusion:

To be a person on the Way we must first enter into the life (*zoe*) that comes only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. *Zoe* enables the individual to live their life in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, who produces His fruit in our life and fills us with passion for the things of Christ Jesus!

John 1:12 - 13 *"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."*

Philippians 2:12 - 13 *"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."*