



ZOE: THE GOD-KIND OF LIFE
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LIFE OF GOD

John 1:4

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John 1:4 (paraphrase)

⁴In Him was **zoe, and the **zoe** was the light of men.**

Life begins with God. The life God experiences or the life in God is of the highest quality in that it far greater than just existing.

The life of God is described using Zoe, which is a Greek word.

There are three Greek words that are used to describe life in the New Testament; Zoe, Psuche and Bios. These words are not used interchangeably to imply that they each have a distinct description. It is important for us to understand the meaning of at least two of these words in order proceed further.

The word **Zoe** (pronounced Zoay) is used 130 times in the Greek New Testament primarily in the gospel of John and the epistles. This word is normally used to describe the kind of life that is in God and eternal life. The quality of this kind of life is the highest filled with the fullness of all that God has to offer, the kind that is enjoyed in heaven. This is a spiritual life that God imparts to those who believe in Jesus.

Bios on the other hand is the physical (or biological) life in human beings and other living creatures. In the Bible, this word is translated as manner of life. It is connected to being physically alive and patterns of daily living on the earth.

God's original design for man is Zoe, but when sin came into the world (Gen 3), man was left with psuche, devoid of the spiritual life. There is a third word **Psuche** used to describe the status of the life of fallen man after sin came into the world.

ZOE: THE GOD-KIND OF LIFE



Zoe is spiritual life which is **greater in quality** than bios, which means that it offers a more vibrant, fulfilling, purposeful and full life. Zoe is marked by the very nature of God and overflowing with His attributes such as peace, joy, hope, love and many more. Zoe is about experiencing all that God has made available to us through Jesus. Hence, Zoe is the God-kind of life!

As we mentioned, eternal life is often described by the word Zoe, so it **exceeds bios in duration**. Eternal life is what we experience in the present as much as we will experience it in eternity. We do not have to wait for eternity to experience Zoe. We can walk in Zoe now.

LIFE OF THE SON

John 5:26

²⁶ **For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,**

Zoe life was given to the Son, Jesus Christ. It is in the Son, just as it is in the Father.

The life that flows out of Him as the true vine (John 15) and into us the branches (believer) is the same Zoe. It causes us to thrive. This is the reason that the branches must stay connected to the vine.

ABUNDANT LIFE

John 10:10

¹⁰ **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.**

It is God's desire that we have the Zoe of God and an abundance at that! Abundance means plenty, overflowing, ample, copious, lavish...which means that there is a lot of Zoe available for us to experience. God wants Zoe for us and in all its abundance.

God does not want a mere purposeless existence for man, just like other creatures that exist with Bios. He wants man to experience Zoe in abundance.

Abundant life is not the absence of challenges and difficulties but the grace to tide over them with God's power. Abundant life is to experience the love, joy, peace, hope and the nature of God in this present life and forever.

Abundant life is through the Word (Mathew 4:4)



Abundant life is through faith (Romans 1:17)

John 3:36

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 abides on him.

God has made one way for us to experience this abundant Zoe life and that is through believing in the Lord Jesus as our Savior. God created man in His own image and likeness to have relationship with. However, by the sin of man, the earth was corrupted. God redeemed the world through Jesus Christ. God gave His only Son to provide for our salvation (Romans 6:23)

Jesus spoke of Himself as

- the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6)
- the door (John 10:9)
- the light of the world (John 8:12)

Jesus came to make us alive in our spirit so that we can experience Zoe. The Bible describes this as the only way to overcome spiritual death (Eph 2:1).

John 1:4,5

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

The life of God is light. When the life of God is a part of us, it brings revelation of what is of God's nature and what is not. The light dispels everything that is of darkness. The light brings direction and hope. The presence of light results in protection from dangers. When the life of God comes into us, we are awakened to God's plans, purposes and destiny for us in a powerful and new way.

Darkness can be attributed to the works of satan or the works of the flesh.

UNDERSTANDING ZOE

There are few aspects connected to Zoe which can help the believer understand Zoe life better and thereby experience it in a greater measure.

1. Intimacy with God
2. New creation life of the believer
3. New identity in Christ



4. An overcoming life

1. INTIMACY WITH GOD

When we study the life of Adam and Eve before the fall, we understand that they had Zoe. They were experiencing the fullness of life that God offered them.

The constant experience of Zoe in the lives of Adam and Eve were based on:

1. Relationship – They connected with God and related to him closely.
2. Submission – They were obedient and submitted to the instructions of God.
3. Responsibility – They were faithful to the assignments that God gave them.
4. Dominion – They were created to exercise authority over the earth and they did.

As long as they stayed aligned to God's design and His Word of instruction, they kept thriving in their roles and fulfilled God's purpose. The moment they disobeyed God and sin came into the world, they were cut off from the spiritual life or Zoe life of God.

God restored us through Jesus (The second Adam, 1 Cor 15:45,47)

When we are born-again or in Christ, we can pursue an intimate walk with the Lord, which will help us experience Zoe.

2. NEW CREATION LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

2 Cor 5:17

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

When we are born-again, our spirit receives the life of God. We experience the new birth and become a new creation.

God imparts His nature into the spirit of man (1 Thes 5:23, Proverbs 20:24). Zoe is imparted into our spirit. There are new capabilities in our spirit that can help us lead life victoriously.

We receive a newness of life, separate from the old patterns that we were once stuck in.

Example:



- *Our capacity to love people increases, as God pours out His love into our spirit (Romans 5:5)*
- *We desire to live holy (Eph 4:24)*

3. IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Ephesians 4:22–24

22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

When we are born-again, the new man within us is formed in true righteousness and holiness. We have a new and transformed identity in Christ.

In Christ, we are forgiven, sanctified, blessed, redeemed, children of God, heirs and joint heirs with Christ, the righteousness of God and much more. We can now live out these positional realities.

Example:

- *We can experience the forgiveness of Jesus and walk free of condemnation (Romans 8:1)*
- *We can walk in confidence before God as we are the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Cor 5:21)*

As we walk out our life in Christ, we experience increasing measures of the Zoe life.

2 Peter 1:4

⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

God has given us an opportunity to be partakers of His divine nature. We can live victorious over sin (Romans 6:14). Receiving God's nature affects our mind and intellect. We can walk in love and the strength of God.

4. AN OVERCOMING LIFE

1 John 5:4



4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

There can be many challenges that we face as we walk through life's journey. Walking in Zoe means to face them the way God would face them.

Example:

- *Jesus calms the storm (Luke 8:22-25)*
- *We can overcome unforgiveness, anxiety, fear, etc.*

Romans 5:17

17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

We have been positioned to rule and reign in life. God wants us to rise above and fulfil His purpose for our lives.

We develop the ability to walk in the Spirit and overcome the weaknesses of the flesh (Galatians 5:16)

In order to experience Zoe,

1. Know that it is available in Christ
2. Receive it
3. Walk in it

SUMMARY

God offers His own Zoe life to us.

God does not want a mere purposeless existence for man.

It is God's desire that we have the Zoe of God and an abundance at that!

We receive Zoe by believing in Jesus.

Experience Zoe by pursuing:

1. Intimacy with God
2. New creation life of the believer
3. New identity in Christ



4. An overcoming life

Let's understand it, receive it and walk in it!

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit. **There is no need to read the entire sermon notes during the Life Group.**

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *see below*.

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

The Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to contribute. Please discuss these together, giving time for people to share



their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

- 1, What is Zoe life and how is it different from Bios?*
- 2, How do we receive Zoe?*
- 3, What are the ways in which we can walk in Zoe?*
- 4, Are there specific areas where we would like to experience Zoe?*

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Zoe: The God-Kind of Life Sermon Notes, Sermon Outline and Small Group Study Guide

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

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COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

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SERMON OUTLINE

We always desire to experience life in its fullness. The Bible teaches us that God created us for the experience of a thriving life and not just for a mere existence. There is a life of God called Zoe. This is the very life that flows in God, given to the Son and offered to man through believing in Jesus Christ. It carries the fullness of God and marked by His nature. God wants us to experience Zoe in all its abundance. We come into the experience of Zoe through our faith in Jesus Christ and receiving the redemption that He offered on the Cross. We can then pursue and walk in Zoe every single day of our lives. Walking in Zoe is connected to our intimate walk with God, our new creation life in Christ, our new identity in Him and knowing that we are overcomers. Let's know what the God-kind of life is, receive it and walk in it!

KEYWORDS

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