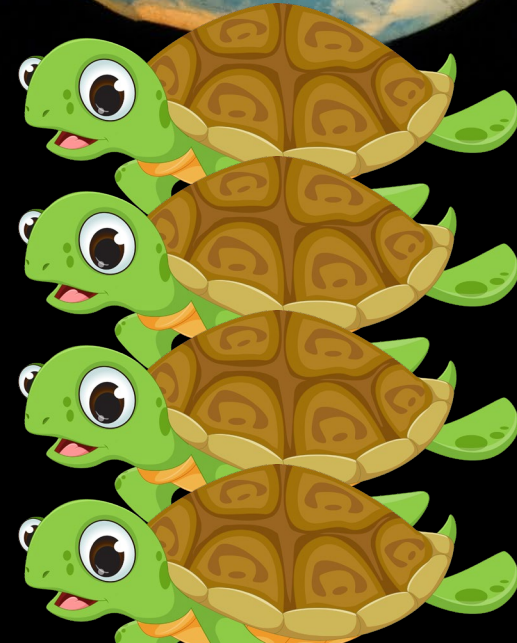


Sabbath Services

November 16, 2019

What's
holding it up?

“It's turtles all the way down”



What's the
PURPOSE of
life?

"VANITY OF VANITIES,"
SAYS THE PREACHER;

"...ALL IS VANITY."

- ECCLESIASTES 1:2

"...I looked on ALL THE WORKS that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed ALL WAS VANITY and grasping for the wind. THERE WAS NO PROFIT under the sun."

- ECCLESIASTES 2:11

What's the
purpose of
THIS (your) life?

Your answer here...



Purpose of this Message

A hockey player in a white and green uniform is captured in a dynamic pose, swinging a hockey stick on an ice rink. The player is wearing a helmet, gloves, and skates. The background is a bright, slightly blurred ice surface.

1. Does God have a PLAN?
2. If so, WHAT is it? *physical*
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3. What is the purpose of THIS life?
(what should we do about it?)

1 | GOD HAS A PLAN

HE KNOWS THE END...

Isaiah 46:9...I am God, and there is no other...10 Declaring **the end from the beginning**...from ancient times things that are not yet done...

...FROM THE BEGINNING

Genesis 3:14 ...the LORD God said to the serpent...15 And **I will** put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; **He shall** bruise your head, And **you shall** bruise His heel."

SEE ALSO | Genesis 49 "...what shall befall you **in the last days**..."

2.A | GOD'S PLAN IS ETERNAL LIFE

John 6:40 ...**THIS IS THE WILL** [the PLAN!] of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him **MAY HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE...**"

1 John 2:17 ...the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who DOES THE WILL of God **ABIDES FOREVER**. 25 And **THIS IS THE PROMISE** that He has promised us—**ETERNAL LIFE**.

"GOD WITH US"

Revelation 21:1 ... I saw a NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... 3 ..."Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them [forever], and they shall be His people [forever]. **GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM** and be their God.

2.B | LIFE OF ETERNAL HAPPINESS

NO MORE PAIN OR DEATH

Revelation 21:4 And God will wipe away **EVERY** tear from their eyes; there shall be **NO MORE** death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be **NO MORE** pain, for the former things **HAVE PASSED AWAY.**"

RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE THERE

2 Peter 3:13 "...we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth **IN WHICH RIGHTEOUSNESS DWELLS.**

UNRIGHTEOUSNESS WILL NOT BE THERE

Revelation 21:27 But there shall **BY NO MEANS** enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but **ONLY THOSE** who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

SUMMARY | PART 1

- ✓ God has a **PLAN**
- ✓ His plan is to grant **ETERNAL LIFE**
- ✓ It will be a life with **ETERNAL PEACE**, joy, happiness
- ✓ It will be an eternal **WAY OF LIFE...without**
suffering, corruption or death

What's the purpose of **THIS** life?



The answer is...

To Become **Worth**

Being around
forever.

WALK WORTHY!

Ephesians 4:1 I...beseech you to **WALK WORTHY** of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

WHY? THIS IS WORTH BEING AROUND...FOREVER!

22 ...**PUT OFF**...the old man... **24** and...**PUT ON** the **NEW** man which was **CREATED** according to God, in **TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS** and holiness. **29** Let **NO** corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for building up, that it may give grace to the hearers. **32** And be **KIND** to one another, **TENDERHEARTED**, **FORGIVING** one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

EXTREME OR REASONABLE SERVICE?

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech **ALWAYS** be with grace...

Ephesians 4:29 Let **NO** corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but [only] what is good...

Colossians 3:17 ...whatever you do in word or deed, **DO ALL** in the name of the Lord Jesus...

2 Corinthians 10:5 ...bringing **EVERY THOUGHT** into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

1Thessalonians 5:15 ...**ALWAYS PURSUE** what is good both for yourselves and for all.

DO WE KNOW THIS?

1 Corinthians 15:58 ...be ...immovable, **ALWAYS ABOUNDING** in the work of the Lord, **KNOWING** that your labor is **NOT IN VAIN** in the Lord.

Colossians 3:23 And **WHATEVER YOU DO**, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, Col 3:24 **KNOWING** that from the Lord **YOU WILL RECEIVE** the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ

NOT WORTHY!

Ephesians 5:3 But fornication and **ALL** uncleanness or covetousness, **LET IT NOT** even be named among you, **AS IS FITTING FOR SAINTS**; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, **WHICH ARE NOT FITTING**, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For **THIS YOU KNOW**, that **NO** fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, **HAS ANY INHERITANCE** in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 **LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU** with empty words, for **BECAUSE OF THESE THINGS** the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

SEE ALSO | Revelation 21:8 "...shall have their part in the lake...which is the **second death**."

21:27 "...there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles...but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. "

Practical Application

“Ideas don’t move mountains.
Bulldozers move mountains.”

- ✓ **Understand** God’s Words & Whys

Psalm 111:10, 2 Timothy 3

- ✓ **Discern** Between Good and Evil

Hebrews 5:14, Philippians 1:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 5:21

- ✓ **Endure** & Grow

James 1:2-4, Matthew 5, John 17:23





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WHAT HAVE WE BEEN GIVEN?

- Called. Forgiven. Corrected.
- Scriptures. Services. Each Other.
- Sabbath. Holy Days. The Holy Spirit. Time.
- Vision of & Hope for the Future.
- **Enough.**

The End

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