

Life, living, and living life.

Our creator gave us the wonderful gift of being alive. We are aware of our existence, as well as a very capable learning sponge, that is constantly gathering, sorting, and storing information. From the time we are born, till the time we leave time and enter eternity, we are learning. The question then becomes, what are we learning?

We learn by experience, and our experiences vary from one person to the next and so on. Some of us were raised in a loving, caring environment. Some of us were raised in an unhealthy, dysfunctional environment. Some of us grew faster than others, some of us are still growing. No matter what environment we gathered our information from, we are still lacking vital information, because the information we gathered no matter how it is perceived, good or bad, is incomplete.

The information we gathered in our formative years, is how we perceive this life, and how to live it. Some of us were in church every time the doors were open, so that's what we do now we are older and able to make our own decisions. Some of us are the bar every time the doors are open, because that's what we witnessed our caregivers do when we were young and forming. Our parents, and caregivers did the best they could, but knowing or not, their habits, opinions, and traits became ours, because that's what we saw when we were gathering our information about life and living.

Understanding how we learn, gather, and store information, which we all do. The matter then becomes where we get our information. We've all had thoughts of who we are, what's the purpose of this life, why am I here in the first place, etc. The question now becomes, who, or where do we go to, for answers to those and many more questions we may have? The only answer to that is our creator, God. None of us know the truth, until we are taught, and we can never be taught until we come to the one who literally wrote the book about us and our existence, God.

God has said, the only way to him is through his son Jesus, who will in turn teach us what we need to know, from the experiences he will lead us through as he shows us what truth is. Jesus says, pick up your cross and follow me, so that means exactly what he said. A cross is good for one thing and that's to die on, meaning everything we thought we knew about life and living, we need to forget, it needs to literally die as he teaches us true life and how to live it. There is no other way. There must come a point in our lives when we finally admit, we don't know, and we agree with Jesus to become his student as he teaches us through our experiences what life and living is.

This is where trust, patience, and attention to detail becomes vital to our growth. Jesus will lead us through the darkness of not knowing God, to becoming his adopted child,

where we can learn true wisdom from the very source of it. Just as when we were children, gathering, and storing information. Jesus will guide us through life experiences, that will teach us who God is and what he's about, as we build a father child relationship with our creator.

Friends, this is the only way to a true spiritual awakening. We cannot learn the truth from any other source than Jesus. Come to him to begin, continue, or strengthen your spiritual journey from time to eternity. There is no life outside of Jesus. Please accept him for who he is, not who we want or expect him to be. Start your life today, accept Jesus and everything he is. You will not be disappointed. Be blessed in your choices.