



# Living the Good Life

Part 9

A Bible Study Series on the Gospel of John

**John 20:26-29** And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

The Greek word KYRIOS occurs about 750 times in the New Testament. It is translated "Lord" 667 times, "lord" (small 'l') 55 times, "master/Master" 13 times, "sir/Sir" 12 times, "owner" 1 time and "God" 1 time. It was used for slave masters, husbands, fathers, and even as just a polite form of address. It means the possessor, the owner, the sovereign, the master. While this was its customary usage, Jesus Himself assumed the title intending it in the higher sense of deity. That is why most New Testament references to Him are translated with the capitalized "Lord." But His purpose did not become clear to the disciples until after His resurrection. When Thomas realized the significance of a mortal wound in the body of a living man, he immediately put this title of respect together with the absolute title of Deity, exclaiming "My Lord and my God!" (KYRIOS and THEOS). According to the historical record, KYRIOS was never used after this by the New Testament Apostolics to address anyone except the Lord Jesus Christ.

**John 20:30-31** And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**1 Peter 1:10-12** Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.



Why would Jesus go through the agony and suffering of the cross for us? He could see the \_\_\_\_\_ beyond the suffering!

**Hebrews 12:2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Most people get frustrated because they try to understand life from an \_\_\_\_\_ instead of an \_\_\_\_\_ perspective. That's why suffering is confusing to us – it seems to serve no \_\_\_\_\_. But this is where Christians have the advantage!

**Philippians 3:19b-20 (NLT)** All they think about is this life here on earth. But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

God allows us to feel disappointment in this life because He doesn't want us to get too \_\_\_\_\_ to it! We're not completely happy here because we're not \_\_\_\_\_ to be!

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**Hebrews 11:13-16** These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

**2 Corinthians 4:17-18** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.



John's ninth snapshot of the Spirit-filled man: He sees life from an \_\_\_\_\_ perspective.