

“Don’t Miss It”

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John 3:3-7; 10:9-11; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 3:20-21

3 Questions Many Ask:

Why Am I Here? What Matters? Where Does This All Lead?

I. What most agree on

- A. Life is a constant challenge
- B. Some see it as an endless cycle
- C. Some see it as harsh & unfair

II. Jesus speaks into our life

- A. He declares, “I am the Life”
- B. He declares, “I came that you might have life abundantly”
- C. He declared, “I came to give eternal life”

III. There are at least 4 amazing days in your life

- A. The day you were born
- B. The day you were born again
- C. The day you discovered your purpose
- D. The day you enter into eternity

IV. The day you were born

- A. Not an accident
- B. Fearfully & wonderfully made by God, for God
- C. Given life with the intent you would know Him & make Him known

V. The day you were born again

- A. Term used by Jesus
 - 1. Describing being born of the Spirit
 - 2. To be born from above
- B. It is the day you realize:
 - 1. Eternal life is a gift
 - 2. Given only by Jesus
 - 3. Works, pedigrees, denomination, culture, or rituals don’t save you
- C. It's the day you trust in Jesus only for that gift
- D. Nicodemus' story is your story
 - 1. Curious
 - 2. Questions
 - 3. Wanted more
 - 4. Sees something in Jesus that was unique
- E. What new birth brings
 - 1. New life
 - 2. New character
 - 3. New mind
 - 4. New understanding
 - 5. New conviction
 - 6. New hope
 - 7. New destination

VI. The day you discover your purpose
How does that happen?

- A. Think about life
- B. Trust God has something for you
- C. Test your ideas, plans, & dreams
 - 1. What am I passionate about?
 - 2. What comes easy for me?
 - 3. What do I enjoy learning?

4. What does the Bible say?
5. What do those in authority say?
6. What do I have a peace about?
7. Involving God in your decision

D. Train for it

1. Study
 2. Mentor
 3. Discipled
 4. Timing
 5. Tension - expect challenges
 6. Tough - fight the good fight
- Purpose is what we are here to do that honors God & blesses others

- b. Relationships are there
- c. Residence is there
- d. Rewards are there
- e. Resources
- f. Riches
- g. Reservations

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VII. The day you step into eternity (as a believer)

A. Some interesting data

1. 250,000 step into eternity every day worldwide (on average)
2. 87% believe in an afterlife
63% believe they will go to heaven
3. A universal hunger for eternal life

B. 4 things you must know about Heaven

1. Prominence of Heaven
2. Place of Heaven
 - a. Jesus preparing
 - b. Paradise awaiting
3. People have seen it
 - a. Stephen
 - b. Paul
 - c. Millions of others
4. Precious place
 - a. Redeemer is there