## "Making Sense of Life (3): What do All These Mean... to Me?"

The Universe... A Gigantic Jigsaw Puzzle of the Mysteries of Life: Why are we Here? What is the Purpose of Life? How do we Make Sense of Life?

Previous Messages addressed 2 Major Pieces of the Puzzle of Life:

- "What is the Origin of the Universe": Random or Purposeful?
- "What is Truth": Truth or No Absolute Truth?

What is the Implication if there is a Creator-God, and Jesus Christ is the Absolute Truth?

Today: 3rd Major Piece of the Puzzle of Life

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If there is a God – our Creator... Who is He? What does He Want from me? What's the Connection between God and Truth?

- I. True Spirituality? Diverse Views about God in the Religious Spectrum
  - A. Men's Spirituality have Effectively Created "gods" in Man's Image...
  - B. Christianity: God is Supreme; He cannot be Manipulated; and Men can only Know God through His Revelation
    - The Holy, Personal God Desires to Fellowship with Man
    - Man is given God's Image in order to Relate to God, and to One Another

In light of His *Greatness*, and the *Privilege* that God has granted Man to *Relate* to Him, Man ought to respond in *Humility* and Gratefulness

## II. Relationship Lost and Restored

- A. The Longing for Meaning in Life is a Yearning for Lasting/Fulfilling Relationships

  \*Self-centeredness "the Illness of the Soul" or Sin, Enslaves
- B. Prescription from God's book of Truth for Relational Healing
  - Reconcile to God: Born Again
  - Remain in Christ: Be Connected and Constantly Renewed (John 15:5)
  - Remain in Christ's Love: Obey Jesus' Command; Emulating Jesus' Model of Sacrificial Love and Selfless Living (John 15:12-14)
- C. Intimate Relationship with God and Jesus Christ will reveal God's Design for your Life Bottom Line: It's Not about *You*, but about *God and Others* 
  - You will Know 1<sup>st</sup>-hand the Truthfulness of Jesus' Promise (John 8:31-32)...

Be Freed from Bondage of Sin of Self-Centeredness!

This World will not Last Forever, neither will you... Have you *Made Sense of your Life*? Are you Prepared for the Next?

## **Questions Most People Ask**

- I. Is There a God? Bible and Science are Contradictory!
- II. Is Religion a Psychological Crutch for Weak People?
- III. Is the Bible Reliable? Isn't the Bible Full of Errors and Contradictions?
- IV. Why is there Evil and Suffering in the World?
- V. The Bible is Full of Miracles! Are Miracles Possible?
- VI. Is Christ the ONLY Way to God? What about those who have never heard of Jesus? Why is Christianity so Intolerant? It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you're sincere!
- VII. How can a Loving God send people to Hell?
- VIII. Why are there so many Hypocrites among Christians in the Church?
- IX. The Bible says, "Not by Good Works, only trust in Jesus Christ", how can have that kind of Assurance? I could never take that blind leap of faith!