

The Great Questions Answered

Who, what, where, when, why and how are the great personal questions pondered by everyone early and throughout life. We end life with questions of our own significance like: Did my life make a difference? Will I be remembered? What is my legacy? Will I have a monument or just a tombstone?

Well, here are perspectives you can embed in the core of your soul as a follower of Jesus Christ. These are the truths you can pass on to your children at their early age. These are the answers you can weave into the fabric of their life before the secular (godless) wolves get to them. Be loving, gentle and intentional like the Israelites (_____) without being overbearing.

Whether you are a young, new or seasoned (old) follower of Christ, here are seven (the perfect number) perspectives on the great questions of life. You might think of an eighth perspective, but that's not the perfect number!

- (1) By creation in the image of God you are given great significance and meaning.
- (2) By faith in the cross of Christ you are given great worth.
- (3) By God's Spirit within, the likeness of Jesus gives you a new identity.
- (4) By following Christ as a true disciple, you are given great fulfillment.
- (5) In the family of God the Father, you are given belonging and service.
- (6) By Christ's resurrection you have eternity in your heart and the greatest hope.
- (7) By God's sovereignty you always have destiny throughout your life.

As a follower of Christ, when you humbly surrender all you are and ever hope to be for his greatness, glory and praise, you will experience the answers to the great questions of life. You will take no credit for them as they are undeserved realities given by the grace of God.

God's Rule and Overrule

As a child of God you can grow in your awareness of God's sovereignty in your life which means "to rule and overrule". Here's an easy-to-read description of God's sovereignty:

***Today I will live in the guiding
mystery of God's sovereign rule!***

**"God rules over all his creation,
including me, by his immeasurable
power, knowledge, wisdom and freedom—
freedom to fulfill his purposes
and promises when, where and how
he chooses, governed by his infinite
holiness and love for me."**

The Apostle Paul told the Athenians, "...in God we live and move and have our being..." (Acts 17:28). By his sovereignty we are never out of the Father's sight. We are never out of the Father's intervention. We are never out of the Father's reach. We are never out of touch of

the Father's wisdom and power. So we can relax and enjoy many Divine destinies throughout our lives, while at the same time much freedom of choice. Will our choices be perfect? Unfortunately we remain finite. But by God's sovereignty we live in a real-life, real-time Divine mystery. Does this sound too-good? It is better than too-good!

God also overrules in our time of disappointment or disobedience. He can make "...all things work together for good..." (Romans ____). Nothing is beyond his grace when your heart remains surrendered. We never outgrow our need for both the Father's love and discipline. He rules and overrules.

How do you feel now about the great questions of life? I hope you feel liberated from their bondage and feel compassionate towards those who are not yet free.

In closing, if you insist on having a legacy after you're gone, try this eighth perspective. Your true legacy is not what you have done or what you think you accomplished for Christ, but rather what Christ accomplished through you, or even in spite of you, to advance his mission and kingdom on earth. The best and only good thing you will ever do is to humbly surrender to his will for his greatness, glory and praise alone. In Christ, surrender is not defeat but victory to be enjoyed. Your greatest joy is accepting his invitation, "follow me", to join him in what he is doing to fulfill his vision.