

The Basis of the Unwasted Life

Don't Waste Your Life (1)

Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:12-19*

- A. What would be more tragic at the end of your life than looking back and saying, "I wasted it"?
- B. Our **aim**—a passion to avoid wasting our lives and a fear that keeps us from doing so.
- C. Our **assumption**—there is a Reason, a Purpose, a *Why* behind life that we did not create.
- D. If I do not find the Reality that created me and defines me, I will have wasted my life.

I. Jesus: Our Ultimate Reality

A. The claims of Paul — *Colossians 1:16-18*

B. The claims of Jesus — *John 8:58; Mark 14:61-62; John 14:6*

C. If Jesus is indeed the greatest Reality behind life, then what will the wasted life look like?

II. Jesus and Paul Agree: Life *Can Be Wasted*

A. Jesus believed and preached that there was such a thing as a wasted life (*Luke 12:15-21*)

B. Paul believed there is such a thing as a wasted life (*1 Corinthians 15:17-19*)

III. Paul's (And Our) Aim in Life: To Magnify Christ

A. What is the basis of an unwasted life? A life lived to magnify Christ (*Philippians 1:20-23*)

B. The key question: how can I use my all to show that Christ is precious beyond everything?

1. The final joy of heaven will be to magnify the Lamb (*Revelation 5:12-13*)

2. Jesus is the ultimate manifestation of God (*John 14:6-9; Hebrews 1:2-3; John 1:1, 14*)

3. Our call to live **for** the glory of God is a call to **join** God in living **for** the glory of God.

a. God creates for his glory (*Isaiah 43:6-7*).

b. God raised up Israel and Judah for his glory (*Jeremiah 13:11*)

c. God delivered Israel from Egypt for his glory (*Psalms 106:7-8*)

d. God restrained his anger in their exile for his glory (*Isaiah 48:9, 11*)

e. God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to earth for his glory (*Romans 15:8-9; John 17:1*)

f. God will send his Son a second time for his glory (*2 Thessalonians 1:9-10*)

C. Those truths must shape our lives if we are to avoid wasting them (*Philippians 2:8-11*)!