

The ULTIMATE #1
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ULTIMATE(adj): *the best imaginable of it's kind*

"So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective." Colossians 3:1-2 MSG

Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst." Luke 17:20-21 NIV

"I'll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good—sheep rustlers, every one of them. But the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for—will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of." John 10:7-10 MSG

MY ULTIMATE LIFE =

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SO...

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

COMMON DENOMINATOR FOR ALL ULTIMATE MEN : AN ULTIMATE SHAPING EXPERIENCE

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. **BUT because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."** Ephesians 2:1-10 NIV

D E S P E R A T E

WITH GRACE (you were dead)

D E S P E R A T E OF

GRACE (saved through faith)

I M M E D I A T E OF

GRACE (kindness to us)

U L T I M A T E OF

GRACE (do good works)

OR...

"Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?"

Romans 2:4 NIV

GRACE FROM GOD → THE ULTIMATE _____

GRACE OF GOD → THE ULTIMATE _____

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"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good." Titus 2:11-14 NIV

RECEIVE _____
OF GRACE.

RESPOND _____
TO GRACE.

REMEMBER _____
FOR GRACE.

"Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it." Mark 8:34-35 NIV

SOMEONE HAS TO DIE ... IN ORDER TO ULTIMATELY LIVE

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHY DO YOU THINK MEN WHO POSSESS ULTIMATE LIFE DO NOT ACT LIKE IT? (Colossians 3:1)

"So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides."

HOW SHOULD KNOWING WHAT JESUS OFFERS PERMANENTLY CHANGE HOW WE LIVE? (John 10:10)

"I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of."

CAN YOU NAME ONE EXPERIENCE/ENCOUNTER THAT SHAPES YOUR LIFE TO THIS DAY?

HOW DOES OUR DESPERATION BEFORE GOD IMPACT OUR RESPONSE TO GOD?
(Ephesians 2:1)

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins."

WHEN YOU THINK OF GOD'S GRACE AND THE PRICE HE PAID TO MAKE HIS OFFER, WHAT WORD COMES TO YOUR MIND?

WHAT DO YOU SENSE GOD IS SAYING TO YOU/YOUR SPIRIT TODAY? WHAT WILL YOU DO?