

This Is Your Life

Text: James 4:13, 14

Introduction:

1. This Is Your Life was a television documentary series hosted by Ralph Edwards in the late 1950's.
 - a. The host would surprise someone (usually a celebrity or public figure, occasionally an ordinary citizen) and, consulting his "red book", conduct a biography of the subject in a television studio. The subject would be presented with family members and old friends, reunited with old acquaintances, and often shed a tear when a personal tragedy was recounted.
2. Since birth each and every one of you has been creating your own 'pages' for your own 'Red Book' – know as **your** 'book of life'.
3. **This Is Your Life** is all about you and the decisions and choices that you have done or are doing in life.
4. *The Life That We Will Discuss This Morning is Your Life.*
5. **Because:**

I. You....(Yes, we become accountable for our actions)

- A. Were born into the world without sin
 1. A baby **does not** bear the sins of the father -- **Ezekiel 18:20**
 2. Jesus, Himself talks about the innocence and trust that a small child has in Him (such is the Kingdom of God) -- **Mark 10:14**
- B. Became accountable
 1. Becomes sin when knowing to do good and not do it -- **James 4:17**
- C. Are a free moral agent with freedom of choice
 1. Salvation requires baptism (accept or reject) -- **Mark 16:15, 16**
 2. Whom do you obey? -- **Romans 6:16**
 3. Whom do you serve? -- **Joshua 24:15**

II. You Can....(Yes there are some choices we must make)

- A. Deny God or acknowledge Him
 1. Is there a God? (accept or reject) **Psalm 14:1**
 2. Even the devils believe that there is a God -- **James 2:19**
- B. Choose your way or God's way
 1. Which path are you on? -- **Proverbs 14:12; John 14:6**
 2. Which way? (Yours or God's) -- **Isaiah 55:8-9**
- C. Follow teachings of men or the Word of God
 1. Following the doctrines of men (vanity) or God? -- **Matthew 15:8,9**
 2. Teaching from God's Word (must teach the whole oracles of God – not just bits and pieces) or man's word? -- **1 Peter 4:11**
- D. Be content with error or love the truth
 1. Believing the truth or a lie? -- **2 Thessalonians 2:10-12**
- E. Refuse God's gift or accept Him
 1. For God sent Jesus to die for our sins -- **John 3:16**
 2. Acknowledging that Jesus was our atoning sacrifice -- **1 John 4:10**
- F. Deny Christ or confess Him
 1. Do you confess Jesus? -- **Matthew 10:32, 33**
- G. Believe only or obey the Lord
 1. Is your faith an obedient faith? -- **James 2:19, 20, 24**
 2. Are you doing the will of God? -- **Matthew 7:21**

3. Have you been baptized or not? (must be for the right reason -- for the remission of sins [**Acts 2:38**]) -- **Mark 16:16**
 4. Are you keeping the commandments of the Lord? -- **John 14:15, 21**
- H. Be deceived or Enlightened
1. By vain words or the truth? -- **Ephesians 5:6**
 2. Deception will get worse -- **2 Timothy 3:13**
 3. Are you sowing to the flesh or the Spirit? -- **Galatians 6:7, 8**
 4. Are you doers of the word? -- **James 1:22**
 5. The truth will set you free -- **John 8:32**
 6. Is the gospel of Christ hidden from your hearts? -- **2 Corinthians 4:3, 4**
- I. Walk after the flesh or after the Spirit
1. Walking after the flesh brings death, while walking after the Spirit brings life -- Which way are you walking? -- **Romans 8:5-14**
- J. Go back into the world or be faithful
1. Are you remaining faithful or do you wish to go back into the world? -- **2 Peter 2:20-22**
 2. The crown of life is given to those who remain faithful -- Are you going to remain faithful until the end? (it is your choice) -- **Revelation 2:10**
- III. You Will...(Yes we are responsible for our actions or non-actions)**
- A. Give an account of your choices
1. **Yes**, we are accountable for the things that we do -- **Romans 14:12**
 2. **Yes**, each and every one of us will appear before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ -- **2 Corinthians 5:10**
 3. Every secret thing, good or bad will be exposed at the judgment -- **Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14**
 4. God will render to everyone according to their deeds -- **Romans 2:4-11**

Conclusion:

1. **Yes**, each and every one of us has a ‘red book’ (as known on “This Is Your Life” Television show) and this book is kept by Our Mighty and Just God.
2. The decisions and choices that you make daily are included in the book titled “This Is Your Life”.
 - a. Sometimes we make some really bad choices, but the worse choice that you every make in your life is to reject God and His Son.
 - b. So tragic, but so true that many will face the judgment seat of Jesus Christ without naming Him Lord in their lives – **Luke 6:46**.
 - c. But, all is not lost for God is not willing that any should perish, but for all to come to repentance – **2 Peter 3:9**
 - d. If you are a Christian (according to God’s Word in obedience) and have something in your life that is separating you from God, now is the time to repent and return to The Lord – **Acts 8:21, 22; 1 John 1:9**.
 - e. If you are not a Christian then *Believe that Jesus is who he says that He is (John 8:24); repent of your sins (Acts 2:38); confess His name before men (Acts 8:37) and be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16) and remain faithful to Him for the rest of your life (Acts 2:42)*.
 - f. Some day the book titled, “*This Is Your Life*” will be closed and the questions that I leave you with are: “*Are you ready for Jesus Christ to open and read from the book?*” – The choice is yours, and yours alone – *are you ready for the*

judgment? Are you prepared? Have you obeyed the gospel? – **Hebrews 5:9;**
James 4:14