•Baby Dedication • Lifelines Offering

Word, Language & Life

I. The Future of the World is always in that Which is Being Born

A. Abolishing Pessimism! ~ Humans tend to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen, the world falling apart, etc.

Fear sees Scarcity rather than Abundance

The Story of Aluminum - Tiberius, Napoleon, Electrolysis

Surprising solutions! 400 years of slavery - Moses is born!

B. Our Father's Good Plan!

We have a GOOD Father & Nothing is Impossible In the Cross of Christ, Everything is Accomplished Everyone Born of God OVERCOMES the World by Faith

II. The Seed of the Future Ages is the Word

A. Lesson from Two Eggs

Hold an egg in each hand. Can you tell any difference between the two? Look identical? They could be from the same farm, even from the same hen.

Neither of these is boiled or rotten.

But if we incubate them, one will hatch, the other will not.

Can you tell me which of these will change into a chicken?"

The difference is that the egg in my right hand is **fertilized**, the other is not.

- Both are living organisms, but the egg in my right hand has <u>received</u> '**life**.'
- Right now, that life is transforming it from the inside.
- Soon it will cease being an egg. Its **identity as an egg will end**, but it will be **reborn as something more glorious**.
- It will become like its parents.
- What does it mean when we say it has been fertilized, that it has received life?

It has received certain information encoded in some chemicals.

That **information** established what this egg will become. That **information** determined its **gender**, **color**, **and size**, in fact, its **every cell** and **organ**, as well as **most traits**.

B. Life is Information!

Biological information is encoded in DNA.

- Mark 4.3 ESV "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.... 14 The sower sows the word.
- Luke 8.11 Now the parable is this: *The seed is the word of God.*

<u>Spiritual</u> information is encoded in Language.

- John 1.1 ESV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right¹ to become children of God,

Our souls' destiny is encapsulated in words.

Those who receive God's Word receive God's own eternal life.

¹ "authority" or έξουσία — "out of" one's substance.

- 14 And the **Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 16 For from his **fullness** we have all **received**, **grace upon grace**.
- Wave after wave of grace is released, on and on until we grow into the fullness of His image, Christ formed in us!
- 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is **at the Father's side,†** he has **made him known**.*
- **†**AMP *the only unique Son, or* the only begotten God, Who is in the bosom [**in the intimate presence**] of the Father,
- *NAS95 He has explained Him.

III. Faith & Unlocking the Seed

Jas 1.21 ESV Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and **receive** with meekness **the** <u>implanted</u> **word**, which is **able to save your souls**. (Set you free)

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Listen to these words:

- Rom 10.8 ESV But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because, if you **confess** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**. 10 For with **the heart one believes** and is *justified*, and with **the mouth one confesses** and is *saved*.
- 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be <u>saved</u>."
- Once we **receive** and **believe** God's Word, it begins transforming our souls into God's likeness... total FREEDOM, endless LIFE

Have you WELCOMED Him into YOUR HEART?

Has your CONFESSION been CHANGED?

C. Information & Transformation

What is life? Biology tells us that **<u>life is information</u>**— DNA.

What is language? Information!

What is **faith**? Believing the MESSAGE contained in the Word! Jesus said that God's Word is the seed that blossoms into eternal life when combined with our faith.

WORDS — SOURCE and FUTURE

WORDS: describe invisible laws that govern unknown galaxies.

Help us **plan** successful trips to outer space.

Enable us to create culture.

Words are creative "And God said ... "

- Word (information) is life because the Bible says that God created the universe with his words.
- Jesus made an astounding claim about the relationship of his words to life when he said,
- John 5.24 ESV Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever **hears my word** and **believes** him who sent me **has eternal life**. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

In My MOUTH and in my HEART!

Creative, Loving, Full of Grace....

Eph 2:7 ESV ... so that in the coming ages he might show the *immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness* toward us in Christ Jesus.