



Breath Of Life
#1 in Advent Series
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Jesus Is The Breath Of Life.

1. The fact. (John 1:4; 5:21, 26; 14:6)
2. Exploring the fact. (Genesis 21:33; Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalm 90:2; John 8:57-58; 1 Timothy 6:16; Revelation 1:8; 22:13)

Jesus Gives The Breath Of Life.

1. He spoke creation into being. (Genesis 1:1, 3, 6, 9, etc.; John 1:1-3, 10; 8:57-58; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:16-17; Revelation 1:8; 22:13)
2. He shaped and breathed life into Adam. (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7, 19, 21-22; Acts 17:24-29)
3. He gives eternal life. (John 3:16; 11:21-27; 14:6; 17:3; Romans 6:23; cf. Ephesians 2:10; 4:7-8; 5:27; Philippians 4:13; 2 Peter 1:2-4, etc.)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. With the Advent season just under way, how are you planning and actually *running the race* to the celebration of Christ's birth? We drew an analogy between Aesop's Fable of *The Tortoise And The Hare* and this race. Enjoy the activities of this season, but set a pace that will enable you to prepare and celebrate in a way that honors Christ. Question: How are you going to determine the elements and pace of your celebrations? Warning: Don't leave it to schedules and others.

Tuesday. Jesus is the Breath of life. He is eternal God. He is the definition and source of life. Jesus said "I am the life" (John 14:6). While we cannot comprehend all of this, describe what you understand this to mean from that and the other Bible references listed on the outline for this point. What would it mean if God were alive (exists) and not the Breath (source) of life?

Wednesday. Jesus, who is the Breath of life, gave life. God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is the Creator of all that exists. Jesus, then, spoke creation into being—He gave the breath of life to all living things. This means He also shaped and breathed life into Adam. Review the references about this on the outline. What does this mean about the nature of creation and your view of it? More specifically, what does it mean about the nature and your view of every person?

Thursday. Jesus not only gave life, He gives life—eternal life—to all who put their trust in Him. As we noted on Sunday, this does not refer to just living forever with God as mind-boggling-wonderful as it is, but also to every aspect of our lives in every day we have on earth. Walk through the references on the outline about Jesus giving eternal life. Thank God for His gift of eternal life in its present and future dimensions. Make sure you live richly in God's provisions today, and each day.

Friday/Saturday. On Sunday we plan to move to our second theme for this Advent season—*Remarkable Redeemer*. Think about Jesus as your Redeemer as you prepare for our time together.

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