

## Season of Life | Preparing, Celebrating, Discipling

### I. Preparation

- Choose a place with which you interact on a regular basis to memorialize the character and deeds of God.
- The best thing to put on your Celebration Walls is Scripture. There is a Bible Reading PDF for you at [CelebrationOfGod.com](http://CelebrationOfGod.com) with a ton of verses all about life through and life with God.
- Post some on your Celebration Wall, commit some to memory, and daily meditate on others in Preparation to celebrate God from March through May.

### II. Celebration

- The Season of Life is about Justification. What is Justification? It's God the Father declaring that the sinner who puts his faith in Christ forever stands righteous before God. Christ's righteousness is imputed to the saint, and the saint is declared justified.
  - And all of this would be impossible had the Messiah not lived a perfect life, died a substitutionary death, and raised in triumph over sin and the grave.
  - Had Jesus not lived a perfect life, He would have sinned and, therefore, He would not have had been righteous enough to save Himself — let alone us.
  - Had Jesus not died on our behalf, His righteousness could not have been imputed to us. Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin.
  - And had He not raised victorious from the grave, He would have been impotent to purchase our justification.
  - If we — at least once a week — worshipped God for the miraculous gift that is Justification, it will be hard not to worship God for the life He so graciously bestows.
- Using the Anticipations of Life are also a helpful tool. The theme of life is clearly seen in Easter, but I can easily anticipate mothers day as I think about the method by which God ushers humans into life on this earth.
  - We can anticipate Stewardship Day as we look forward to exercising Christ-honoring dominance over the animals, vegetables, and minerals of this earth via our fulfillment of the Creation Mandate.
  - Our future spiritual life can be anticipated as we look forward to celebrating Ascension, and we can anticipate the vibrant life of the church — empowered by the Holy Spirit — as we look forward to Pentecost.
  - So, all Season long we should meditate on the biblical realities concerning the life God has given us and the expectations He has for that life.

### III. Discipleship

- We're not completely fulfilling our worship of God if we're not sharpening each other.
- We need to intentionally invite our families, friends, fellow church members, students, coworkers, and anyone else we can imagine into our celebration of Life.
- We should read the Scriptures together, pray together, fellowship in Church together, talk about how awesome God is and how what we've read and learned about should be put into practice in our daily lives.
- Biblical Counselors can use this time of year to remind their counselees about the spiritual life God wants to give them. God's plan for our spiritual life is the very fiber of their spiritual struggle.