

# What Can Fill this Emptiness



## **Introduction**

Everyone here is on a journey through life, and everyone is writing his or her own story as they go. On this journey we all have different kinds of experiences, and most people have some good and some bad. What does all this matter? What is the meaning of life? My friend up here on the sketch board, we will call him Joe, has a problem. As you can see he has a void in his life and he is asking the same question that most people ask in life, “What can fill this Emptiness?” (Fill in block letters at the top of the sketch board) Joe is going to try some things to fill the emptiness in his life. The first thing that Joe tries is:

## **Education**

Joe goes to University and he asks all the important questions like, “Where did I come from?” and “Why am I here?” So he studies the philosophers but still has questions, and he finds out that the more he learns the more he does not know. So he still has a void in his life that education could not fill. So he takes his education and puts it into practice and makes a lot of:

## **Money**

Joe gets a good job and becomes an expert at investing money. However, eventually he makes a bad investment and loses all his money. So he learns that riches cannot be depended upon to give lasting life. Riches can be here today and gone tomorrow, and you cannot take them with you when you die. So to forget these realities he starts:

## **Partying**

He parties hard; drinking and occasional drugs become an everyday part of his life. Many mornings when he wakes up hung over, he says, “I will never drink like that again!” But by the evening he is out doing it all over again. So Joe is still the same person with the same void in his life no matter how much he parties. He realizes this and goes to meetings for alcoholics and sobers up. He then tries to look to:

## **Science (Experts)**

He hopes that science can give him the answer to the void he feels within. He reads about all the latest discoveries about human origins and how medical breakthroughs are helping to make the average length of life longer. He reads about how some people who had their bodies frozen in hopes that one day scientist will figure out how to make people live forever. The problem here is that death cannot be reversed by man, because God, who is the source of life, has placed the curse of death on all humankind because of our sin. The Bible says, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23) and, “For the wages of sin is death. . .” (Romans 6:23) That means in order to have life one must look to the author of life. Joe, however, tries another thing and that is:

## **Romance**

A friend gives Joe some advice, he says, “what you need is a good woman and so Joe goes out to find a good woman. He begins dating different woman and he falls in love. Everything is going great until the romance wears off, so in search of that feeling of infatuation again they break up and date others. Finally he settles down and gets married

to the “right one” but finds out that he has married another person who also has problems and that there still is a void in his life.

All these things that I have put on the sketch board so far have one thing in common and that is that without God they are limited to this world and therefore are temporary and can only give limited satisfaction. They are limited because of sin. Sin is in all people and it makes us criminals in the eyes of God. Therefore, the sin problem must be taken care of before we can have life. Your life and my life are limited to those things to which we place our trust. If we trust in things that are temporal then the life that we have is limited, but if our faith is in the One who is eternal then we can have life that is eternal.

### **God**

That One who is eternal is God (write in the word God in the last box) and Jesus Christ is God who has become flesh. He came to the earth as a man to bleed and die on the cross to pay the penalty of death for all who have sinned. (Draw the cross with the blood and an arrow for the resurrection) The Bible says, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23). All people have faith in something. Most trust in the one or more of these things on the sketch board that are temporary, but our faith is only as good as the object of faith. Jesus is eternal, so if one believes in Him he or she has eternal life. In order to have this life one must first turn from his or their way and turn to God. The Bible says, “The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead” (Acts 8:30-31). Second, He or she must also place their trust in Jesus Christ and what he did for us by dying for our sins and then raising from the dead. The Bible says, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved. . .” (Acts 16:31). Joe decides to trust in Jesus, so now He has everlasting life. Maybe you are here and you would like to have eternal life. If so please talk to me or one of the people with me. Thank you for listening and have a good day.