

# Picturing the U-A-O-Z-Life

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## The First Birth into the Family of Creation

“He created them in His image...” (Gen. 1:27)

### U-Life

#### “The Unbeliever” (I John 4:1-6)

Those *Blind to Jesus* can never escape the depressions of the U-Life — unsure, unsafe, unnecessary, unsatisfactory, uninitiated, unaware, unconscious, unawake, unsaved. They miss the significance of the cross reality and think it foolishness (I Cor. 1:18). The Great Shepherd has compassion on all His “sheep” by creation and will bless and/or use them in fulfilling His purpose as He pleases. He still wants them to come to repentance (Mk. 6:34; II Pet. 3:9). They know life’s battles but can’t rejoice in the redemptive purposes and riches of their loving Creator!  
They begin to give their years to ignoring Him.

They Perceive the  
Partial Picture

## The Second Birth into the Family of Redemption

“Renewed in the image of His Son...” (Col. 3:10)

### A-Life

#### “The Baby Believer” (I John 2:12-14)

The *Children* know the ABC’s of the Cross. They desire the milk of the Word as newborns who have tasted the Lord’s goodness (I Pet. 2:2-3). The child is untested in battle and rejoices most in receiving from God.  
They begin to give their time to knowing Him.

They Perceive the  
Small Picture

### O-Life

#### “The Maturing Believer” (I John 2:12-14)

The *Young Men* know the MNOP’s of the Cross. They know the difference between milk and solid food and recognize that speed and constant training are necessary to taste the wonder of righteousness and distinguish between good and evil (Heb. 5:11-14). The young men have some degree of experience in spiritual combat. They rejoice most in doing for God.

They begin to give their efforts to serving Him.

They Perceive the  
Big Picture

### Z-Life

#### “The Veteran Believer” (I John 2:12-14)

The *Fathers* know the XYZ’s of the Cross. These eager partners of righteousness and cross reality taste and eat Christ’s body and blood. They have a high level of participation in and understanding of the Savior’s heart and vision (Jn. 6:53-59; Phil. 3:7-18). The fathers are scarred but healed warriors of heavy spiritual combat. They rejoice most in reigning with God.

They begin to give their life to dying for Him.

They Perceive the  
God Picture

## What is YOUR “Picture” of cross reality?

It all hinges on your perception and participation in the Father’s revelation of Himself in His Son, Jesus. Vision and wisdom expand as you find the part you are to play in His great redemption plan of R<sup>3</sup>—revelation (knowing), resurrection (energizing) and reconciliation (loving)! Those who truly grasp the “God Picture” prove it by a life of Messiah Love! They heed the Lord’s description of Himself in Rev. 1:8, I Am the A through Z of life! Our goal should be to learn to use all the letters of His divine alphabet to write our stories. ABC’s alone are not enough. MNOP’s to the XYZ’s must be known and mastered! We are grateful for an F, or J, or R or a T. But all the letters are necessary if we are to write in full the wonder of the Lord Jesus.