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# **Spring Conference 2025**

The Gospel of John (Part Two) – February 21-23, 2025

Friday, February 21	
5:30 PM Check-in / registration at Hunter Welcome Center	
7:30 PM	Main Session #1 < The Need of the Thirsty – Life's Quenching >

Saturday, February 22	
9 AM	Special Topic
10:30 AM	Main Session #2 < The Need of Those Under the Bondage of Sin – Life's Setting Free >
12 PM	Lunch on your own
5:30 PM	Dinner at ACU
7:30 PM	Main Session #3 < The Need of the Blind in Religion – Life's Light and Life's Shepherding >
9 PM	Snack by campus groups

Sunday, February 23	
	Main Session #4
10 AM	< The Need of the Dead – Life's Resurrecting & The Issue of the Christ Being Life to Man – The Church >
12 PM	Travel back



#### Message One

#### The Need of the Thirsty - Life's Quenching

John 7

#### The Gospel of John (Part One) Recap – Christ as life meets every man's need

John 1:4 In Him was life...

John 10:10b ... I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

John 11:25a Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life...

John 14:6a Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life...

1 John 5:12a He who has the Son has the life...

Man's condition	The solution
John 3 – Moral	Life's regenerating
John 4 – Immoral	Life's satisfying
John 4 – Dying	Life's healing
John 5 – Impotent	Life's enlivening
John 6 – Hungry	Life's feeding

#### I. The background

#### A. John 6 - The first feast implies the beginning of man's life

John 6:4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. [see Leviticus 23:5]

#### B. John 7—The last feast implies the completion and success of man's life

John 7:2 Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was near. [see Leviticus 23:34]

#### II. Come and drink

#### John 7:37-39

**37** Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

**38** He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

**39** But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

#### A. "Now on the last day..."

#### Psalm 39:4-5, 7

**4** O Jehovah, cause me to know my end, / And the measure of my days, what it is. / May I know how transient I am.

**5** Behold, You have made my days as mere handbreadths, / And my lifetime is as nothing before You; / Surely every man at his best is altogether vanity.

7 And now what am I waiting for, O Lord? / My hope — it is in You.

#### B. "If anyone thirsts..."

**Jeremiah 2:13** For My people have committed two evils: / They have forsaken Me, / The fountain of living waters, / To hew out for themselves cisterns, / Broken cisterns, / Which hold no water.

**Psalm 63:1b** ... My soul thirsts for You, / My flesh faints in longing for You, / In a dry and weary land without water.

#### Psalm 42:1-2

- 1 As the hart pants / After the streams of water, / So my soul pants / For You, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, / For the living God. / When will I come and appear / Before God?

#### C. "...let him come to Me..."

**Isaiah 55:1** Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; / And you who have no money, / Come, buy and eat; / Yes, come, buy wine and milk / Without money and without price.

#### John 5:39-40

**39** You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify concerning Me.

**40** Yet you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

John 6:37b ...him who comes to Me I shall by no means cast out.

**Revelation 22:17** And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.

#### D. "...and drink"

**1 Corinthians 10:4** And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of a spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ.

**Exodus 17:6b** ...you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it so that the people may drink...

**John 19:34** But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

**1 Corinthians 12:13** For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body... and were all given to drink one Spirit.

Numbers 20:8 ....speak to the rock before their eyes, so that it yields its water.

#### Isaiah 12:3-6

- 3 Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing / From the springs of salvation,
- **4** And you will say in that day, / <u>Give thanks</u> to Jehovah; <u>call upon His name!</u> / <u>Make His deeds known</u> among the peoples; / <u>Remind them</u> that His name is exalted.
- **5** <u>Sing</u> psalms to Jehovah, for He has done something majestic! / Let it be made known in all the earth!
- **6** <u>Cry out</u> and give a ringing <u>shout</u>, O inhabitant of Zion, / For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

#### John 4:15-17

- 15 The woman said to Him, Sir, give me this water so that I will not thirst nor come here to draw.
- **16** He said to her, Go, call your husband and come here.
- **17** The woman answered and said, I do not have a husband. Jesus said to her, You have well said, I do not have a husband,

**Revelation 22:1** And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

#### Psalm 36:8b-9a

**8b** ... You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.

9a For with You is the fountain of life...

**Romans 1:20** For the invisible things of Him, both His eternal power and divine characteristics, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being perceived by the things made, so that they would be without excuse;

# E. "He who believes into Me...out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water."

1 Corinthians 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit

**John 4:14** But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life.

**What rivers of living water look like:** Romans 15:30; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; 2 Thessalonians. 2:13; Galatians 5:22-23

# F. "But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified."

Genesis 1:2b ...the Spirit of God... Hebrews 9:14b ...the eternal Spirit...

Luke 24:26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and enter into His glory?

1 Corinthians 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 3:17a** And the Lord is the Spirit... **2 Corinthians 4:5a** For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord...

Acts 16:7b ...the Spirit of Jesus... Romans 8:9b ...the Spirit of Christ... Philippians 1:19b ...the Spirit of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is in you: Romans 8:10; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:27

#### III. How religion reacts to life

#### A. Kill

John 7:1b, 19b, 20, 25b

**1b**...the Jews were seeking to kill Him.

19b ... Why do you seek to kill Me?

**20** The crowd answered, You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill You?

**25b** ...Is not this the One whom they are seeking to kill?

#### B. Cast doubt

#### John 7:12, 41-42, 46-47

12b ...some said, He is a good man; but others said, No; rather He leads the crowd astray.41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Does then the Christ come out of Galilee?42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes out of the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?

The attendants answered, Never has a man spoken as this man has.

The Pharisees then answered them, Have you also been deceived?

#### Matthew 10:24-25 (ESV)

24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of His household.

## **Special Topic**

#### Message Two

#### The Need of Those Under the Bondage of Sin - Life's Setting Free

John 8

#### John 8:1-11

- 1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
- **2** And early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him, and He sat down and taught them.
- 3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the midst,
- 4 They said to Him, Teacher, this woman has been caught committing adultery, in the very act.
- 5 Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. What then do you say?
- **6** But they said this to tempt Him, so that they might have *reason* to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote with His finger on the ground.
- **7** But when they persisted in questioning Him, He stood up and said to them, He who is without sin among you, let him *be the* first to throw a stone at her.
- **8** And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.
- **9** And when they heard *that*, they went out one by one, beginning with the older ones. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman *stood* where she was, in the midst.
- 10 And Jesus stood up and said to her, Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?
- **11** And she said, No one, Lord. And Jesus said, Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.

#### I. The complete and thorough exposure of sin in John 8

#### A. No man without sin

**John 8:7** But when they persisted in questioning Him, He stood up and said to them, He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.

1 Kings 8:46a If they have sinned against You (for there is no man who does not sin)...

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

#### B. The source of sin - Satan, the Devil

**John 8:44** You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks *it* out of his own *possessions*; for he is a liar and the father of it.

#### 1 John 3:8, 10a

**8** He who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

10a In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest...

**Revelation 20:2** And he laid hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years

Matthew 23:33 Serpents! Brood of vipers! How shall you escape the judgment of Gehenna?

#### C. The slaves of sin unable to escape

**John 8:34** Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.

**Romans 7:23** But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members.

#### D. The issue of sin - death

**John 8:24** Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins.

#### E. The main categories of sin – adultery, murder, and lies

#### John 8:3a, 41, 44

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery...

**41** You do the works of your father. They then said to Him, We were not born of fornication; we have one Father, God.

**44** You are of *your* father the devil...He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him...for he is a liar and the father of it.

#### II. Solving the problem of sin

#### A. Religion with its law exposes sin, but is powerless to solve the problem

#### John 8:4-5a

**4** They said to Him, Teacher, this woman has been caught committing adultery, in the very act. **5a** Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women...

**John 5:10** Therefore the Jews said to the one who had been healed, It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your mat.

Romans 8:3a For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh...

#### B. Only one man without sin - the Lord Jesus Himself

2 Corinthians 5:21a Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf...

**1 John 3:5** And you know that He was manifested that He might take away sins; and sin is not in Him.

1 Peter 2:22 [Christ] Who committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth;

**Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all respects like *us*, *yet* without sin.

#### C. Only Jesus being qualified to condemn sin, but He would not

**John 3:17** For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

# D. Only Jesus being qualified to forgive man's sin, to set man free from the slavery of sin, and to save man from the result of sin

Luke 7:48 And He said to her, Your sins are forgiven.

#### John 8:32-36, 51

**32** And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

**33** They answered Him, We are Abraham's seed and have never yet been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, You shall become free?

**34** Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.

35 And the slave does not abide in the house forever; the son does abide forever.

**36** If therefore the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.

51 Truly, truly, I say to you, If anyone keeps My word, he shall by no means see death forever.

#### III. The impossibility of the Christian life

#### A. Subject to the highest demand

John 8:11b ...and from now on sin no more.

#### Matthew 5:21-22a, 28, 48

**21** You have heard that it was said to the ancients, "You shall not murder, and whoever murders shall be liable to the judgment."

22a But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to the judgment...

**28** But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman in order to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

**48** You therefore shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

#### B. Receiver of the highest supply

John 10:10b ... I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

**John 3:34** For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for He gives the Spirit not by measure.

**Romans 8:4** That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

#### IV. The supply in Jesus - the light, the way, the life, the Great "I Am"

**John 8:12** Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

**Genesis 2:7** Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

**Exodus 3:14** And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.

#### John 8:24, 58

**24** Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins.

58 Jesus said to them, Truly, Iruly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.

#### Message Three

# The Need of the Blind in Religion – Life's Sight and Life's Shepherding

John 9-10

#### I. Life's sight for the blind in religion

#### A. Born blind

#### John 9:1-3

- 1 And as He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.
- **2** And His disciples asked Him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?
- **3** Jesus answered, Neither has this man sinned nor his parents, but *he was born so*, that the works of God might be manifested in him.
- **2 Corinthians 4:4** In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.

**Acts 26:18** To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

#### B. Receiving sight by the light and the anointing of life

#### John 9:5-7

- 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
- **6** When He had said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed his eyes with the clay,
- **7** And He said to him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is interpreted, Sent). He went therefore and washed and came away seeing.

#### C. Persecuted by religion

**John 9:34** They answered and said to him, You were wholly born in sins, and you are teaching us? And they cast him out.

#### D. Believing into the Son of God

#### John 9:35-38

- **35** Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and He found him and said, Do you believe into the Son of God?
- **36** He answered and said, And who is He, Lord, that I may believe into Him?
- 37 Jesus said to him, You have both seen Him, and He is the One speaking with you.
- **38** And he said, Lord, I believe; and he worshipped Him.

#### E. Life's judgment of the blind religionists

#### John 9:39-41

**39** And Jesus said, For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.

- **40** Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, We are not blind also, are we?
- **41** Jesus said to them, If you were blind, you would not have sin; but now that you say, We see; your sin remains.

#### II. Life's shepherding for the believers outside of religion

#### A. The sheepfold, the door, and the pasture for the sheep

#### John 10:1-9

- **1** Truly, truly, I say to you, He who does not enter through the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up from somewhere else, he is a thief and a robber;
- 2 But he who enters through the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
- **3** To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
- **4** When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.
- **5** But they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.
- **6** This parable Jesus spoke to them, but they did not know what those things meant that He spoke to them.
- 7 Jesus therefore said to them again, Truly, I ruly, I say to you that I am the door of the sheep.
- 8 All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.
- **9** I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and go out and shall find pasture.

#### B. The Shepherd, the divine life, and the soulish life for the flock

#### John 10:10-21

- **10** The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.
- **11** I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
- **12** He who is a hireling and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.
- 13 He flees because he is a hireling and it does not matter to him concerning the sheep.
- 14 I am the good Shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me,
- 15 Even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
- **16** And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.
- 17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.
- **18** No one takes it away from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. This commandment I received from My Father.
- 19 A division again took place among the Jews because of these words.
- **20** And many of them said, He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?
- **21** Others said, These are not the words of one who is demon-possessed. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?

# C. The eternal life, the Son's hand, and the Father's hand for the security of the sheep

#### John 10:27-30

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

And I give to them eternal life, and they shall by no means perish forever, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.

My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand.

I and the Father are one.

#### Message Four

#### The Need of the Dead – Life's Resurrecting, and the Issue of Christ Being Life to Man – The Church

John 11-12

#### John 11:11b-14, 25b, 41, 43-44

11b ...Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going that I may wake him out of sleep.

12 The disciples then said to Him, Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.

**13** But Jesus had spoken about his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

14 So Jesus then told them plainly, Lazarus has died.

25b ... I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

**41** Then they took the stone away. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

43 And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out!

**44** And he who had died came out, bound hand and foot with cloths, and his face was bound about with a handkerchief. Jesus said to them, Loose him and let him go.

#### The need of the dead – life's resurrecting

#### A. The basic problem of fallen mankind in death

John 5:14, 25

14b ...Behold, you have become well; sin no more so that nothing worse happens to you.

**25** Truly, truly, I say to you, An hour is coming, and it is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

John 11:14 So Jesus then told them plainly, Lazarus has died.

John 2:9a ...the master of the feast tasted the water which had become wine...

#### B. Death affects man's entire being - spirit, soul, and body

Ephesians 2:1 And you, though dead in your offenses and sins,

Romans 8:6a For the mind set on the flesh is death...

#### Ephesians 2:2-3

2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience;

**3a** Among whom we also all conducted ourselves once in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts...

Romans 8:10a But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin...

# C. We need to submit to and cooperate with the Lord to experience life's resurrecting

#### 1. Dropping our frustrating human opinions

#### John 11:39-41, 43-44

**39** Jesus said, <u>Take away the stone</u>. Martha, the sister of him who was deceased, said to Him, Lord, by now he smells, for *it is* the fourth day *that* he is *there*.

40 Jesus said to her, Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?

- **41** Then they took the stone away. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.
- 43 And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out!
- **44** And he who had died came out, bound hand and foot with cloths, and his face was bound about with a handkerchief. Jesus said to them, <u>Loose him and let him go</u>.

#### 2. Calling on His name

**John 20:31b** ...you may have life in His name.

#### Romans 10:12-13

- **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord *is Lord* of all *and* rich to all who call upon Him;
- 13 For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

#### 3. Touching the Spirit in the Word

#### **Ephesians 6:17-18**

**17** And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which *Spirit* is the word of God.

**18a** By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit...

#### 4. Finding Him in the morning

#### John 20:1, 15-16

- **1** Now on the first day of the week, Mary the Magdalene came early to the tomb while it was yet dark and saw the stone taken away from the tomb.
- **15** Jesus said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking? She, supposing that He was the gardener, said to Him, Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.
- **16** Jesus said to her, Mary! She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, Rabboni! (which means Teacher).

#### 5. Abiding in the Lord for fruit bearing

**John 15:5** – I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

#### 6. Prophesying in the meetings

**1 Corinthians 14:4 ...** but he who prophesies builds up the church.

#### II. The issue of Christ being life to man - the church

#### A. Our whole being brought into resurrection

**1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**Romans 8:10** But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

#### B. The church produced and built up

#### 1. The church is the house of God

**1 Timothy 3:15** But if I delay, *I write* that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

#### John 12:1-3, 9-11

- **1** Then Jesus, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
- **2** Therefore they made Him a supper there; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of the ones reclining at table with Him.
- **3** Then Mary took a pound of ointment, of very valuable pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.
- **9** Then a great crowd of the Jews found out that He was there, and they came, not because of Jesus only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.
- 10 And the chief priests took counsel to kill Lazarus also,
- 11 Because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed into Jesus.

**Mark 14:3** And while He was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He reclined *at table*, a woman came, having an alabaster flask of ointment, of very costly pure nard, and she broke the alabaster flask and poured *it* over His head.

#### Acts 2:46-47

**46** And day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they partook of *their* food with exultation and simplicity of heart,

**47** Praising God and having grace with all the people. And the Lord added together day by day those who were being saved.

**John 17:21** That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

#### 2. The church is the kingdom of God

**John 12:13b** ...Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

#### John 20:21-22

**21** Then Jesus said to them again, Peace be to you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you. **22** And when He had said this, He breathed into *them* and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 16:20** Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

# Songs

Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming with your heart to the Lord,

Ephesians 5:19

- 1. O Now I see the Cleansing Wave
- 2. Before the throne of God
- 3. Down at the Cross
- 4. In Christ alone
- 5. Hallelujah I Have Found Him
- 6. He's the Rock Who's Following Me
- 7. Lord Jesus, You're Lovely
- 8. Lord, I Just Love You
- 9. I love You, Lord! I Love Your Word!
- 10. Christ is the Tree of Life
- 11. Fill My Cup, Lord
- 12. Shout Hosanna, all ye people
- 13. Jehovah's Habitation
- 14. Jesus, O living word of God
- 15. Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
- 16. Hey I Want More of Christ
- 17. Christ is Everything, I Need Him
- 18. Back in my Father's House Again
- 19. Jesus Paid it All
- 20. Pursue Him and Know Him
- 21. Recall How David Swore
- 22. I've Given Up the World
- 23. The Gift of Righteousness
- 24. I'm Gonna Praise God Unceasingly
- 25. Lord, I Was Blind; I Could Not See
- 26. Many Weary Years
- 27. I Have Come to the Fountain of Life

1. O now I see the cleansing wave! The fountain deep and wide; Jesus, my Lord, mighty to save, Points to His wounded side.

The cleansing stream I see, I see; I plunge, and O it cleanseth me! O praise the Lord it cleanseth me! It cleanseth me, yes, cleanseth me.

- 2. I see the dear Redeemer raised, I hear the speaking blood; It speaks! My spirit is amazed! And quickened by its flood.
- 3. I rise to walk in God's own light Above the world and sin, With heart renewed and garments white And Christ enthroned within.

- Before the throne of God above
   I have a strong, a perfect plea;
   A great High Priest, whose Name is Love,
   Who ever lives and pleads for me.
   My name is graven on His hands,
   My name is written on His heart;
   I know that while with God He stands
   No tongue can bid me thence depart,
   No tongue can bid me thence depart.
- 2. When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look, and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.
- 3. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
  My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
  The great unchangable I AM,
  The King of glory and of grace.
  One with Himself, I cannot die;
  My soul is purchased by His blood;
  My life is hid with Christ on high,
  With Christ, my Savior and my God,
  With Christ, my Savior and my God.

1. Down at the cross where my Savior died, God's righteous nature was satisfied; There to my sin was the blood applied, Glory to His name!

> Glory to His name, Glory to His name; There to my sin was the blood applied, Glory to His name!

- 2. Saved from our sin at this fountain, we Fully enjoy our redemption free; This we'll enjoy for eternity, Glory to His name!
- 3. Oh, precious fact, when my Savior died, Not only sin's debt was satisfied; Life's flowing fountain was opened wide! Glory to His name!

Glory to His name, Glory to His name; Life's flowing fountain was opened wide! Glory to His name!

4. Now both redemption and life we share, Cleansed in His blood, we're abiding there Drinking the water of life fore'er; Glory to His name!

- In Christ alone my hope is found,
  He is my light, my strength, my song;
  This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
  Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
  What heights of love, what depths of peace,
  When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
  My Comforter, my All in All,
  Here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
- There in the ground His body lay,
   Light of the world by darkness slain:
   Then bursting forth in glorious day
   Up from the grave He rose again!
   And as He stands in victory
   Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
   For I am His and He is mine –
   Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand: Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

1. All my life long I had panted For a draught from some cool spring, That I hoped would quench the burning Of the thirst I felt within.

> Hallelujah! I have found Him Whom my soul so long has craved! Jesus satisfies my longings; Through His life I now am saved.

- 2. Feeding on the husks around me, Till my strength was almost gone, Longed my soul for something better, Only still to hunger on.
- 3. Poor I was, and sought for riches, Something that would satisfy, But the dust I gathered round me Only mocked my soul's sad cry.
- 4. Well of water, ever springing, Bread of life, so rich and free, Untold wealth that never faileth, My Redeemer is to me.

1. Jesus Christ is the rock smitten, Who was struck to save me from sin. Living water did from Him burst, And streamed forth to allay my thirst.

> He's the rock who's following me! He just wants me to take a drink. And now I am never alone! I'm followed by this living stone.

2. When I'm thirsty to Him I speak, Then He gives me abundant drink. As the rock He is standing by, To flow out to me His supply.

> So I know wherever I go, I can drink His life-giving flow. He's the rock who's following me, Giving His life abundantly.

3. If deep down you are feeling dry, There's a way to have His supply— God wants you to speak to the rock, All the time in your daily walk.

> Open your mouth—speak to the Lord! Then the water will be outpoured. He's the rock who's following you, Waiting to give you a drink too.

And we know wherever we go, We can drink His life-giving flow. He's the rock who's following us, Flowing out His life bounteous. Jord Jesus Vou're lovely

Lord Liust love You.

- Lord Jesus, You're lovely.
   You're more to be desired
   Than any earthly pleasure.
   You're fine, beyond compare.
   Lord Jesus, Your beauty
   Does far exceed all others.
   You're comely and You're tender.
   You're radiant and You're fair.
- 2. When I behold You, Jesus,
  You draw my heart completely.
  I cannot turn away, Lord,
  I rest in Your embrace;
  And time is gone, there's only
  Your holy, matchless presence,
  Abiding in You, gazing
  Upon Your glorious face.
- 3. I give my life to You, Lord,
  For You alone are worthy.
  There's nothing and there's no one
  That I desire but You.
  May all my days be Yours, Lord,
  My heart be given to love You,
  To treasure and to serve You
  By Your sufficient grace.

Lord, I just love You. And there's no One like You. In the whole universe I have no other One like You. Lord Jesus, I love You.

Lord, You are more precious than silver. Lord, You are more costly than gold. Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds. And nothing I desire compares to You!

1. I love You, Lord! I love Your Word! Each time I hear You, how I am assured! Your Word supplies and vivifies! I love, oh, I love Your Word!

Your Word consoles, and renders care. I am so thankful Your Word is not rare! It is so free! Spoken to me! I love, oh, I love Your Word!

2. I love You, Lord! I love Your Word! Sweeter than honey, each time it is heard. Milk guileless—to taste is bliss! I love, oh, I love Your Word!

It is a feast and solid food! Tasting Your Word, I taste that You are good! Heavenly bread—I am well fed. I love, oh, I love Your Word!

3. I love You, Lord! I love Your Word! Throughout the ages, Your Word has endured! All else will pass. Your Word shall last! I love, oh, I love Your Word!

When trials come, my faith to shake, I stand on Your Word, which never shall break! All else will fail. Your words prevail! I love, oh, I love Your Word!

4. I love You, Lord! I love Your Word! Your Word is washing me, making me pure, To be Your bride, e'er to abide! I love, oh, I love Your Word!

Soon comes the day, when I shall be, One with You, Lord, to the fullest degree! By Your dear Word, this will occur! I love, oh, I love Your Word! 11

 In the beginning we can see God placed man in front of two diff'rent trees—
 The tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

One leads to life by eating Him. And the other leads to deadness and sin. So, feed on Christ! Don't be satisfied with being good and legal.

Christ
Is the tree of life.
He's our life-supply.
Let's choose the way of life!

Take Him in By enjoying Him! Open deep within. And on His life depend.

2. Now everyone can feast on Him! Open deeply and be filled to the brim! Partake of Christ as the tree of life. Express Him together.

Give Christ the first place in our hearts. As we love Him all His life He imparts. In spirit He fills eternally! Satisfied forever! Fill my cup, Lord;
I lift it up, Lord;
Come and quench
This thirsting of my soul.
Bread of Heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.
Fill my cup, fill it up
And make me whole.

- Like the woman at the well, I was seeking
   For things that could not satisfy.
   And then I heard my Savior speaking—
   "Draw from My well
   That never shall run dry."
- 2. There are millions in this world who are seeking
  For pleasures earthly goods afford.
  But none can match the wondrous treasure
  That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.
- 3. So my brother, if the things that this world gives you
  Leave hungers that won't pass away,
  My blessed Lord will come and save you
  If you kneel to Him and humbly pray—

 Shout Hosanna, all ye people, Christ defeated every evil; We unite with one accord; Praise Thee, ever conq'ring Lord.

Nevermore we fear the devil, Christ destroyed him on the cross, Stripping off the authorities; Now we live His victory. God of peace now crushes Satan Under overcoming feet; Our rejoicing overthrows him, Shaming every enemy.

- 2. All day long sing hallelujahs
  In the train of vanquished foes;
  Through our praise we never leave,
  Seated with Him at the throne.
  Never let the lies deceive you;
  Christ has shut the serpent's mouth;
  Claim the fact that we have seen him
  In the lake of fire now.
- 3. Soon the earth cries out, exalting Our returning, shining Lord; Until then we praise and sing; All the glory's to our King. Consummated corporate warrior, New Jerusalem are we, One with our ascended Husband, Lord of lords and King of kings.
- 4. Hallelujah, Christ the Conqueror, Every day we're one with Him, Walking in Him constantly, Living Christ our vic-tor-y!

1. Jehovah's habitation isn't made with hands His eternal longing is to dwell in man. His footstool is the earth, The heavens are His throne, But the place He's chosen, The human spirit, is His home!

Christ lives inside my spirit
Supplying me with grace
He wants to spend His time with me
Beholding face to face I shouldn't merely touch Him
And then just walk away
But in my spirit stay and linger
All throughout the day!

- 2. The Holy of Holies is the place where man Communicates with God and is infused with Him, Not in the Outer Court Beyond the Holy Place We must go further to behold The glorious shining of His face!
- 3. Now Jesus lives inside us so we all must take Him daily as our fortress and our hiding place He's being built in us We're being built in Him A mutual habitation For all eternity, AMEN!

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Jesus, O living Word of God,
 Wash me and cleanse me with Your blood,
 So You can speak to me.
 Just let me hear Your words of grace;
 Just let me see Your radiant face,
 Beholding constantly.

Jesus, living Word, My heart thirsts for Thee. Of Thee I'd eat and drink, Enjoy Thee thoroughly.

2. Jesus, most precious One to me, I want to seek You constantly, So You can spread through me. I would just call upon Your name, Open to You; I have no shame Loving You, Jesus Lord.

Jesus, precious One, Be so real to me. You are all I want; I open wide to Thee.

3. Jesus, O living One in me, Open my eyes that I might see All that You are to me. Just let me enter in Your heart; Never from You would I depart, Loving You constantly.

> Jesus, living One, Flood me thoroughly. Take my willing heart And overcome in me.

4. Lord, I want You to have Your way. Save me from being Satan's prey; I am believing You. All I can give to You, my Lord, Is my whole being, love outpoured; Lord, I belong to You.

> Jesus, faithful God, Gain us through and through. Use us thoroughly To see Your purpose through.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; Take not Thy holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And renew a right spirit within me

Psalm 50:10-12

I want more of Christ!
I want more of His life!
I have tasted Him before,
Yet my heart knows there is more!
I come with my spirit poor
So that He can fill me more.
I want more of Christ, so much more!

- 1. God wants a man, who will be, Seeking Him out desperately, Not someone self-satisfied, Blinded by spiritual pride. Hungry ones, the Lord will fill, It's recorded in His will. A turned heart, an opened door, Is His way to give man more.
- 2. All those who ask will receive, Lord, Your promise I believe. The rich You will send away, May this not be me I pray! I am just a little one, One of Your prodigal sons, Hungry now I come to You, Father, feed me Christ anew!
- 3. Lord, I am not satisfied,
  With the past grace You supplied.
  For I know that You have more
  An unsearchable rich store!
  I will cry to You until,
  My clay vessel You will fill.
  Linger I before Your face,
  Right now flood me with Your grace!

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**17 19** 

Christ is everything, I need Him. He is everything you need, believe Him. Life is a person, receive Him, Open up your heart and sing.

1. Open yourself to the new creation. Open your eyes to the joy of change. Life is a fruit of God's creation. Every new birth is a soul regained.

2. Drinking His life from a living fountain. Sweet water running inside of me. Oh, how I love to live on the mountain, Ever since Jesus set me free.

3. Follow the Lord like a charging stallion Race for the Son with all your might Guard your heart like a gold medallion Keep the kingdom full in sight.

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I'm so happy here, With my Father dear, Once lost, now I'm near again! (It was) First His smiling face, Then His warm embrace, I'm surprised by grace again!

I was lost, now I'm found again! I was dead, but now I live! Come rejoice with us, and be merry then. Back in my Father's house again!

Robe, ring, sandals on And my hunger's gone! Back where I belong, again! (Because He) Clothed me thoroughly, (And then He) Reinstated me! (Now I'm) Back in the family again!

I was lost, now I'm found again! I was dead, but now I live! Come rejoice with us, and be merry then. Back in my Father's house again! 1. I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

> Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

2. Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone, Can change the leper's spots, And melt the heart of stone.

3. For nothing good have I Whereby Thy grace to claim— I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

4. And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.

Pursue Him and know Him;
 Be found in Him.
 Count all things loss for Him.
 Just gain Him, obtain Him; lay hold of Him.
 It's Christ the central vision.

Forgetting the things which are behind, Press on, pursue with this mind. By any means each hour now redeem; Stretch forth, lay hold of Him!

- 2. Pursue Him and seize Him, Christ the supreme. Just love this precious Person. Forgetting and leaving all other things, Love Him with your whole being.
- 3. Christ now is my center,And reality,My life for eternity.All things are just nothing compared to Him,So love and just gain Him!

- Recall how David swore,
   "I'll not come into my house,
   Nor go up to my bed,
   Give slumber to mine eyelids,
   Until I find a place for Thee,
   A place, O Lord, for Thee."
   Our mighty God desires a home
   Where all His own may come.
- 2. How blinded we have been,
  Shut in with what concerns us;
  While God's house lieth waste—
  Lord, break through, overturn us;
  We'll go up to the mountain,
  Bring wood and build the house;
  We'll never say, "Another day!"
  It's time! We'll come and build!
- 3. O Lord, against these days,
  Inspire some for Your building,
  Just as in David's day—
  A remnant who are willing
  To come and work in Your house,
  Oh, what a blessed charge!
  Your heart's desire, is our desire—
  We come, O Lord, to build.
- 4. Within those whom You'd call
  Put such a restless caring
  For building to give all—
  These times are for preparing;
  The gates of hell cannot prevail
  Against the builded Church!
  The hours are few, the builders too—
  Lord, build, O build in us!

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I've given up the world because
I've found something more.
He's better than anything
I've ever found before.
Yes, I have found the Living One,
Oh, how my spirit soars!
I called His name, I'm not the same—
I am for the Lord!

I'm for the Lord!
I'm loving Jesus!
I'm for the Lord!
I'm calling "O Lord Jesus!"

2. I've given up the world because I've found something better. I have found the Living One, And He breaks every fetter. Yes, He's the One who set me free, Oh, how my spirit soars! I called His name, I'm not the same, I am for the Lord!

3. And now I'm really happy,
Yes I'm fully satisfied.
I have found the Living One,
And He lives right inside
Of you and me, so come and see
Now our spirits soar!
We called His name, we're not the same,
We are for the Lord!

We're for the Lord! We're loving Jesus! We're for the Lord! We're calling "O Lord Jesus!" The gift of righteousness is Measured in abundance. The depths of His love I'll never understand. His love reaches me and you; His mercy goes farther too. The One on the throne of God Is called the Lamb.

So why not open up and Call His name O Lord? Find your spirit where His grace Has been outpoured. Call His name, taste His grace, Exercise before His face! He's longing and yearning. He's hoping and waiting. He's ever desiring for you to turn to Him.

He knows your deepest thought, Your every situation. He understands your heart, He knows your history. There's nothing in His way. He's just waiting for you to say, "Lord Jesus, my wandering heart I give to Thee."

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1. I'm gonna praise God unceasingly Because He lives in me. He's everything to me, Gives life continually. I'm gonna praise God unceasingly Because He lives in me, and He will never leave.

Now in our spirit we can feed, Jesus Christ is all we need. Call His name and He becomes reality. Open up your mouth and you will see, Just how rich our Lord can be. He's the very life supply, complete is He.

- 2. Now I live by the tree of life, His fruit does nourish me, O how it strengthens me, I'll live eternally. Now I live by the tree of life. Him daily I apply. He is my food supply.
- 3. There's a river of life in me, Flowing so livingly, Moving continually. He just keeps flooding me, There's a river of life in me, He's always filling me, His name is Jesus Christ!

- 1. Lord, I was blind; I could not see In Thy marred visage any grace, But now the beauty of Thy face In radiant vision dawns on me.
- 2. Lord, I was deaf; I could not hear The thrilling music of Thy voice; But now I hear Thee and rejoice, And all Thine uttered words are dear!
- 3. Lord, I was dumb; I would not speak The grace and glory of Thy name; But now, as touched with living flame, My lips Thine eager praises wake.
- 4. Lord, I was dead; I could not stir My lifeless soul to come to Thee; But now, since Thou hast quickened me, I rise from sin's dark sepulcher.
- 5. For Thou hast made the blind to see, The deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, The dead to live; and, lo, I break The chains of my captivity.
- 1. Many weary years I vainly sought a spring, One that never would run dry; Unavailing all that earth to me could bring, Nothing seemed to satisfy.

Drinking at the Fountain that never runs dry, Drinking at the Fountain of life am I; Finding joy and pleasure In abounding measure, I am drinking at the Fountain of life.

- 2. Through the desert land of sin I roam no more, For I find a living Spring, And my cup of gladness now is running o'er, Jesus is my Lord and King.
- 3. Here is sweet contentment as the days go by, Here is holy peace and rest; Here is consolation as the moments fly, Here my heart is always blest.
- 4. Here I find a never ending, sure supply, While the endless ages roll; To this healing Fountain I would ever fly, There to bathe my weary soul.

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1. I have come to the Fountain of Life, A fountain that flows from above; I have passed from the waters of strife And come to the Elim of love; I have drunk of the heavenly well, In the depths of my being it springs. No mortal can measure or tell The gladness the Comforter brings.

Oh, come to the Fountain of Life, The fountain that never runs dry; Oh, drink of the boundless supply, For Christ is the Fountain of Life.

2. I have come to the Fountain of Blood That for guilt and uncleanness doth flow; I have washed in its sin-cleansing flood And my garments are whiter than snow. I count not my righteousness mine—
'Tis Jesus that lives in my soul.
I partake of His nature divine,
And in Him I am perfectly whole.

3. I have come to the Fountain of Health, A boundless and endless supply; 'Tis a secret man's wisdom or wealth Can never discover or buy.

But the secret my Lord hath revealed In the fountain that flows from His side, In the stripes by whose pain we are healed, In Himself as He comes to abide.

4. I have come to the Fountain of Joy; His joy is the strength of my heart. My delight is unmixed with alloy, My sunshine can never depart. The fig tree may wither and die, Earth's pleasures and prospects decline; But my fountains can never be dry—My portion, my joy is divine.

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