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Scripture

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27).

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being” (Genesis 2:7).

“O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off.

You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue,
But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

You have hedged me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain it” (Psalm 139:1-6).

“Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20).

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen” (Ephesians 3:20-21).

“All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8).

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them” (John 17:20-26).

The supreme end and greatest privilege for man is to know God.

Man was born to fellowship with Him.

Someone may ask, what is God like? What is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit like?

He is the most wonderful, most beautiful Person in the universe.

God believes in you.

Jesus believes in you.

All He asks is that you believe in Him.

God has chosen to give Himself to mankind.
He gives Himself through His Son Jesus
Christ.

God has offered His glory to every person.
He and His glory are inexpressible.
If someone receives Him, they receive eternal
life.

God has chosen to give every person their life,
soul, everything good they have, and choice.

A person's most important choice is between
God or self, to believe in Him or not.

God believes in you.
Jesus believes in you.
He created you.
He knows everything about you.
He loves you with an everlasting love.
He died for you.
He's all around you.
He knocks on the door of your heart.
He wants you to believe in Him.
He wants you to choose Him and not self.
He wants you to live forever with Him in
heaven, His home.

Psalm 139:7-10, Matthew 10:30, Jeremiah 31:3,
Psalm 139:7-10, Revelation 3:20,

God does more than just believe in you.
You are fearfully and wonderfully made.
He made you into His image and likeness.
Your soul is priceless. You are worth more
than the world and everything in it.

You are eternal.

If you had died before the age of five, you
would have gone to heaven to live with Him,
forever.

He sustains you.

He gives everything that keeps you alive.

He gives you every good and perfect gift.

He gives you faith.

He put eternity in your heart.

He gave you choice.

He believes in you . . . more than you can com-
prehend.

Even if you do not believe in Him, He believes
in you.

He believes in you, even forever.

He simply asks that you choose to believe in
Him.

He cannot and will not make the choice for
you.

Psalm 139:14, Genesis 1:27, 2:7, Matthew 16:26,
John 3:16, 1 Timothy 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9, Isaiah 42:5,
Job 12:10, James 1:17, Romans 12:3, Ecclesiastes
3:11

ONE

God Believes in You

God and His Son Jesus believe in you.
They do more than believe in you . . .

We hide, but He calls out to us.
We chose self instead of Him, but He already
had a plan of salvation.

All who look upon Him, live . . . forever.

He's the God who heals you.

He loves you with an everlasting love.

His faithful love endures forever.

He numbers your wanderings and sorrows.

He collects your tears in a bottle. He records
them all in His book.

His thoughts toward you are thoughts of
peace, to give you a future and a hope.

When you call to Him, He shows you great
and mighty things which you do not know.

He rejoices over you with singing.
Before a word is on your tongue, He knows it
altogether.

He's all around you.

Everywhere you go, He's there.

He's within you.

He's laid His hand upon you.

He's inscribed you on the palms of His hands.

Not even a sparrow falls to the ground apart
from His will.

The very hairs on your head are numbered.

He knows what you have need of before you
ask.

Where two or more are gathered together in
His name, He is there.

When you ask for the Holy Spirit, He gives
Him to you.

If you say yes to Him, He prays to the Father
to send you another Helper.

He spoke these things that His joy may remain
in you, and that your joy may be full.

He died for you.

He shed His blood seven times for you.

He died that you might live.

He chose you before the foundation of the
world.

He wrote your name in the book of life.

If you are His, He is with you always, even to
the end of the age.

If He is your Lord, He lives with and in you,
forever.

Genesis 3:8-9, Genesis 3:21, Numbers 21:8, Exodus 15:26, Psalm 100:5, Psalm 56:8, Psalm 139, Isaiah 49:16, Jeremiah 29:11, Jeremiah 31:3, Jeremiah 33:3, Zephaniah 3:17, Matthew 10:29, Matthew 10:30, Matthew 6:8, Matthew 18:20, John 14:16, Revelation 17:8, Matthew 28:20, John 15:11, John 14:16

TWO

Jesus Christ is God

God and His Son Jesus believe in you.
Jesus Christ is the Son of God . . . and the Lord
God Almighty.

God became a Man

God became a man, Jesus Christ, died for the world, and justified Himself to all mankind (credited to John Wesley).

In fact, God did something even more sacrificial than coming to the earth Himself. He sent His only begotten Son to die for the world. Whosoever believes in the Lord Jesus shall not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Jesus Christ reveals God and God's love for the world.

Jesus is the revelation of God (John 1).

He is the exact representation of God's nature (Hebrews 1:3).

Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15).

Before He came to earth as Jesus Christ, God Almighty at various times visited and revealed Himself to man. These visits and visions, recorded in the Bible, all reveal the only true God.

At the appointed time, God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ to the earth to save and redeem man.

God has revealed Himself to mankind through His Son.

Before the world was, Jesus Christ was with and alongside the Father.

After Jesus rose the dead, He ascended to heaven and returned to His previous place and glory with the Father.

For all eternity, those who make it to heaven will be in awe of the only true God – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who has offered Himself to mankind.

Jesus: the Exact Representation of God's Nature

Again, when we try to “express” or “explain” Jesus Christ, there are no words to express Him fully, neither His Person nor His glory.

Jesus is an eternal revelation, just as the Father is an eternal revelation.

The New Testament letters are an attempt to

“summarize” or “explain” Jesus Christ, our most holy faith, and much more.

A great concise summary is found in Hebrews 1:3.

Notice that there are two parts to the short “explanation: or “summary” of Jesus:

Jesus is:

1. The brightness of God’s glory
2. The express image of God’s person

Therefore, there is the glory of Jesus.

And there is His Person.

The glory of Jesus Christ is inexpressible.

The Person of Jesus Christ is inexpressible.

Jesus, the Image of the Invisible God

Jesus “is the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15).

He is the visible representation of the unseen God.

THREE

Jesus Died for You

God's Sacrifice, Jesus' Sacrifice

The sacrifice of Jesus reveals God's love for the world.

For all eternity, Jesus' sacrifice will be honored, revered, proclaimed and infinitely more.

God sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for the world (John 6).

Jesus died for the life of the world (John 6:51).

Only one faith has a Savior Who died for the world.

Only one God loves the world so much that He gave His only Son and sent Him to the earth to save and redeem mankind.

Yet, Jesus was hated, betrayed, condemned, and rejected.

He was beaten again and again, scourged, whipped, and flogged to the point of death. He was brutally whipped 39 times. The instrument had thongs with metal hooks and pottery shards, designed to tear the flesh to the bone.

A crown of thorns was placed on His head. His head was beaten with a heavy wooden stick.

He was mocked, ridiculed, spit upon, and slapped on the face.

He was insulted, taunted, reviled, and blasphemed.

They drove nails through his hands and feet.

He was crucified on a cross for six hours, one of the most brutal forms of execution. He was killed. He was executed.

Jesus shed His blood seven times and was the perfect sacrifice.

John 3:16-17, the Gospels, John 17:4, Isaiah 53:3,5,7-9, John 15:18, Mark 10:33, Matthew 21:42, Luke 17:25, John 1:11, Mark 15:19, Mark 10:33, John 19:1, Mark 10:34, John 19:3, Matthew 27:44, Matthew 27:39, John 20:25, Luke 24:39, Matthew 27:32-56, Mark 14:53-65, Luke 23:26-43, John 18:12-28, Mark 15:25,33-37, John 19:34, Revelation 13:8, Mark 16, Luke 24

Jesus Christ Reveals God's Love

Jesus Christ reveals God's love for humanity.

God gave His only Son to the world (John 3:16).

God sent His Son that the world might be saved (John 3:17).

The Father sent Jesus to die for the world (John 6).

Jesus fulfilled His ministry. He finished the work the Father gave Him to do (John 17:4).

He did exactly what the Father sent Him to do.

Jesus was with the Father in glory before the world was (John 17:4).

Jesus left heaven and lived for 33 years on the earth as a man.

He revealed the purpose and meaning of life: to know the only true God (John 17:3).

Jesus showed the way to God and eternal life.

Jesus became what we are, so we could become what He is.

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father except through Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

Jesus Christ suffered and died for the life of the world (John 6:51).

He made the ultimate sacrifice, so that we might live.

Jesus shed His blood for our sins (Hebrews 9, 9:22).

He gave His body for the life of the world (John 6:51).

Jesus died, rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and lives forevermore.

Whosoever believes in the Lord Jesus receives

eternal life and will live forever (John 3:16, John 6:51).

Jesus came to the earth to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).

Jesus is the exact representation of God's nature (Hebrews 1:3).

God has offeredv His Holy Spirit to the world (John 14:16-18).

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father and of Jesus Christ.

God has given mankind the perfect plan: Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's love is fully revealed through His Son Jesus.

The gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, reveals God's love, mercy and compassion for the world.

John 3:16-17, John 17:4, John 17:3, John 14:6, John 6:51, Hebrews 9, 9:22, John 6:51, John 3:16, John 6:51, Luke 19:10, Hebrews 1:3, John 14:16-18

FOUR

Jesus Shed His Blood for You

Jesus believes in you so much, He died and shed His blood seven times for you.

The blood of Jesus Christ represents the divine, holy life of God.

Jesus is the lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8).

His blood is preserved forever in heaven (Hebrews 9:12).

The blood of Jesus came straight from heaven and represents the holy zoe life of God (Luke 1:35).

The blood of Jesus is the eternal power of God.

Jesus shed His blood so that man could be delivered from the power of sin (Hebrews 9:22).

Jesus died on the cross so that man could be saved from death and receive eternal life (John

3:16).

When God saw the blood of animals, He saw the blood of Jesus already shed in His own heart. When God saw the sacrifice of animals, He saw the sacrifice and death of His Son on the cross (Hebrews 9:12-14).

There are three that bear witness on earth: the Holy Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one (1 John 5:8).

Saints overcome the enemy by the word of their testimony and the blood of Jesus (Revelation 12:11).

FIVE

Jesus Loves

God is love (1 John 4:8).

For God so loved the world, He gave His Son to humanity. Whoever believes in Jesus shall not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Jesus the man finished the work His Father gave Him to do (John 17:4).

He gave Himself to the world. He sacrificed Himself for humanity. Jesus died for the world (John 3:16, John 6).

God has given Himself and His Son to humanity, through the Holy Spirit (Psalm 139:7-10).

God has justified Himself to the world.

Jesus is alive. He is with His Father.

The Father and Jesus give and send their Holy Spirit to the saints, forever (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7, 8).

Jesus intercedes for His people (Hebrews

7:25).

Jesus is the exact representation of God's nature (Hebrews 1:3).

Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15).

Jesus is one with the Father (John 10:30).

Jesus is love.

SIX

Jesus Saves

Jesus is the savior of the world.

God loves the world so much, He gave His only begotten Son, that the world might be saved. Whoever believes in Jesus receives eternal life (John 3:16-17).

God the Father sent Jesus to die for the life of the world (John 6:51).

Jesus is the lamb slain before the foundation of the world, an eternal mystery (Revelation 13:8). The Father knew He would send Jesus to die to redeem mankind. For all eternity, the sacrifice of Jesus will be honored, proclaimed and infinitely more.

God is holy, perfect and righteous in all His ways (Leviticus 19:2, Matthew 5:48). He cannot even look upon sin or fallen man (Habakkuk 1:13). Therefore, Jesus shed His blood seven

times, to save mankind from their sins and fallen condition.

The Father gave Jesus to the world. Jesus died and shed His blood for humanity. He rose again and lives forevermore. Whoever believes in Jesus Christ has everlasting life and will live forever (John 3:16).

Jesus the savior is an eternal revelation.

For all eternity, Jesus the savior will be honored, proclaimed, worshipped and everlastingly more.

Jesus Saves

The name "Jesus" in Hebrew literally means "God saves."

God sent Jesus to save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

Jesus came to the earth to seek and to save that which was lost (Matthew 18:11, Luke 19:10).

Jesus spoke and revealed truth to the people, that they may be saved (John 5:34). Jesus spoke and said what the Father commanded and told Him to speak and say (John 12:49-50).

Jesus is the bread of life. The Father sent Jesus from heaven to give life to the world. Jesus gave His body on the cross and died for the world. If anyone eats Jesus' flesh, he will live forever. As the living Father sent Jesus, and Jesus lives because of the Father, so he who eats Jesus' flesh will live because of Jesus (John 6).

Jesus is the door. If anyone enters by Him, he

will be saved, and will go in and out freely and find pasture and spiritual security (John 10:9, NKJV & Amplified).

Jesus is the good shepherd (John 10:11). He laid down His life for His sheep. He came to the earth that His people might have life and have it to an abundance, to the full, until it overflows (John 10:10).

Jesus did not come to judge the world. Jesus came to save the world (John 12:47).

The truth and revelation that Jesus is the Savior is so glorious and wonderful, human words cannot express it.

SEVEN

Jesus Heals

Jesus heals.

God is a healing God. Jesus is the exact representation of God's nature (Hebrews 1:3).

God has revealed that He heals, in every book of the Bible.

Salvation

The first healing is salvation.

Salvation is believing in Jesus and receiving eternal life. A person goes from death to life.

Salvation is even greater than healing: it's being raised from the dead and finding everlasting life.

Debate

There is a debate about whether or not God heals.

If someone does not believe or receive that He heals, that person misses out.

It is the same in every aspect of our most holy faith.

If someone does not believe that God saves through Jesus Christ, they miss out. The consequence is very serious: their eternal destiny depends on their response to God's offer of His Son.

If someone does not believe that God sends His Holy Spirit so that we can know Him, then that person misses out.

It is the same with healing.

If someone does not believe that Jesus heals, that person is not receiving the full gospel.

The Greatest and Only Offer

God has given mankind the greatest and only offer: Himself.

God has offered Himself to every person.

It is an unspeakable, priceless, glorious offer.

Contained within Him is everything a person could ever want, need, desire, long for and hope for, including healing.

God is the Author and Giver of Life

God is the author and giver of life.
He gives life in the natural and spiritual realms.

His command is everlasting life (John 12:50).
Everything good comes from God (James 1:17).

God is a Giving God

God gives:

Light (1 John 1:5).

Life (John 1:4, John 10:10).

Love (1 John 4:16).

Mercy (Psalm 36:5).

Strength (Psalm 18:32).

Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

Water (Deuteronomy 11:11).

God is Good

“For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations” (Psalm 100:5).

All good gifts and all perfect gifts come from God the Father.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” (James 1:17).

Entities such as evil, sickness, and the like originated with the devil and are the result of

the fall and sin, which originated with the devil (John 8:44, John 10:10).

Health and Healing

God is the author and giver of health, and healing. He is not in any way involved in anything that causes pain, suffering, sickness, or death.

“Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted” (Isaiah 53:4).

The word “griefs” is Hebrew “kholee” which means “weaknesses, sicknesses, and afflictions.”

“Sorrows” is the Hebrew “makob,” meaning “our pain.”

God Gives . . .

“For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever relies on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever” (John 14:16).

In John 17, Jesus says the word “give” in various forms, 17 times.

Jesus Gives Rest . . .

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy

laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Seven Reasons Jesus Healed

1. Compassion (Mark 1:41). Compassion has action; not sympathy.

2. Healing belongs to His children; it is the children's bread (Mark 7:27).

3. To glorify the Father (Matthew 15:30-31).

4. To fulfill the promises of God (Matthew 8:16-17).

5. To confirm His word (John 10:37-38). Miracles confirm the word. If you don't believe what I say, believe for the works sake. Let the works prove to you that what I am saying is God's word.

6. Because of the blood covenant (Isaiah 53:4). There is healing in the atonement.

7. To destroy the works of the devil (Acts 10:38).

EIGHT

Jesus Invites

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30).

Jesus invites every person to Himself.

Beyond Human Description

Notice some of the ways His offer is described in the Bible:

“The glorious splendor of Your majesty” . . .
“A treasure hidden in a field, which a man goes and digs up again and again” . . . “The riches of

the glory of the mystery" . . . (Psalm 145:5, MT 13:44-46, Colossians 1:27).

What is the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit like?

"On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, will I meditate" (Psalm 145:5).

"One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold/gaze at/see the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire/seek Him in His temple" (Psalm 27:4, various translations).

Some translations, in place of beauty, say "splendor, delightfulness, sweetness, perfections, graciousness, goodness." For Lord, some translations are "Lord Jehovah, Jehovah, Yahweh."

The Father . . . the Lord Jesus . . . the Holy Spirit is indeed the most wonderful, most beautiful Person in the universe. His presence is . . . the glory of the Lord.

When we go deeper with Him in the power of the Holy Spirit, and we experience His presence and glory, He is the only One we will want.

The Holy Spirit Reveals Jesus

And the Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus is.
He's the savior. He's the Son of God. He's our master and
friend. And infinitely more.
And He is the Lord God Almighty.

Yet, Jesus Himself said, "My Father . . . is greater than all," and "My Father is greater than I" (John 10:29, John 14:28).

The Trinity

It is an eternal mystery . . . the Father, Son and Holy Spirit . . . the trinity . . . one God . . . three Persons. They are one, yet they are separate and distinct Persons. The Holy Spirit reveals this mystery (Colossians 1:27, 1 Corinthians 2:10).

So when someone knows Jesus, they have a relationship with the Lord God Almighty. Knowing Him is the greatest and highest privilege for a human.

Another mystery is that it's up to a person what they do with that relationship. Why is it like that?

Because God made man into His image and likeness and gave us a free will (Genesis 1:27, 2:7). God cannot make anyone follow Him or do anything.

Within knowing Him, He offers priceless results found only in Him, some of which are below.

Experts have found more than 7,000 promises to mankind in the Bible.

But let's always remember: He Himself, His presence and His glory are the answer.

He is the answer: the only true God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Everything a person wants, needs, desires and longs for, is found in Him.

When someone finds Him, all the things listed below are a natural result.

The Answer: Knowing Him

The answer is going directly to Him, the only true God.

If someone goes to Him, with a repentant, humble spirit, and desires to meet Him, He will answer. He will reveal Himself.

And that person will find the answer.

They will have the one and only thing, the thing that will last forever, that no one can ever take from them . . . knowing the only true God.

God Gives . . .

Just some of the priceless gifts and attributes He offers are:

Eternal, everlasting life

The divine nature

Fullness of love

Fullness of joy; joy unspeakable and full of glory

Pleasures forevermore

Perfect peace

Blessed, favored and fortunate; happiness

Faith

Hope of glory

Harmony

Purpose

Prosperity

Divine health

Living forever in glory and never seeing death
and infinitely more.

NINE

Jesus Gives

Jesus gives.

The Father gives.

God is always giving (John 3:16, 14:16, 16:8).

He is always blessing (Matthew 5:3-12).

He is always kind, even to the unthankful and evil (Luke 6:35).

He is always speaking (Psalm 95:7d, John 10:27).

He is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in goodness and lovingkindness, abounding in truth and faithfulness (Exodus 34:7, various translations).

God has given Jesus Christ to mankind eternally in three ways:

1. God gave His Son as a man, who died for the world.

2. Since Jesus died, God has given Jesus to the world through the Holy Spirit.

3. He will give Jesus to the saints through the Holy Spirit, forever (John 14:16).

Jesus Gives Eternal Life

“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are one” (John 10:28-30).

Eternal, Everlasting life

The eternal God offers every person eternal life.

Eternal life is knowing Him, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It is also “the age to come.”

Eternal, Everlasting Life

The same Greek word for “eternal” is also translated “everlasting.” That word is “aion-ion.”

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

The Greek words for “Eternal Life” – Zoe
Aionion

Zoe – “life”

Aionion – “eternal, everlasting”

Zoe: the Divine Nature, the Life of God

Jesus used the word “zoe” for the life that God offers.

He used this word many times.

What does it mean?

It is the divine, supernatural, abundant, eternal new life in Jesus.

Abundant Life

In the good shepherd passage, Jesus spoke further about the life He offers: “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).

The Amplified version says: “I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]” (John 10:10).

Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will

go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly (John 10:7-10).

Partakers of the Divine Nature

Those who know Jesus are partakers of the divine nature.

“. . . by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4).

The New Life in Jesus

The glorious new life in Jesus Christ is an eternal revelation of God.

As the New Testament reveals, believers' most holy faith starts on earth and lasts for eternity.

In eternity, saints will continue: growing, worshipping, praying, ministering, learning, serving, knowing God . . . and infinitely, eternally more.

The New Life is Beyond Words

The new life in Jesus is so glorious, human words cannot express it.

The entire New Testament is an attempt to put it into words.

Why can it not be expressed? Because God is so glorious and wonderful, He cannot be put into human words.

God's Plan for Humanity

God's plan for humanity is the same: human words cannot express it!

God's magnificent offers to mankind are beyond human comprehension!

He has offered Himself, to every person, all the time, for all eternity.

God's Offer to Mankind

God's offer to mankind is priceless, infinite and eternal. Why?

Because He is priceless, infinite and eternal, and infinitely, eternally more!

For all eternity, man will be in awe of Him and His offer to mankind.

TEN

Jesus Gives the Kingdom

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

Everything about the only true God and His kingdom are an eternal mystery.

This mystery is why humans were created.

It is the reason you are on the earth.

It is the mystery and secret of the universe.

It is an eternal mystery and a present reality.

It is hidden, and it is a revelation.

It is supernatural and unspeakable, yet it is natural and normal.

The kingdom is so wonderful, so glorious, so beautiful . . . and infinitely more . . . human words cannot express it.

For all eternity, those who find the kingdom

will never be able to express it in human words.

The kingdom is eternally, infinitely deep and profound.

It is so deep, that for all eternity, those who find it will never be able to fathom the depth of the riches of the glory of the mystery of the kingdom.

Yet, the kingdom is also simple.

It is so simple, a person must become like a child to receive it.

The kingdom is easy.

It is so easy, the only thing a person has to do is believe.

The kingdom is the most powerful entity in the universe.

Yet, this entity is also gentle, sensitive, humble and lowly.

The kingdom has all glory, majesty, honor, power, wisdom, riches, blessing, dominion . . . and infinitely, eternally more.

The kingdom is worth more than all the wealth of the earth and the world.

All the wealth of the earth and world is meaningless, valueless and nothing compared to the kingdom.

Amazingly, the kingdom is available to every person, all the time.

Those who find the kingdom can live forever, in a place of glory, majesty, love, and infinitely more.

They will . . . find all that they long to find . . . discover all that they long to discover . . . experi-

ence all that they long to experience . . . become all that they want to become . . . will experience the fulfillment of every want, need and desire they have . . . either on earth or in heaven.

If they continue on . . . they will discover and find . . . the divine treasure that is . . . glorious . . . eternal . . . infinite . . . unsearchable . . . perfect . . . supernatural . . . priceless . . . and infinitely, eternally more . . .

If they continue, they can live as a divine being on earth . . .

Find and experience fullness of love, joy, peace, faith, hope, harmony, purpose, happiness, prosperity, health, and infinitely more . . .

Live as humans are intended to live, both on earth and for eternity . . .

Know and live their purpose on earth and for eternity . . .

Find newness in all things, with old things gone forever . . .

Discover and understand mysteries kept secret since the foundation of the world . . .

Discover and find the priceless treasure . . .

If they continue . . . the only question is when they will experience all of this . . .

They will live forever, in a place – the kingdom of heaven – so wonderful and glorious, it cannot be expressed in human words.

They will never die.

How does someone find and experience the kingdom?

You shall seek the kingdom, and you shall find

it, when you search for it with all your heart.

What is the kingdom?

It was kept a secret for 4,000 years of human history, from ages past and from generations . . . and kept secret in eternity past . . .

The kingdom is . . . the only true God . . . Jehovah God Almighty and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The deepest reality of knowing Him is . . .

Fellowship with God through His Son Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit . . .

Someone may ask, what is God like? What is Jesus Christ like? What is the Holy Spirit like?

He is the most wonderful, most beautiful Person in the universe.

ELEVEN

God Gives Himself. Jesus Gives Himself.

Some Examples of God's Giving Nature in John 17

A summary of John 17, focusing on God's giving nature:

1. "Glorify Your Son" – God gives glory to Jesus (John 17:1).
2. "that Your Son also may glorify You" – Jesus gives glory to the Father (John 17:1).
3. "You have given Him authority over all flesh" – the Father has given Jesus authority over all flesh (John 17:2).
4. "He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him" – Jesus gives eternal life to those the Father has given Him (John 17:2).
5. The Father has given the saints to Jesus

(John 17:2).

6. "I have glorified You on the earth" – Jesus glorified the Father while Jesus was a man on earth (John 17:4).

7. "I have finished the work which You have given Me to do" – the Father gave Jesus certain work to do (John 17:4).

8. "Glorify Me together with/alongside Yourself" – the Father has glorified Jesus alongside Himself (John 17:5).

9. "the glory which I had with You before the world was" – the Father gave Jesus glory with Himself before the world was (John 17:5).

10. "I have manifested Your name to the men . . ." – Jesus revealed and declared the Father's name to the men the Father gave Him (John 17:6).

11. "the men whom You have given Me out of the world" – the Father gave Jesus certain men out of the world (John 17:6).

12. "Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You" – the Father has given Jesus certain things (John 17:7).

Note: "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father . . ." (Matthew 11:27).

13. "For I have given to them the words" – Jesus gave His disciples the words the Father gave Him (John 17:8).

14. "the words which You have given Me" – the Father gave Jesus words (John 17:8).

15. "And all Mine are Yours" – All of Jesus' people are the Father's (John 17:10).

16. "Yours are Mine" – All the Father's children are Jesus' children (John 17:10).

17. "these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves" – Jesus spoke His words that His men may have His joy fulfilled in themselves (John 17:13).

18. "I have given them Your word" – Jesus gave His disciples the Father's word (John 17:14).

19. "You should keep them from the evil one" – Jesus prays that the Father would keep His disciples from the evil one (John 17:15).

20. "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth" – Jesus prays that the Father would sanctify His disciples by His truth. The Father gave the disciples His word, which is truth (John 17:17).

21. "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth" – Jesus sanctifies Himself, that His disciples may be sanctified by the truth (John 17:19).

22. "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word" – Jesus prays for those who believe in Him through the disciples' word (John 17:20).

23. "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me" – Jesus prays that they may be one, as the Father is in Jesus, and Jesus in the Father; that they may be one in them, the Father and Jesus, that the world might believe that the Father sent Jesus (John 17:21).

24. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one" – the Father gave Jesus glory (John 17:22).

25. "The glory which You have me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one" – Jesus has given the saints the glory the Father gave Him (John 17:22).

26. "that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me" (John 17:23).

Revelations and truths within John 17:23:

1. That they may be one
2. Just as the Father and Jesus are one:
3. Jesus in the saints,
4. The Father in Jesus;
5. That the saints may be made perfect in one,
6. That the world may know that the Father sent Jesus,
7. And that the world may know that the Father has loved the saints as He has loved Jesus.

27. "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world" – Jesus desired that those whom the Father gave Him may be with Him where He is, that they may behold the glory which the Father has given Jesus; for the Father loved Jesus

before the foundation of the world.

28. The Father is righteous.

29. The world has not known the Father, but Jesus has known Him; and the men the Father gave Jesus have known that the Father sent Jesus.

30. Jesus declared to the men the Father's name, and will declare it, that the love with which the Father loved Jesus may be in them, and Jesus in them.

"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me" (John 17:23).

39. The glory that the Father gave Jesus, Jesus has given to his followers, that they may be one as the Father and Jesus are one: Jesus in His followers, and the Father in Jesus; that Jesus' followers may be made perfect in one, that the world may know that the Father sent Jesus, and has loved Jesus' followers as the Father loves Jesus.

40. Jesus desired that those whom the Father gave Him may be with Him where He is, that they may behold the glory which the Father has given Jesus; for the Father loved Jesus before the foundation of the world.

41. The Father is righteous.

42. The world has not known the Father, but Jesus has known Him; and the men the Father

gave Jesus have known that the Father sent Jesus.

43. "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them" (John 17:26).

Jesus declared to the men the Father's name, and will declare it, that the love with which the Father loved Jesus may be in them, and Jesus in them.

Glorify – praise and worship

Manifest – display, show, demonstrate, reveal, declare

Also: exhibit, present, make plain, express

TWELVE

Jesus Blesses

Jesus blesses.

Blessed means “happy, favored, fortunate.”

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the [a]earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and
persecute you, and say all kinds of evil
against you falsely for My sake. 12 Re-
joice and be exceedingly glad, for great is
your reward in heaven, for so they perse-
cuted the prophets who were before you
(Matthew 5:3-12).

There are more than 7,000 promises in the Bi-
ble.

Jesus reveals more than 300 promises in the
gospels.

Below are some ways the Father and Jesus
bless:

1. He will save His people from their sins
(Matthew 1:21).

The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:3-10:

2. If someone is a “spiritual beggar,” God of-
fers them the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:3).

3. If someone mourns over their sin, God com-
forts them (Matthew 5:4).

4. Those who are consecrated to God shall in-
herit the earth (Matthew 5:5).

5. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, shall be filled with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 5:6).

6. Those who are merciful shall receive mercy (Matthew 5:7).

7. Those having a single, pure devotion to God shall see Him (Matthew 5:8).

8. Those who are peacemakers shall be called sons of God (Matthew 5:9).

9. Those who are persecuted for righteousness shall receive the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:10).

10. Jesus and His disciples sat down with many tax collectors and sinners (Matthew 9:10).

11. Jesus came for the sick (Matthew 9:12).

12. Jesus came to call the sinners (Matthew 9:13).

13. God has chosen the last (Matthew 19:30).

The Parable of the King's Wedding Feast – Matthew 22:1-14:

14. The King said, "Invite as many as you find," and the servants invited "all whom they

found" (Matthew 22:9,10).

15. The King invited both good and bad people (Matthew 22:10).

Parable of the Great Supper – Luke 14:16-24:

The Master invites:

16. The poor

17. The maimed

18. The blind

19. The crippled

Luke 4:18

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me . . ." (Luke 4:18)

God helps:

The poor

20. The brokenhearted

21. The captives, the bound

22. The blind

23. The oppressed

Luke 6:20-23

Happy, favored, fortunate are:

The poor

24. The hungry

25. The mourning

26. The hated for Jesus' sake

27. "For He is kind to the unthankful and evil" (Luke 6:35). "Your Father . . . is merciful" (Luke 6:35).

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful (Luke 6:35-36).

The Parable of the Rich Man and Beggar Lazarus – Luke 16:19-31

28. The beggar with sores made it to heaven.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32:

29. The Father welcomed and greatly celebrated the return of his son who was in sin.

Revelations of God's Love in Jesus' Ministry

Jesus revealed through His ministry at least 14 eternal, glorious revelations of God's love and compassion.

God Receives the Have-nots and the Few

Jesus Christ reveals mysteries, hidden truths and things kept secret from the foundation of the world (Psalm 78:2, Matthew 13:11,35).

His words are truth, spirit and life. His words are eternal and will never pass away.

In the gospels, Jesus reveals who generally receives the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ.

Who receives Him? For the most part, the “have-nots.”

The have-nots are the: poor, needy, broken, suffering, diseased, powerless, common, ordinary, unknown, and similar.

The haves are the: rich, whole, powerful, elite, accomplished, respected, honored and similar.

Jesus reveals this truth in at least 14 different ways and specific teachings.

1. The “have nots” were those who received Jesus the Messiah, including the public and His disciples. The “haves” – the religious leaders, lawyers, and Pharisees, etc. – opposed and rejected Him.

2. God helps: the poor, brokenhearted, bound, blind, and oppressed (Luke 4:18).

3. God helps and heals people in physical need (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John).

4. Jesus came for the sick and sinners, not the righteous and “well” (Matthew 9:10-12).

5. Happy are the poor, hungry, mourning. Woe to the rich, full, laughing (Luke 6).

6. God reveals the kingdom to the child-like and hides it from the wise and intelligent (Matthew 11:25).

7. Hard for a man who trusts in riches to enter the kingdom (Matthew 19:23-24). God gives preference to the poor.

Parable of the King’s Wedding Feast;

8. The King said “Invite as many as you find,” and the servants invited “all whom they found” (Matthew 22:9-10).

9. The King invited both good and bad people (Matthew 22:10).

10. Things highly esteemed to man are detestable to God (Luke 16:14-16).

11. The Parable of the Rich Man and Beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

12. Parable of a Man’s Great Dinner (Luke 14:16-24).

13. Many who are first will be last, and the last

first (Matthew 19:30).

14. Save life, lose it. Lose life for the gospel, find it (Matthew 16:25).

More Blessings

Angels Who Always See the Face of the Father

“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 18:10).

“And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me” (Matthew 11:6).

But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it (Matthew 13:16-17).

But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” (Luke 11:28).

Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:29).

THIRTEEN

Jesus Speaks

To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. John 10:3-5

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27).

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He

will speak; and He will tell you things to come (John 16:13).

“. . . and His voice as the sound of many waters . . .” (Revelation 1:15b).

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
The God of glory thunders;
The Lord is over many waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,
Yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes them also skip like a calf,
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord divides the flames of
fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
The Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the deer give
birth,
And strips the forests bare;
And in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”
(Psalm 29:3-9).

FOURTEEN

Jesus Teaches

Jesus teaches.

He is the teacher (John 20:16).

He invites anyone to learn from Him (Matthew 11:29).

He teaches about the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 13:11).

“Learn from Me”

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Mysteries

Jesus speaks about the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven:

“And the disciples came and said to Him, ‘Why do You speak to them in parables?’ He answered and said to them, ‘Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,

And seeing you will see and not perceive;
For the hearts of this people have grown dull.

Their ears are hard of hearing,

And their eyes they have closed,

Lest they should see with their eyes and
hear with their ears,

Lest they should understand with their
hearts and turn,

So that I should heal them’ (Isaiah 6:9-

10).

But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it" (Matthew 13:11-17).

It is incredible that Jesus told his disciples that it had been given to them "to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God."

Jesus is clearly referring to the truth the He would reveal things kept secret and hidden – mysteries – since the foundation of the world (Matthew 13:11-17).

Jesus Speaks about Secrets Being Revealed

Jesus said, "No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him (Luke 8:16-18).

Mysteries . . .

Man cannot fathom the depth of the riches of the glory of the mystery – of Jesus Christ in us (Colossians 1:27).

There are likely an infinite number of mysteries available to man, some of which we know.

But for the most part, very, very few humans have paid the price to receive the secrets and mysteries.

God's offer of eternal life to man is an eternal mystery.

Eternal life is knowing the one true God and Jesus Christ who He has sent.

Knowing God for just one second would be an eternal mystery. Yet He offers Himself to man for eternity.

Mysteries Revealed

"But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10).

The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus Christ. The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the Spirit of the Father.

A great man of God calls the Holy Spirit, "the great revealer of Jesus Christ."

The Holy Spirit is God. Amen.

However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for
those who love Him.”

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the

Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:6-16).

FIFTEEN

Jesus Leads

Jesus leads.
He the good shepherd.
He is the Master.
He is the Lord God Almighty.

To him [Jesus] the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice (John 10:3-4).

Jesus leads His saints into and in the kingdom of God.

Their ultimate destination is heaven, for eternity.

He leads them in the new life in Him.

While they are on the earth, Jesus offers a believer to go with Him into the four phases of knowing God.

An eternal mystery: God gave man a free will. He cannot and will not make anyone go deeper with Him.

Jesus the Good Shepherd

Jesus is the door of the sheep (John 10:7). He is the door (John 10:9).

Jesus is also the good shepherd.

Jesus is the good shepherd who gives His life for the sheep (John 10:11).

Jesus said:

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture” (John 10:9).

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10b).

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep” (John 10:11).

“Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received

from My Father” (John 10:17-18).

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me” (John 10:27).

“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone pluck them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to pluck them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are one” (John 10:28-30).

Four Phases of Knowing God

1. Born again (John 3:3)
2. Born of water and the Spirit (John 3:5-8); the infilling of the Holy Spirit.
3. Drink living water, it becomes a fountain springing up into everlasting life (John 4:13-14); the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
4. Come to Jesus, drink the living water, believe in Him, rivers of living water will flow out of your innermost being (John 7:37-38); the anointing.

Jesus reveals the four phases of knowing God in John Chapters 3, 4 and 7.

Phases two through four are the three phases of knowing the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

Four Phases Summarized

First phase: born again

Second Phase: Born of water and the Spirit, one can enter the kingdom of God (John 3:5-8);

Commonly called "filled with the Holy Spirit."

Third Phase: Drink living water, it becomes a fountain springing up into everlasting life (John 4:13-14);

Commonly called "the baptism of the Holy Spirit."

Fourth Phase: Come to Jesus, drink the living water, believe in Him, rivers of living water will flow out of your innermost being (John 7:37-38);

The anointing.

Second Phase

Born of Water and the Spirit, One Can Enter the Kingdom of God (1)

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it,

but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:5-8).

Ask Jesus, Receive Living Water

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water" (John 4:10).

Drink the Living Water, Never Thirst

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. . ." (John 4:13-14).

Third Phase

Drink Living Water, It Becomes a Fountain Springing Up Into Everlasting Life (2)

"But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:13-14).

Fourth Phase

Come to Jesus, Drink the Living Water, Believe in Him, Rivers of Living Water Will Flow Out of Your Innermost Being (3)

“On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:37-38).

Four Phases of Knowing God			
Initial Phase	Born again	John 3:3	Born again
First Phase	Born of water & the Spirit	John 3:5-8	Spirit-filled
Second Phase	Living water becomes a fountain	John 4:13-14	Baptism of the Holy Spirit
Third Phase	Rivers of living water	John 7:37-38	The anointing

SIXTEEN

Jesus Reveals

Jesus reveals things kept secret from the foundation of the world (Psalm 78:2)

Jesus is the revelation of God (John 1).

He is the exact representation of God's nature (Hebrews 1:3).

He is image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15).

What is God like? Just look at Jesus. He is God (John 8:58).

Secrets and Mysteries

All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, "I will open my mouth

in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 13:34, NKJV, 35, KJV).

"I will open my mouth in a parables, wise sayings, instruction; I will utter dark sayings of old, mysteries, enigmas, obscure sayings . . ." (Psalm 78:2).

"He told His disciples: 'Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven . . .'" (Matthew 13:11).

Jesus revealed and reveals secrets and mysteries.

In fact, Jesus Himself is the secret, mystery and reality of God.

Jesus is the revelation of God (John 1).

Jesus is the Son of God . . . and the Lord God Almighty.

What is God like? Just look at Jesus. He is God.

Knowing God is a relationship and a revelation, through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Secrets

Jesus reveals things kept secret from the foundation of the world (Psalm 78:2). Amen! This truth is fascinating and should inspire us great-

ly, even in the natural realm.

Truly knowing God occurs in the spirit realm, in a deeper walk with Jesus in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing" (John 6:63).

How Do We Discover the Mysteries?

We discover the mysteries of God through Jesus in the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to us. The Holy Spirit reveals the secrets, mysteries and deep things of God.

Paul wrote about this:

"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory . . . God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10).

Mysteries

It is incredible that Jesus told his disciples that it had been given to them "to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God" (Matthew 13:11).

Jesus is clearly referring to the truth He would reveal things kept secret and hidden – mysteries – since the foundation of the world (Matthew 13:11-17).

Jesus Speaks about Secrets Being Revealed

Jesus said, "No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him" (Luke 8:16-18).

Mysteries . . .

Man cannot fathom the depth of the riches of the glory of the mystery – of Jesus Christ in us (Colossians 1:27).

There are likely an infinite number of mysteries available to man, some of which we know.

But for the most part, very, very few humans have paid the price to receive the secrets and mysteries.

God's offer of eternal life to man is an eternal mystery.

Eternal life is knowing the one true God and Jesus Christ who He has sent.

Knowing God for just one second would be an eternal mystery. Yet He offers Himself to man for eternity.

Mysteries Revealed

“But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God” (1 Corinthians 2:10).

The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus Christ. The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the Spirit of the Father.

A great man of God calls the Holy Spirit, “the great revealer of Jesus Christ.”

The Holy Spirit is God. Amen.

As Paul wrote, “the Spirit searches all things, yes the deep things of God” (1 Corinthians 2:10).

However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,

Nor have entered into the heart of man

The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes,

the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:6-16).

The Eternal Mystery

God is an eternal mystery.

Knowing Him is the reason you are on the earth.

It is the mystery and secret of the universe.

It is an eternal mystery, and it is a present reality.

It is hidden, and it is a revelation.

It is supernatural and unspeakable, yet it is natural and normal.

The mystery is so wonderful, so glorious, so beautiful . . . and infinitely more . . . human words cannot express it.

For all eternity, those who find the mystery will never be able to express it in human words.

The mystery is eternally, infinitely deep and profound.

Yet, the mystery is also simple.

It is so simple, a person must become like a child to receive it.

The mystery is easy. It is so easy, the only thing a person has to do is believe.

The mystery is the most powerful entity in the universe.

Yet, this entity is also gentle, sensitive, humble and lowly.

The mystery has all glory, majesty, honor, power, wisdom, riches, blessing, dominion . . . and infinitely, eternally more

The mystery is worth more than all the wealth of the earth and the world.

Amazingly, the mystery is available to every person, all the time.

Those who find the mystery can live forever, in a place of glory, majesty, love, and infinitely more.

They will . . . find all that they long to find . . . discover all that they long to discover . . . experience all that they long to experience . . . become all that they want to become . . . will experience the fulfillment of every want, need and desire they have . . . either on earth or in heaven.

SEVENTEEN

Jesus Prays and Intercedes

Jesus prays.

Jesus intercedes.

For the saved, He ever lives to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:25).

Jesus Gives

Just gives Himself in prayer.

Salvation

When someone gets saved, a divine mystery occurs.

Jesus prays to the Father, and the Father sends the Holy Spirit to that person.

Jesus spoke about this the first time He taught about the Helper, the Holy Spirit.

He spoke about the Helper, the Comforter, four times. Below is the first time:

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever” (John 14:16).

Jesus Prays

Just before His passion, Jesus spoke about how He prays for His disciples and for all believers:

“I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one” (John 17:15).

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me (John 17:20-21).

Summary of John 17:19-26:

1. “You should keep them from the evil one” – Jesus prays that the Father would keep His disciples from the evil one (John 17:15).

2. “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” – Jesus prays that the Father would sanctify His disciples by His truth. The Father gave the disciples His word, which is truth (John 17:17).

3. "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth" – Jesus sanctifies Himself, that His disciples may be sanctified by the truth (John 17:19).

4. "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word" – Jesus prays for those who believe in Him through the disciples' word (John 17:20).

5. "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me" – Jesus prays that they may be one, as the Father is in Jesus, and Jesus in the Father; that they may be one in them, the Father and Jesus, that the world might believe that the Father sent Jesus (John 17:21).

6. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one" – the Father gave Jesus glory (John 17:22).

7. "The glory which You have me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one" – Jesus has given the saints the glory the Father gave Him (John 17:22).

8. "that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me" (John 17:23).

"He always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25)

“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost/completely/forever those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25, various translations).

Jesus intercedes for the believers.

Moreover, He “always lives” to intercede for them (Hebrews 7:25).

Jesus Gives, Jesus Sacrifices

Jesus sacrificed Himself by coming to the earth as a man and dying for the world.

He gave Himself to the world.

He gives Himself now to the world, through the Holy Spirit.

For the saved, He will give Himself to them for eternity.

In the same way, Jesus gives in prayer and intercession.

EIGHTEEN

Jesus Sets Free

“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’

They answered Him, ‘We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free’?’

Jesus answered them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed’” (John 8:31-36).

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed” (John 8:31)

What is the word?

Jesus is the word (John 1).

Jesus is the revelation of God (John 1).

Jesus is God (John 8:58).

If someone abides in Jesus, they are His disciple (John 8:31).

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32)

What is the truth?

Jesus is the truth (John 14:6).

Jesus’ words are also truth (John 17:17).

If someone knows Jesus, Jesus can set them free.

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:17).

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you . . .” (John 15:7)

In the True Vine passage, Jesus spoke about someone abiding in Him and His words abiding in them. He said that if someone does that,

they will ask what they desire, and it shall be done for them.

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit. So you will be My disciples” (John 15:7-8).

From the True Vine passage:

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit. So you will be My disciples (John 15:5-8).

Jesus, the Revelation of God

In John 1:1-5, there are seven revelations of Jesus Christ:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life,

and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it (John 1:1-5).

Jesus is the:

1. Eternal word (v. 1)
2. Divine word (v. 2)
3. Creative word (v. 3)
4. Living word (v. 4)
5. Illuminating word (v. 4)
6. Revelation word (v. 5)
7. Saving word (v. 5)

NINETEEN

Jesus Anoints

Early in his earthly ministry 2,000 years ago, Jesus was in his hometown of Nazareth, in the synagogue, as was His custom. He stood up and read a portion of the Book of Isaiah (61:1,2).

After reading it, He sat down and said: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:21) The scripture contains glorious, supernatural promises. The story is found in Luke 4:16-21.

Spirit of the Lord

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, . . ."

The Anointing

"Because He has anointed Me, . . ."

**Good News of Salvation for the
Poor, Humble and Afflicted**

“To preach the gospel to the poor, humble and afflicted; . . .”

Healing for the Brokenhearted

“He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted. . .”

Liberty to the Captives

“To proclaim liberty and release to the captives . . .”

Sight to the Blind

“And recovery of sight to the blind, . . .”

Liberty for Those Oppressed

“To set at liberty those who are oppressed; . . .” (Luke 4:18)

The Year of the Lord’s Favor

“To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” Many translations: “the year of the Lord’s favor”; Amplified: “the day when salvation and the favor of God abound greatly.” (Luke 4:19)

The results:
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and Afflicted
Healing for the Brokenhearted
Liberty to the Captives
Sight to the Blind
Liberty for those Oppressed
The Year of the Lord's Favor

A revelation is that Jesus became a man, and the Holy Spirit anointed Him.

God, the Holy Spirit, anointed God, Jesus Christ.

Jesus became what we are, a human, so that we could become what He is . . . a son of God . . . a daughter of God . . . a child of God.

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,

To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:16-21).

TWENTY

Jesus Reveals Himself

Jesus is the revelation of God (John 1).
Jesus is the exact representation of God's nature (Hebrews 1:3).
In John, Jesus reveals Himself in seven "I am" revelations.

Jesus, the Revelation of God

It is simple – and yet an eternal mystery.
God is the perfect God and Father.
He loves the world so much, that gave His only Son to die for the world, to save mankind.
He gave everything to His Son Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:27, John 16:15).
He exalted Jesus to be equal with Himself (John 8:58). And "of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end . . ." (Isaiah

9:7).

Jesus is the perfect Son. He gave Himself to the world to save mankind. He came to earth and suffered and died for the life of the world (John 6).

Jesus has given everything to His people, the church, the saints (John 17:22 & more).

When someone goes to God the Father, He points to Jesus. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

Jesus also said: ". . . that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father" (John 5:23).

When someone goes to Jesus, He says, "'I and My Father are one'" (John 10:30).

And Jesus points to the Father and says, "My Father . . . is greater than all" and "My Father is greater than I" (John 10:29, John 14:28).

Jesus spoke seven (7) "I am" statements in the Book of John. There are also seven (7) miracles that each correspond with one of the "I am" statements. Jesus said:

"I am the bread of life." (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

"I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)

"I am the door of the sheep." (John 10:7,9)

"I am the good shepherd." (John 10:11, 14)

"I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

"I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

“I am the true vine.” (John 15:1, 5)

“I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

John 6 – Jesus feeds the multitude with five loaves and two fish. Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that Jesus gave is His flesh, which He gave for the life of the world. John 6:51

“I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)

John 8 – Jesus forgives woman caught in adultery. Jesus and His light eliminates darkness and sin.

“I am the door of the sheep.” (John 10:7,9)

John 5 – man healed at the pool of Bethesda. Jesus said, “Rise, take up your bed and walk” (John 10:8) Jesus is the door to salvation, healing and eternally more.

“I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11, 14)

John 6 – Jesus walks on the water. Then, in verse 21, “immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.” Jesus is the good shepherd who delivers us from storms and trouble.

“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus raises us from the dead, giving us eternal life.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6)

John 4 – the nobleman’s son healed. Jesus said, “Go your way, your son lives” in verse 50. Jesus is the way leading to truth and life and infinitely more.

“I am the true vine.” (John 15:1, 5)

John 2 – Jesus turns water to wine. Jesus is the vine that produces the new wine of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches that bear fruit.

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John 8 – Jesus forgives woman caught in adultery.

TWENTY-ONE

Jesus Knocks at the Door of Your Heart

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20).

Jesus does much more than offer Himself.
He knocks at the door of peoples' hearts.
He describes people as a house (Matthew 7:24-27).

The Gospel

His offer is priceless, infinite and eternal.
Why?

Because He is priceless, infinite and eternal,

and infinitely, eternally more!

For all eternity, man will be in awe of Him and His offer to mankind.

The gospel is . . . indescribable, marvelous, wonderful, inexpressible, unutterable, indefinable, ineffable, unimaginable, inconceivable, unthinkable, unheard of, beyond words, beyond description.

The gospel is . . . priceless, exceptional, inimitable, transcendent, unmatched, unparalleled, beyond compare, excellent, ideal, matchless, paramount, peerless, perfect, preeminent, second to none, sovereign, superior, supreme, surpassing, towering, ultimate, unequalled, unmatched, unrivalled, unsurpassable.

Some Results of Knowing Him . . .

Just some of the priceless gifts and attributes He offers are:

Eternal, everlasting life

The divine nature

Fullness of love

Fullness of joy; joy unspeakable and full of glory

Pleasures forevermore

Perfect peace

Blessed, favored and fortunate; happiness

Faith

Hope of glory

Harmony

Purpose

Prosperity
Divine health
Living forever in glory and never seeing death
and infinitely more.

Man: God's Image

God made man in his own image and likeness.
Therefore, everything related to the human
race and a human is a mystery.

Every person is eternal.

Every person's soul is priceless.

Even if they do not believe or realize it, their
soul is priceless, because God created them; He
created them in His own image and likeness.

A Mystery . . .

Another mystery: God knows who will be
saved, but He also wants to save everyone (Rev-
elation 17:8, Ephesians 1, Romans 8).

Man's Choice

Every person is given one life on the earth.
It's appointed unto man once to die, and then
comes the judgment.

God is a God of mercy and love. While some-
one is alive on the earth, they have unlimited
opportunity to repent, to humble themselves
before the living God, give him their life, and
receive Him into their life.

God's arms are wide open. Jesus Christ is the exact representation of God's nature. His arms are wide open.

God gave every man a free will. He cannot make anyone receive him, repent or do anything.

Man's Free Will

Though God wants every person to be saved, He cannot make anyone receive Him.

He cannot make a believer go deeper with Him.

He cannot make anyone answer the call of God, to choose to go into ministry.

He cannot make anyone believe, have faith and rely on Him for . . . salvation . . . the infilling of the Holy Spirit . . . the baptism of the Holy Spirit . . . the miracle they need . . . or anything.

The Lost . . .

Jesus revealed this reality in Matthew 7: most people will not make it to heaven. He said:

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it (Matthew 7:13-14).

The Tragedy

It's a tragic, scary reality to think about someone who dies and ends up in hell, the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. The lost soul will be there forever.

The following is even more serious and sobering: a person in hell could have made it to heaven.

Mankind is a mystery, because God made man into His own image and likeness.

Salvation and our most holy faith is a mystery.

Man's soul is priceless. Man is eternal.

God has given man a choice: God or self.

Those who choose God, receive eternal life and will live forever in heaven.

Those who choose self, will die and go to eternal death. They will spend eternity in hell, in the lake of fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Unbelievers . . .

It's very scary to think about someone who dies without Jesus and ends up in hell.

They will be there forever. There is no way out. Judgment is set.

For all eternity, they will be in the lake of fire, tormented in suffering beyond human comprehension.

And they could have been saved and made it to heaven.

We all deal with shame and regret. We all have challenging circumstances. But the most difficult problems on earth are nothing compared to just one second or minute in hell; and the regret a lost soul deals with.

Believers . . .

In eternity, believers will realize they could have done more for God.

All have fallen short of the glory of God.

We could have done more to fulfill our ministry.

We could have prayed more, given more, loved more, forgiven more.

We could have stored up more treasures in heaven.

We could have strengthened the things that last forever.

We could have done more to build up the body of Christ.

We could have done more to get people saved.

It's all a mystery, because God himself is a mystery.

How can all these things be?

The Holy Spirit will reveal to us the great mysteries of the kingdom of God.

He will begin to reveal to us the eternal revelation of our most holy faith, the gospel, the good and wonderful news of Jesus Christ.

TWENTY-TWO

Some of Jesus' Teachings, Paraphrased

To be in God's family, repent (Matthew 4:17).

To have God's kingdom, be spiritually hungry (Matthew 5:3).

To enter His kingdom, receive Jesus (John 3:3).

To see His kingdom, receive the Holy Spirit (John 3:5).

Matthew 5

To be comforted, mourn over your sin (Matthew 5:4).

To inherit the earth, be consecrated to God (Matthew 5:5)

To be filled with the Holy Spirit, hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)

To see God, have a single devotion to Him (Matthew 5:8).

To be called a son of God, be a peacemaker (Matthew 5:9).

If you are persecuted for righteousness, yours is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:10).

If others revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for Jesus' sake, you are favored and fortunate. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven (Matthew 5:11-12).

To be sons of your Father in heaven, love your enemies; bless those who curse you; do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you. Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:44, 48).

Matthew 6

To receive reward from your Father for good deeds, do your charitable deeds in secret. For He sees what is done in secret (Matthew 6:4).

To receive reward from your Father from prayer, pray in private (Matthew 6:6).

When you pray, your Father knows what you have need of before you ask (Matthew 6:8).

If you want your Father to forgive you, forgive men of their sins (Matthew 6:14).

For reward when you fast, do not appear to fast, and fast to your Father (Matthew 6:17-18).

If you want treasures, store them up in heaven (Matthew 6:19).

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also; your heart will be where your treasure, riches and wealth are (Matthew 6:20-21).

For your body to be full of light and illuminated, keep your eye good, healthy, clear, sound, single, perfect and focused only on God and Jesus Christ. For the eye is the lamp of the body (Matthew 6:22).

For your needs to be met, seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

Matthew 7

Do not judge, and you will not be judged

(Matthew 7:1).

In the way you judge others, you will be judged (Matthew 7:2a).

The measure you use will be measured back to you (Matthew 7:2b).

With the standards you use for others, God will apply the same standards to you (Matthew 7:2b).

Your sin is like a plank of wood in your eye. If you remove the plank, then you will see clearly to deal with and remove the speck of dust in your brother's eye (Matthew 7:5).

Do not give the priceless gospel to those not worthy of it. They will trample the treasures under their feet and attack you (Matthew 7:6).

To get the presence of Jesus, continue through the three realms of prayer: ask, seek and knock (Matthew 7:7-8).

To receive good things from your Father, ask Him (Matthew 7:11).

What you want men to do to you, do to them (Matthew 7:12).

To receive life, enter by the narrow gate and

constricted way (Matthew 7:13-14).

To enter the kingdom of heaven, do God's will (Matthew 7:21).

To make it to heaven, Jesus must know you (Matthew 7:22-23).

To survive challenges, do Jesus' sayings and words and build your life on God and Jesus Christ (Matthew 7:24-25).

Matthew 8

To have great faith, understand Jesus' authority (Matthew 8:8-10).

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18).

For a healing, believe (Matthew 8:13).

To follow Jesus, leave everything (Matthew 8:21-22).

If you do not want fear, have faith (Matthew 8:26).

Matthew 9

For God to receive you, be merciful to others (Matthew 9:10-13).

To be healed, say it, have faith, and touch Jesus (Matthew 9:20-22).

To be healed, believe, have faith (Matthew 9:27-30).

Matthew 10

If Jesus sends you out, preach the kingdom. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give (Matthew 10:5,7-8)

What Jesus tells you in the dark, speak in the light. What you hear whispered in the ear, preach on the housetop (Matthew 10: 27).

He who confesses Jesus before men, Jesus will confess him before His Father who is in heaven (Matthew 10:32).

He who denies Jesus before men, Jesus will deny him before His Father (Matthew 10:33).

He who loves father, mother, son or daughter more than Jesus is not worthy of Him (Matthew 10:37).

He who does not die and follow Jesus is not worthy of Him (Matthew 10:38).

He who finds his life loses it. He who loses his

life for Jesus' sake finds it (Matthew 10:39).

If you follow Jesus, he who receives you receives Jesus. He who receives Jesus receives the Father (Matthew 10:40).

Receive a prophet in the name of a prophet, you shall receive a prophet's reward (Matthew 10:41).

Receive a righteous man in the name of a righteous man, you shall receive a righteous man's reward (Matthew 10:41).

Give someone only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, you shall never lose your reward (Matthew 10:42).

Matthew 11

To be even greater than John Baptist in the kingdom of heaven, become the least, the least important, of lower rank than John the Baptist in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 11:11).

If you are willing to receive it, John the Baptist is Elijah to come (Matthew 11:14).

For God to reveal His kingdom to you, become childlike (Matthew 11:25).

If you are weary, heavy-laden and burdened,

come to Jesus. He gives rest (Matthew 11:28).

To know and understand the kingdom, take Jesus' yoke. He is gentle, lowly and humble in heart. You will find rest for your soul. His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matthew 11:29-30).

Matthew 12

To be like Jesus, know that God desires mercy and compassion and not sacrifice (Matthew 12:7).

To enter a strong man demonic power's house and plunder his goods, bind the strong man (Matthew 12:29).

To be justified, use the right words (Matthew 12:37a).

Definition of justified – declared or made righteous in the sight of God.

To be in Jesus' family and be His brother, sister and mother, do the will of His Father in heaven (Matthew 12:50).

Matthew 13

To have abundance, get more and more until you have it (Matthew 13:12a).

To prevent what you have from being taken, get some, keep it and get more (Matthew 13:12b).

To be healed, see, hear, understand with your heart and turn from self to God (Matthew 13:15).

Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Matthew 13:3-9)

After the word of the kingdom is presented, there are four results:

1. The wayside; birds devoured the seeds
2. Stony places; very little earth, seeds had no root
3. Thorns; things choke the seed, the word

4. Good ground; yielded a crop

To keep the wicked one from snatching away the gospel from your innermost being, understand the word of the kingdom (Matthew 13:19).

For the word to take root and produce a crop, endure tribulation and persecution (Matthew 13:20-21).

For the word to produce fruit in you, do not let cares or riches choke the word. Avoid the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches (Matthew 13:22).

To bear fruit and produce a thirty, sixty or hundredfold return, hear the word, understand it, have a pure, honest and good heart, hold it tightly, and bear fruit with patience (Matthew 13:23, also Luke 8:15, numerous translations).

To make it to heaven and miss hell, become a son of the kingdom (Matthew 13:37-43).

If you find the presence of Jesus, He is the only thing you will want (Matthew 13:44-45).

To make it to heaven and avoid the furnace of fire, be just, righteous and do what is right (Matthew 13:47-50).

To be a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old, learn from Jesus (Matthew 13:52).

To experience and receive Jesus' mighty works, have faith and believe (Matthew 13:58).

Matthew 14

To perform miracles, have faith, believe and do not doubt (Matthew 14:28-31).

To be healed and made perfectly well, touch Jesus, or even just the hem of His garment (Matthew 14:36).

Matthew 15

To make the commandment of God have power, do not let tradition interfere (Matthew 15:3-6).

To have great faith and receive a miracle and deliverance, understand and acknowledge Jesus' authority (Matthew 15:22-28)

To know God and His compassion, eat the bread of life, Jesus Christ (Matthew 15:32-39).

Symbolism in the miracle and sign when Jesus fed the multitude

Three

Three days (v. 32; also Matthew 16:10)

Three represents divine wholeness, completeness, and perfection.

Jesus is the perfect, sinless Son of God.

He rose from the dead on the third day.

He is a member of the trinity and is fully God.

He is the fullness of Him who fills all and all.

Seven

Seven loaves (v. 34,36; 16:10); seven baskets with the fragments (v. 37)

Seven represents completeness, perfection and the holy works of God.

Jesus shed His blood seven times. He is the perfect sacrifice.

There will be 7,000 years of human history.

There have been 6,000 years so far. At some point, Jesus will return and reign on the earth for the millennium, the final 1,000.

Four

Four thousand men (v. 38; 16:10)

Four represents the earth and the world.

Four thousand years after the creation of mankind, God sent His Son to the earth.

God gave His Son to the world.

Jesus is the Son of God and . . . the Lord God Almighty.

God became a man and justified Himself to the world (credited to John Wesley).

Matthew 16

Do not test Jesus by seeking a sign from heaven (Matthew 16:1-4).

Watch out and beware of the doctrine of religious leaders (Matthew 16:6).

Someone who knows that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, has received this revelation from Jesus' Father who is in heaven (Matthew 16:16-17).

Jesus offers the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:19a).

A follower of Jesus has authority on earth and in heaven. Jesus said: ". . . Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19b).

If you do not want to be a hindrance or obstacle to Jesus, be mindful of the things of God (Matthew 16:23).

To follow Jesus, forget yourself, die and follow Him (Matthew 16:24).

To find your life, lose it for Jesus' sake (Matthew 16:25).

Your soul is eternal. Your soul is worth more than the whole world. Your soul is priceless (Matthew 16:26).

When Jesus comes in the glory of His Father with His angels, He will reward each according to his works (Matthew 16:27).

Matthew 17

In the transfiguration, the Father said this about Jesus: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (Matthew 17:1-8).

To cast out demons, have faith and no doubt or unbelief (Matthew 17:14-20).

Jesus said, ". . . for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20).

Certain demons only come out by prayer and fasting (Matthew 17:21).

Matthew 18

To enter the kingdom of heaven, be converted and become as a little child (Matthew 18:3).

To be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, humble yourself as a little child (Matthew 18:4).

To receive Jesus, receive a little child in Jesus' name (Matthew 18:5).

To avoid great woe, do not let offenses enter the world by you (Matthew 18:6-7).

If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire (Matthew 18:8).

“And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire” (Matthew 18:9).

Do not despise one little child, for in heaven their angels always see the face of Jesus' Father who is in heaven (Matthew 18:10).

Jesus has come to save that which was lost (Matthew 18:11).

Jesus leaves the 99 sheep to save one lost sheep (Matthew 18:12).

If He finds it, He rejoices more over that sheep

than over the 99 that did not go astray (Matthew 18:13).

“Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish” (Matthew 18:14).

“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven (Matthew 18:18).

Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them (Matthew 18:19-20).

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

A king forgave a servant a debt of about \$3.4 million in today's money. The servant fell down before his master and asked him to have patience. The master was moved with compassion and forgave him of the debt.

That servant did not forgive someone else a debt of about \$340 in today's money. The king's response:

Then his master, after he had called

him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses. (Matthew 18:32-35).

Matthew 19

The kingdom of heaven belongs to and is made up of people like children; young children about five or six years old (Matthew 19:14).

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler

Jesus said, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God . . ." (Matthew 19:17).

Jesus offers treasure in heaven (Matthew 19:21).

It is difficult for someone who trusts in money to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:23).

It is very difficult for someone who trusts in

riches to enter the kingdom of God (Matthew 19:24).

Jesus said, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" (Matthew 19:27).

So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or [ands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first (Matthew 19:28-30).

TWENTY-THREE

You are Eternal

You are the Image of God

(Scripture references are at the end of the chapter).

You are eternal.

You will exist for eternity.

Why? Because God made man into His own image and likeness.

God is eternity. He is of course eternal. Therefore, man is eternal.

God and His Son are light and glory. Their light is so powerful, every person they create will exist forever.

Eternal Life and Eternal Death

Those who know Jesus have eternal life. If they continue on with Him, they will live forever in heaven, God's home, a place of absolute glory.

Those who do not know Jesus Christ are spiritually dead. When they die, they will spend eternity in hell, the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Faith, Eternity, Value, Choice

Every person lives by faith in God in the natural realm (Romans 12:3).

Every person's good gifts come down from God the Father (James 1:17).

Every person believes in intangible, spiritual things. They know there is more than the natural world. They have eternity in their heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Everything a person does is by choice (Joshua 24:16).

Many object to the gospel because of suffering. Their objection reveals they believe in the value of a person. They are correct: man's soul is priceless (Matthew 16:26).

Man lives by faith. They have to.

Man believes in eternity. They naturally do.

Man lives by choice. They get to.

Man's most important choice is God or self.

Romans 12:3, Ecclesiastes 3:11, Genesis 1:27, 2:7, Matthew 16:26, Romans 1:20

Every person has faith in and relies on God all the time, from conception to their final breath (Isaiah 42:5, Job 12:10).

Everything a person does is by faith or fear.

Every person has either faith in God or faith in something else (Romans 12:3).

Every person believes in spiritual things, such as love and goodness. They rely on them.

Every person's good gifts come from God. Even if someone does not realize it, God gives them all the good and perfect things they have, both natural and spiritual (James 1:17).

Every person knows there is more than this earthly, natural life. They believe in spiritual things. This belief keeps them alive. God has put eternity in every man's heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Everything a person does is by choice.

Man can choose because God made man into His image and likeness (Genesis 1:27, 2:7).

God chose to create them. He gave them their life, soul and everything good they have (Psalm 139:14). It is only reasonable that they give their life back to God (Romans 12:1).

Their most important choice is between God and self.

If they hear the gospel, their choice is between Jesus Christ and self.

Many object to the gospel because of suffering, the existence of hell and so forth. Their objection reveals that they believe in value, meaning, purpose, good and more.

Their objection reveals they are made in God's image. God believes in value, meaning, good and more. He created and gives those things.

Most people want these things for themselves and others, not suffering.

A mystery and revelation is that those who suffer on the earth are more likely to make it to heaven.

TWENTY-FOUR

The Tragedy

Simple and Easy . . . and Infinite, Eternal Mysteries

It is truly amazing that God has made knowing Him simple and easy.

At the same time, knowing Him is an eternal mystery.

And there are infinite, eternal mysteries surrounding knowing Him. Jesus spoke about the mysteries of the kingdom (Matthew 13:11).

It is so easy to know Him, we must become like a child. We simply humble ourselves before Him, ask Him into our life, and He receives us.

It is up to man how deep he or she goes with God.

So, if knowing Him is so glorious, and so easy, why is it that what we see in “the church” is so boring and seems so difficult?

Very Few Go Deep

Few find the way that leads to life, Jesus Christ.

Very few go deep with God.

Very few actually find His presence and glory while they are on the earth.

Very few prove themselves worthy of His glorious presence and power.

Very few pay the price.

Jesus Spoke about the Few Three Times

Jesus said, "Enter by the narrow gate . . . because narrow is the gate and constricted/difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14).

Jesus said, "'Many are called, few are chosen'" (Matthew 22:14).

Jesus said, "'The harvest is plentiful. The laborers are few'" (Matthew 9:37).

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and constricted/difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it (Matthew 7:13-14).

Man Always Misses the Mark

Man is imperfect, flawed and frail. Man al-

ways misses the mark of the high calling in God. We should never look at man as an example of knowing and walking with God.

We should look only to Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith.

Most people who find Jesus Christ stay only the first of the four phases of walking with Him.

Most of the 2.3 billion Christians and Catholics are actually in dead religion, which has nothing to do with the new divine life in Jesus Christ – which is Jesus Christ in us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Anyone Who Says No to Jesus . . .

Being that His offer is so incredible, if anyone rejects His Son, God cannot do anything more for them.

He wants them to be His child and live forever in heaven.

He is not willing that any perish but that all come to everlasting life.

God has done everything He can do to save mankind.

He has offered Himself.

He has given Himself to mankind.

He gave His only Son Jesus to the world.

He has given His Holy Spirit to the world.

He has given Himself forever to anyone who believes in Him.

He offers Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and infinitely, eternally more.

God's Compassion for All People

The fact that Jesus died for the world is more than enough to reveal God's divine, eternal compassion for all people.

Jesus has revealed in recent times more proof of His love and compassion for all, including those lost in hell.

Jesus Sheds Tears for the Lost

In *Divine Revelation of Hell*, by Mary Baxter, Jesus shed His tears numerous times for those lost in hell.

Yes, Jesus took Baxter to hell and to heaven, to reveal the places the saved and lost go after the earth life.

In the midst of their visits, after speaking to those lost in hell, Jesus shed tears of compassion. Jesus said to her:

“‘God, our Father, gave each one of us a will so that we could choose whether we would serve Him or Satan. You see, God did not make hell for His people. Satan deceives many into following him, but hell was made for Satan and his angels. It is not my desire, nor that of My Father, that anyone should perish.’ Tears of compassion ran down Jesus’ cheeks” (Baxter, *A Divine Revelation of Hell*, 63).

“Tears fell down Jesus’ cheeks as they moved to the next pit” (p. 34).

Jesus Will Have to Wipe Away His Own Tears

Jesus took a minister named Jesse Duplantis to heaven. While there, Jesus has revealed that He will shed tears when He has turn away those who do not make it to heaven. He said:

““The worst day of my life is yet to come . . . You know that scripture where I said I will wipe away all tears in heaven?”” (Close Encounters of the God Kind, p. 125)

Jesus was referring to Revelation 21:4-5: “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Jesus said:

““Those include the tears in my eyes, Jesse. On that great Judgment Day, I will have to tell some of the creation I love to depart from me. I dread that day. I dread it! I dread it! Jesse, it’s final. I can’t change it. Tears flowed from my eyes the day my creation, Adam, fell. But I knew I would send myself. I had a chance to touch people. But that day is coming, and it’s final. Once it’s said, I can’t change it. I have to wipe the tears from my eyes. Tell them I’m coming, Jesse”” (p. 127-128).

TWENTY-FIVE

The Choice

God has given every person a choice. The choice is between God and self.

This choice determines a person's eternal destiny: heaven or hell.

God created man into His own image and likeness. He gave man a free will.

The first person God created was given the choice. The two trees mentioned specifically in Genesis represented the choice between God and self.

Choosing God results in eternal life.

Choosing self results in eternal death.

Tragically, most of the 108 billion-plus people throughout history have chosen self. Those who choose self miss heaven.

Heaven is God's home, full of the glorious splendor of His majesty, and infinitely more.

Eternal death continues forever in hell, the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Those in heaven will fellowship with God, with Jesus Christ, forever.

They will have and be everything they want, need, desire, long for and hope for.

They will have fullness of love, faith, joy, peace, happiness and infinitely more.

They will worship, serve and learn from the Father and Jesus, discover and experience the mysteries and secrets of the kingdom of heaven, minister to others, grow, and eternally more, forever.

They will live in mansions, walk on streets of gold and live in the spectacular beauty and majesty of heaven.

They will celebrate the Lord Jesus forever, praise and worship God, be in awe of their Father's glorious presence and home, and infinitely more.

Jesus will shepherd and feed them. He will lead them to living fountains of waters. The Holy Spirit will live within and with them, forever.

They will drink freely of the fountain of the water of life. They will eat delicious fruit from beautiful trees. They will enjoy the stunning beauty in heaven, of homes, buildings, mountains, hills, fields, trees, flowers, grass and more . . . and most of all, the Father God Almighty

and His Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

They will attend thrilling worship services. Their praise and worship will literally be collected and presented before God.

They will never hunger or thirst. They will never have sorrow, sadness or pain. God will wipe away all their tears. There will be no more death, sorrow or crying.

The unsaved, those who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life, will spend eternity in hell, in the lake of fire.

They will be tormented with fire, brimstone and burning sulfur, forever. The smoke of their torment will ascend forever and ever. They have no rest day or night.

The lost souls in hell burn in fire forever. Their flesh literally burns and falls off their bodies. Worms and maggots crawl inside them.

Hell is a place of continual fire, torment, loud wailing, weeping, screaming, and gnashing of teeth.

The lost souls feel and know everything going on. They remember their life on earth and how they could have repented.

They suffer a literal eternal death. Human beings exist forever, because we are eternal beings, made in God's image. Their souls exist forever.

Jesus Christ spoke about hell often in the gospels, in: Matthew 5:22,29,30; 10:28; 11:23; 12:40;

16:18; 18:9; 23:15; 23:33; 25:41; Mark 9:44,46,48; and Luke 16:19-31.

Hell is currently located in the center of the earth.

At the end times, it will be thrown into the lake of fire.

In hell, a person has ALL their senses – sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch – and all five are a lot stronger there. The spirit realm is on a much higher level than the natural realm.

Receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Receive the glorious Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of the Father and of Jesus Christ. Spend eternity in heaven.

Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:7, Genesis 2:15-17, Matthew 7:13-14, Matthew 25:41, John 14:2, Gospel of John, Revelation 4:14, Revelation 7:17, Revelation 13:11, Revelation 21, Revelation 20:15, Matthew 5:22,29,30; 10:28; 11:23; 12:40; 16:18; 18:9; 23:15; 23:33; 25:41; Mark 9:44,46,48; and Luke 16:19-31.

After Adam fell, God sent mighty, glorious cherubim and a flaming sword to protect the tree of life.

In that verse, cherubim is plural. We don't know how many cherubim were there. We just know it was more than one. Some believe it was two, just like the cherubim over the Ark of the Covenant.

Cherubim protect the glory of God. The cherubim and the sword protected the tree of life. Why? If Adam had eaten from it, he, and every person after him, would have lived forever on the earth as a sinner.

God in his unspeakable wisdom was protecting His peoples' salvation.

TWENTY-SIX

Salvation

Salvation is the greatest miracle.

It's an eternal mystery and reality.

It is also an eternal revelation.

Why? Salvation is finding eternal life, which is knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent (John 17:3).

God Himself is a mystery and a reality.

Knowing Him is an eternal revelation.

Instant, Lifelong and Eternal

Salvation is both instant and lifelong – and eternal.

How can it be both – and all three?

With God, things are "both and," not "either or."

God is so merciful, that when someone comes

to Jesus Christ and He becomes their Lord and Savior, they are saved, instantly. Amen!

At the same time, salvation is lifelong. We live out and work out our salvation our entire life.

And we realize salvation – and everything in our most holy faith – is a glorious mystery . . . the riches of the glory of the mystery, of Jesus Christ in us.

It is a mystery that God would allow us to know Him! What a privilege!

It is a mystery that He would allow us to become His children . . . and to receive the absolutely priceless, eternal gifts He offers.

It is a mystery that we partner with God: we work out our salvation . . . but it is God who works in us to will and to act according to His good purpose. He has given man a free will, and it is up to us how deep we go with Him; yet, He is one who works in us.

The reason we can be saved is a glorious mystery: that God would send Jesus to die for us! For all eternity, we will be in awe of the sacrifice of Jesus, which is the complete and total reason we can be saved.

Moreover, salvation is eternal. We enter into a glorious new life that lasts forever! He is our all in all, our everything. Knowing God is a glorious eternal revelation. In reality, everything from God is eternal.

How to be Saved

It's simple.

Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

Give him your heart and life.

You're saved.

It's instant.

But it's also lifelong – and eternal.

If someone continues on with Jesus, they will live forever.

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:8-13).

There are four phases of knowing God:

1. Born again (John 3:3)
2. Born of water and the Spirit (John 3:5-8); the infilling of the Holy Spirit.
3. Drink living water, it becomes a fountain springing up into everlasting life (John 4:13-14); the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
4. Come to Jesus, drink the living water, believe in Him, rivers of living water will flow out of your innermost being (John 7:37-38); the anointing.

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