

COME SEE A MAN

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*Jesus Christ has become everything to me. I am learning Him in a way that is taking me and others I teach into a depth of knowing Him that we have never before experienced. I have come to understand and embrace the words of Paul to the Corinthian church when he said, "For I have determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."**

My message is and forever will be Jesus Christ. It is my heart, calling, and mandate to preach Him with simplicity and clarity, that He Himself might be presented as a tangible reality.

The Father has chosen to reveal to US the mystery which has been hidden through the ages, that which the prophets could see from afar and the angels longed to look into, the mystery which is:

CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY.

*We must know this One who is everything we will ever need, who is the firstborn of a whole new creation, and who overcame everything that needed to be overcome. "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things."**

It is my prayer that through this message He will be revealed TO you, and IN you. And may you become, with me, an "APPREHENDER" of Jesus Christ.

*In Christ's Love,
Don Leavell*

*See Endnotes for Scripture references.

Come See a Man

God is not a mystery¹ to those who know Him; therefore, I want to reveal Christ to you. I have tried many kinds of teaching and preaching. I have, I believe, come full circle. I call myself a preacher/teacher; I am not solely a teacher, but a preacher/teacher, and in this message I will preach and teach to you this Man² called Jesus. I believe He is the absolute best God has to offer, and God has given us His very best.

Sometimes we as believers, as intelligent people, as people who have a handle on reason and reasoning, who have intellectual prowess, love to use mental skills on every occasion. Frankly, I enjoy intellect. It is wonderful to hear someone talk who is really sharp. It blesses me. But when it comes to the things of God, sharpness does not come from our carnal intellect. It comes from the Spirit within us. It may be expressed through our ability to articulate a matter, or it may come from a life lived, which enables us to say things that will cause people to take note or that will change their lives.

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I would like to share with you what I know about this MAN NAMED JESUS. I think He is beyond awesome! I think we have failed to reveal Him in our preaching and teaching to the

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people of God. I think we have too many three-point, and five-point sermons, and I also think we have too much that we call practical that is impractical, that is really a type of carnality or immaturity. I do believe the practical is wonderful when it is defined as: that which allows us to walk out in the natural what

God has given in the Spirit. Now, that does not mean we receive Jesus and then add something to Him. No! It means that as I talk about being practical, we can discover tools that enable us to walk out what Scripture commands. What we have to be careful about when walking out the Scripture is not to lean on our own understanding.³ Carnal understanding does not result in spiritual ability.

I am going to share with you what Jesus says about Himself. He does not have an inflated opinion of Himself like some of us do. Do you remember the saying, “if we bought you for what you are worth and sold you for what you think you are worth, we would make a good profit?” There are people who think that way. But Jesus is not like that. He objectively tells us who He is, and the Bible says we can believe Him because it is impossible for Him to lie.⁴ It is not impossible for you and me to lie. Many of us are like the little boy in Sunday School. The teacher asked the class, “Can you tell us the definition of a lie?” Some of the kids were answering, “It is when somebody says this or says that,” but the teacher said, “Johnny, what do you think it is?” The little boy said, “I think it’s an abomination to God, but it’s a present help in time of trouble.” With God this is not so. The Scripture says it is impossible for Him to lie.

Drinking from Other Fountains will Always Leave You Thirsty

In John chapter 4, beginning with verse 6, we read that Jesus sat down at Jacob's well being weary from His journey, and at about the sixth hour a woman of Samaria came to draw water. The disciples were not with Him.

Jesus did something on that occasion that was not usually done. He spoke to this Samaritan woman and said, *"Give Me a drink."*⁵

And the woman asked Him, *"How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?"*⁶ Everyone knew Jews had no dealings with Samaritans.

*"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.'"*⁷

The woman being very inquisitive asked, *"Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons, and his livestock?"*⁸

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again." Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again.

Jesus wants to bring you from carnal thinking to spiritual reality. He wants to take you out of thinking things through logically all the time and reasoning things out all the time. He wants to take you out of the mentality that says things like: "That's a no-brainer. Anyone with a brain knows what to do."

He says to the woman, *"Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again."*

I want you to know that you can drink from the fountain of reason, you can drink from the fountain of intelligence, and you can drink from all of the academic fountains (I like reason and intelligence—I believe in education; I want more of it myself), but after all that drinking you will still be thirsty, you will still be empty and dry.¹⁰ Natural things will only satisfy temporarily.

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Jesus said, *"Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again."* Many of us have been drinking from various fountains but are continuously thirsty. We have tried formulas. We have tried steps. And still we are thirsty. We have taught the body of Christ and given it steps. But the body of Christ continues to be thirsty because no matter how much we drink from these other fountains we will thirst again. Jesus goes on to say in verse 14, *"But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."*¹¹ What a promise! What a promise, Church!

Jesus says, *"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him WILL NEVER THIRST (emphasis mine)."*

But I am Still Thirsty

You may say, “Pastor Don, I am still thirsty. I have been drinking of this water; I have been eating and drinking, and I am still thirsty.”

I believe the Church is filled with anorexic and bulimic people.

The anorexics are the people in the church who are trying to look good but stay away from Sunday morning service, stay away from Wednesday service, stay away from prayer meeting, stay away from home group. These people are gaunt. They are starving themselves thinking they look good, but they are anorexic and dying. Anorexics look good to themselves, but they need to ask someone else, “How am I looking?”

I remember a number of years ago a guest speaker here at The Fellowship was speaking on relationships, and said, “If you want to know how you are doing, you should ask your wife.”

One of our associate pastors told me he went home and asked his wife, and I thought, “Wow, you are brave.” He looked at me to see if I had asked, and I said, “Nope, I am not asking her.”

So often when we look at ourselves in the mirror, we are looking at a reflection that WE have created. We think we look good. Sometimes we ask, “Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?” And the answer is: “I am.” But in actuality, we are anorexic.

There are others in the church who are binge people, that is, bulimic people. They will go to church for a month and will be there every time the doors are open. They will eat, eat, eat, and then, go home and vomit—because all they wanted was the experience of eating. God wants to change that.

One might say, “Pastor, what do you mean? I am doing well. I am going to church.” My response could be, “But are you vomiting everything you receive there?” Still at a loss, this one might ask, “What do you mean? How am I losing it; how am I vomiting it up?”

Sometimes we can lose what we have received before leaving the church parking lot because the person we came with sees something differently, and at that moment, we vomit up everything we have received.¹² Sometimes we are better than that. We manage to get out into traffic and someone runs a red light, or they cut in front of us. Or perhaps on the way home, or on the way to lunch, someone asks, “What do you want to eat?” When we answer, they do not like our response.

Often, these things trigger us to lose what we have just received from the Word of God and from our intimate time with Him. There are all kinds of reasons that we vomit what our spirit has been fed, but they all manifest when we have an improper response.¹³

Guard It

The reality is that we must keep what we are spiritually eating and drinking inside us. We must guard¹⁴ it. I love the word “TO KEEP” in Spanish. When I use the English word “KEEP,” I have a certain meaning in my mind, but when I use the Spanish “GUARDAR” it gives me an altogether different connotation. (I think God wants all of His kids from every origin worshiping together because we learn things from each other we would never learn by ourselves.) In Spanish, “to keep” is “guardar” (to guard). You can never keep what you do not guard. Therefore, God wants you to guard His Word that is in your heart. Guard that Word, and take note of it. Do not be careless with the Word.

Jesus said, “*The water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.*”¹⁵ Whatever is going to “become” a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life must be guarded until it “becomes!”

If I were to tell you, “The potted plant on the platform is going to become a government-approved printing press that will produce \$100 bills, and you must guard it,” we all know the building would not empty until everyone had come together and set up a schedule for guards to be posted here. Someone might say, “Let’s have people stay there until we buy some weapons because this is going to become a government-approved printing press, and then we can print all the \$100 bills we want.” You will guard it. No one will just go away. Every family will want to be represented.

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Now, if I were to tell you, “We are going to have a dinner next week, and today you need to sign up to attend and to bring something,” you might leave and not sign up. You will go away and miss out on something that would have blessed you and others as well.

She Left Her Waterpot

Jesus says, “What I give you is going to become a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”¹⁶ What an awesome statement! “*And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled*

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that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” They were a little intimidated.

*The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men. . . .*¹⁷ Before I say anything further, I want you to see the point here. The Bible says, “*She left her waterpot.*” If you are going to go on with God, if you are going to become one who truly

understands the purposes of God, you are going to have to leave your waterpot, you are going to have to leave your water for His water.¹⁸ You are going to have to leave your water! Your water is not like His water. So often we think we need the things we bring, but the reality is Jesus has become for us wisdom and knowledge.¹⁹

Come See This Man; Come Know This Man

What we really need is to apprehend, that is, to lay hold of Jesus. If we can understand who He is, whom God gave to us, we will become a lot smarter than we are now. If I am a lawyer, I will become a better lawyer. If I am a teacher, I will become a better teacher. If I am a truck driver, I will be able to drive those 18-wheelers like no one else. That is the blessing; that is the promise God makes to us.

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In John 4:28-29 we read, “*The woman then left her waterpot [...] “Come see a Man who told me all the things I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”*”²⁰

Come see a Man–not come see doctrine, not come see principles–
but come see a Man. This Man has changed my life. Come see the Man. I am inviting the Church to COME SEE A MAN. I have nothing to offer you except: come see this Man; come know this Man.²¹

I was wondering, “Why is it that I have gone to church all of my life (and I have been a regular attendee, except during a few years in college which were my days of ignorance), and I am not better? Why are you not better? It is because we either see ourselves incorrectly (we are thin and dying, and we see ourselves needing to lose more weight), or we vomit what we have received.” God wants us to be better.

My desire is to know how I can be better, so I have become a voracious eater; I feed on Him through the Scriptures. He is all I need. He is all I want. I have no message other than Him.

This woman says, “*Come see a Man.*” I am urging you to come see a Man. When you tell people how wonderful God is, what do you tell them? That He is a great provider, that He gives you things, that you have a house, that you have a car that you have never had, that you have a singing contract that you never had? Do you say, “I preach all over the world? I have a ministry? I lay my hands on people?” Come on! That is not what you should tell them.

You ought to tell them, “You need to know this Man. At two o’clock in the morning when nothing is going right, and I am revisiting my day and realize I have failed at something, I only want to know²² a Man who quiets me in the night. I want you to know this Man who tells me everything is all right; not what I have done is all right, but everything is all right because I am inside Him.”²³

Jesus is saying, "I am willing, and I am doing according to My good pleasure. I will have My way with you. I am inside you chipping away. My hammers are working, and My chisels are also. I am working out your salvation with you."²⁴

I want to be proof of the efficacy of His blood and saving grace!

I want you to know this Man. He is an incredible Man. The Bible is about this Man; it is not about things.²⁵ Sometimes I say to God, "I want You to give me more years. I do not want more years in order to buy things, I want more years so I can be proof²⁶ of Who You are. I want to be proof of the efficacy of Your blood²⁷ and saving grace!" Do you want to be proof of these? This Man is so incredibly awesome!

He had just had a brief conversation with a woman who had already had five husbands. She had been married FIVE TIMES. She must have been one unhappy woman. Five different guys were not sufficient for her. They were not good enough, and they did not know the right things to say. Five men had let her down, and I am sure she had let five men down as well. Five husbands, and then she was trying out another one. Just one conversation with this Man blows her away. She forgets, as it were, what she was after. She forgot her own waterpot. She left it and ran into the city and said, "*Come see a Man.*"

Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."²⁸

What Jesus is saying is: This is why I came. I came for this reason only. I came to give life to people who do not have life. I came to converse with people who need a good conversation. Jesus was the first Man that had given her what she was seeking. He was the first Man. I know some of you ladies feel, "Boy, if I could just have a good man." Well, if you have Jesus, you have the BEST Man! He was the first Man in her life that had really blessed her, that had brought her what no other could bring her.

Jesus said, "This is My food. . . ." His disciples thought He was talking about natural food and said, "*Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?*" And Jesus said, "*My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to finish His work.*"²⁹ My FOOD is to do the will of Him Who sent Me and to finish His work. I want you to COME SEE THIS MAN.

The Scripture goes on to say, "*Many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, 'He told me all that I ever did.'* So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of HIS OWN WORD (emphasis mine). Then they said . . . 'Now we believe, not because of what you said, but we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.'³⁰

This Man is different than all men.

What they said was, "We CAME to Him because of your testimony, but we are STAYING because we have come to know and believe that this Man is different than all men."

I have nothing to offer you but Christ, and I believe He Himself is the Gospel of the Kingdom.³¹

God is Our Father

In John 5 Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. He was breaking convention.³²

In this passage the very religious thought there were some things you should not do on the Sabbath. Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath, and He knew what He was doing. He did not accidentally heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus took it to them; He took it to all those Pharisees and religious people. Beginning with verse 16 it says,

For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.³³

This is of great note! I want you to understand what I teach and what I believe. These people wanted to kill Him because He said God was His Father. (The New Testament is filled with Scriptures that say, "God is our Father.")³⁴ They felt it was all right to say, "God is our God," but when He said God was His Father, that was now something blasphemous.

Jesus was speaking as being begotten of the Father in a sense that you and I are not. HOWEVER, you and I have been born of God as well.³⁵ I am now born of God. Jesus was the "only begotten" for some time, but He is no longer just the ONLY begotten.³⁶ He is now the "first begotten" of many brethren.³⁷ He is the FIRST begotten, and that means I have also been begotten of God; I have the DNA of God; I have the life³⁸ of God.

His Seed, His Nature is In Me

You ask me, "How do I walk it out?" Just be who you are! Let me tell you a story about when our children were born. Marva and I had been university trained. We were very liberal in our thinking. We decided we were not going to teach our children how to be boys and how to be girls. We were going to let them live their own lives.

Our daughter Ginger was dainty and sweet and kind and prissy, and loved dolls and delicate things. We did not teach her to do those things. We put everything before her, but she chose those dainty and delicate things because it was her nature³⁹ to do so.

His seed—His DNA,
His character,
His nature is in me.
I am bone
of His bone and
flesh of His flesh.

Then our son Marcus was born. We said we were not going to buy him footballs or such things. We did not have to; when he saw the football he pushed the dolls away and went for the football. He saw the trucks and cars, and he would play and make all the sounds little boys make imitating car and truck sounds. He would do all those things because it was his nature.

Now, I, as a believer, have been born again⁴⁰ by God. I have received a good seed—His Seed,⁴¹ which the Bible says remains in me. His seed stays in me; His DNA, His character, and His nature are in me. I am not telling you today that His nature has worked its way into every facet and into every corner of my being, but I can tell you there is a wrangling going on, and there is a working going on. God is working in me.⁴² You may not see God working in you, but

He is working. You may not see Him working in your child, but God is working. You may not see God working in your husband, but God is working. You may not see God working in your church, but God is working. Jesus says He has been working until now.⁴³ Hallelujah! You are a work in progress. That is not some trite statement. He is working!

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These people wanted to kill Him. They said, “You are making Yourself equal with God.”⁴⁴

I am not equal with God, but I AM IN UNION WITH GOD. Ephesians 5 says you and I are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh.⁴⁵ How much clearer do you need Scripture to be?

You ask, “Well, Pastor, what does that mean when I am in school? I am a teenager, my hormones are young and powerful. What does that Scripture mean here?” What that means is whatever God tells you to do, you have within you the ability to do. Whatever God tells you not to do, you have the ability in you not to do. What you have to do is make the choice. You can say to yourself, “Stop it, stop it, stop it!” And sometimes you may have to do something such as change your friends.

I remember when I was growing up that I loved to spend some of my time with thuggish guys. I grew up in Sunday School, in choir, in a “kinder, gentler” environment, and the thugs were just so interesting to me. So I had these thuggish friends, and once the coach at school said to me, “I do not understand why you hang around with this boy. I am going to tell your Mama; I am going to give her a call. You have no business hanging out with this boy. He is going to get you in trouble.” And I thought, “Why? I know right from wrong; he cannot get me into trouble.” But you know evil communication corrupts good manners.⁴⁶ So sometimes we have to change the people we associate with. As a teenager, as a young adult, or even as an older person, we have to do that.

Jesus is Who we have, and that is how I translate Who He is because what I now have at work within me is the power of God Himself.⁴⁷ I have that working inside me. You may not feel that power, but it is inside you nevertheless.

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How Do I Make These Things Mine? How Do I Use the Power of God?

Let me give you a few things to do that will release the power of God in your life:

1. Have communication with God.

Some people say you need to have a specific time, which is a good idea, but if you do not have a specific time, then you need to have some designated time. For me, between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. is good. I have prayer time every day during those hours. I have communication with God because if I am going to do what He says, I need to know what He says from His Word, and I need to know what He says by His Spirit.⁴⁸

2. Read the Word of God.

I need to read the Word of God, so that when a voice whispers to me I can know it is from Him and not just from my spirit, or even from the devil trying to trick me.⁴⁹ I cannot disassociate myself from the written Word of God and just try to “connect to the Spirit,” or I may connect to a wrong spirit.

3. Do not forsake the assembling together of the body of Christ.⁵⁰

I do not forsake going to the gathering of believers because if I do that, I am missing one of the ingredients that will make me successful. I do not say, “I do not have time. I need time for myself.” That is a most ridiculous and ludicrous statement. “I need time for myself. I do not have time to go and connect with people that I am going to be with throughout eternity. The temporal is more important than the eternal.” That is ludicrous; you cannot say that. What you need to do is schedule your mid-week “assembling” time into your calendar. If you have friends from out of town who want you to miss assembling yourself with your church family because they came to see you, bring them with you, or leave them at your house.

4. Have proper associates within your close circle of friends.

I need friends who will tell me the truth.⁵¹ I need friends who are not so enamored with me they think I am the best thing since sliced bread, and they will be able to look me in the eye and tell me, “Hey, your breath doesn’t smell so good today.”

5. Always be open to the truth.

You need to always be open to the truth of God, be open for revelation from God, be open for God to reveal.⁵² Do not think that just because you went to Sunday School when you were a kid you learned it all. In fact, you need to discard some of that stuff.⁵³

These are some of the practical things you can do to cause everything to be yours; that is how you practically walk out what God is requiring of you.

Jesus Brings You Eternity

In John 5:24 Jesus says, “*Most assuredly I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life.*” How are you saved? He says here, “*I say to you, he who hears My Word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment.*”

Listen to what the Son brings you. You have to get this. This is what Jesus brings you. You need to guard (guardar) your relationship with Him. He says, “*You shall not come into judgment, but [have] passed from death into life.*”⁵⁴

So you say, “What does Jesus bring me?” He brings you ETERNITY.⁵⁵ Even now in your finiteness, in your mortality, dwells eternity.⁵⁶ That is what He brings you. You need to go to your mirror and say, “I am going to live forever.” You can do that!

You say, “Well, what does that do for me? I’m not happy.” That means you have not apprehended the joy of the Lord. The Bible says there is joy in the presence of the Lord.⁵⁷ There is pleasure; there is such goodness in God.

Listen, to live forever means I am going to defeat everything that is bothering me. I am going to outlast everything that comes against me. How can I make this any clearer? There is a song we used to sing when I was a kid that says, “Trouble don’t last always; I’m so glad trouble don’t last always . . . Praise God, trouble don’t last always.”

You are going to outlast trouble. This Man brings this reality to you; He delivers it to you. It is not just some thing—it is HE. He comes and LIVES INSIDE YOU BY THE SPIRIT.⁵⁸

In John 14, when He was speaking of going back to heaven, Jesus said, “*I will come again.*”⁵⁹ The disciples understood something that you and I do not seem to understand. When we read that Jesus says He is coming again, we think the Second Coming. The disciples did not think so. On the Day of Pentecost, when they were gathered together in one place, the Holy Spirit came from heaven, and they knew JESUS HAD COME. Yes, He is coming again through the clouds, but He has already come! They knew. He said, “I will be back shortly.”⁶⁰ And He came back just like He said, in the Person of the Spirit of God.⁶¹

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Jesus Lives In You By the Spirit

Now Jesus LIVES IN YOU by the Spirit. He WANTED to live in you, but He could not bodily live in everyone, so He had this awesome plan! No wonder the woman said, “*Come see a Man!*”

This Man had a plan. He said, "I will come back, and I will live in them through the Spirit."⁶²

Lay hold of this One who lives IN you, for KNOWING HIM is what releases His power in you.

What that means to you and to me is that whatever Jesus has the ability to be and to do, you and I now also have the ability to be and to do. Therefore, our job is not to try to GET something more from Him. Our job is to realize, to lay hold of this One who lives IN us, for KNOWING HIM is what releases His power in us and through us.⁶³

The Bible says we passed from death into life. Verse 25: "*Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.*"⁶⁴

I believe this has a twofold meaning. I believe Jesus was going to shortly go to the Cross, and He was going to hell, and those who were dead were going to hear His voice.⁶⁵ However, Paul tells us something else. He says you and I were dead in trespasses and sins.⁶⁶ He says dead people are going to hear. The dead will hear His voice, and they shall live.

I want you to know I was dead in trespasses and sin, and I had no idea I needed a Savior. Somehow God spoke to me; somehow He brought life into a dead carcass, and somehow He brought His Son into my heart. Somehow He changed me.

I am telling you—He said, "The dead shall live." And you are not here because you were alive; you are here because you were dead, and the Spirit of the Lord made you alive.⁶⁷

What an awesome God He is! You are here because of Him. You were dead. You could not seek God. You could not desire God. You were dead. You did not know you were dead. Dead people do not know they are dead. You did not know you were dead. You did not know you needed anything. God gave you life. He gave you understanding. He gave you things. The Bible says He *has given us ALL things* (emphasis mine) *that pertain to* (both) *life and godliness.*⁶⁸

God does not want you to fail! Some who are failing today will not be failing this evening. Some of you who are failing this evening will not be failing tomorrow. We need to stop being so hard on our brothers and sisters, or we are being just like the ones we are criticizing.

When I Have SON I Have Everything

John 5, verse 26 says, "*For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.*" This is crucial to your peace. This is something you have to grasp! Verse 27: "*And has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.*"

These are two very important Scriptures; let me expound on them in brief. "*In the beginning,*" the Bible says, "*was God.*"⁶⁹ So the Father was everything, and when the Father talked, He talked within the counsel of Himself because He was everything. And when He brought the Son forth, He reached into Himself and brought out of His own life "Son" (let us

just say A BALL OF LIFE). God is a consuming fire, so He reaches into Himself and He brings this out and He calls it Son. It is Himself, but He calls it Son. Now Son steps out, and Son has always been. Son is never born, as it were, because Son has always been. Therefore, Son is as His Father. This Scripture is saying, “Just as the Father has life in Himself, Son can do the same thing because Son has the same life that Dad has.”⁷⁰ Dad says to Son, “Son, any of those You want You can have.”⁷¹ So Son reaches into Himself and gives life to whom He chooses, and then to another, and another, and another. Father says to Son, “Son, since You are Son of Man, You are the only One who has the right to judge.”⁷² So now Son says, “You are Mine.” He does not say, “If you do not act right, I am going to remove you.” He does not do that because that would indicate Son made a mistake. But Son says, “You are Mine.”

When I have Son
I have everything.

Then what Son goes on to say is, “Father, it is Your will that of those You gave Me (You told Me I could have them) that I should lose none of them.”⁷³ So, when I have Son I have everything. We have been taught we need Son AND something else. That is incorrect. We only need the Only Begotten Son of God—Jesus Christ!

In the Book of Galatians, Paul is so adamant. He is hard against those who want Son AND something else. He says, “No, no, no, it is not Jesus AND the law. It is not Jesus AND sacrifice. It is JESUS ONLY!”⁷⁴ We do not like the term “Jesus only” because we object to what the Jesus Only people say. I do not care what they say. IT IS JESUS ONLY. It is He that has given me life, so the life I now have⁷⁵ I have because He saw me, and He chose me.⁷⁶ I was dead before He did that.

Believe In Him

John 6:26-27 reads,

Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

Jesus is getting ready to preach a powerful message here. He says, “Do not labor for the food which perishes but for the food which endures to everlasting life.” What Jesus is doing here is setting them up because He is talking about Himself. He is not talking about a doctrinal position, as it were. He is talking about Himself. “Then they said to Him, ‘What shall we do that we may work the works of God?’ Jesus answered and said to them, ‘THIS IS THE WORK OF GOD, THAT YOU BELIEVE IN HIM WHOM HE SENT (emphasis mine).’”⁷⁷ That is what you do; THAT IS YOUR JOB—believe in Him.

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These guys understood a little about Scripture, and they said in verse 31, “*Our Fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’*” Then in verses 32-33, “*Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN, for THE BREAD OF GOD (emphasis mine) is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’*” Jesus is saying it does not matter what Scripture you quote or what you say you believe—the reality is that without Him you are dead in trespasses and sin. Then He says very clearly in verse 35: “*I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.*”

You are more equipped than trouble, so you ought to trouble your trouble.

Verse 37: “*All that the Father gives Me will come to Me.*” It does not matter if things are going poorly right now. What Christians have to understand is “trouble don’t last always.” You are going to outlast trouble. You are more equipped than trouble, so you ought to trouble your trouble. You have that kind of ability; you just have to use it.

I used to hate to watch movies where a criminal was coming in to hurt somebody. The person who had a gun in her hand would begin shaking, and the criminal would say, “I dare you to shoot. I don’t think you can do it.”

Usually the little damsel would be trembling, holding the gun with both hands, and the criminal would say again, “I don’t think you can do it.” Then all of a sudden, she would cringe, drop the gun, and her hero would come and rescue her. That is the way we are. We have all this power, and the devil says, “I don’t think you can pull the trigger,” and we back away in fear. I say, “PULL THE TRIGGER.” Hallelujah! You are the believer PULL THE TRIGGER! Pulling the trigger means BELIEVING GOD.

Jesus says,

I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life.⁷⁸

Not TEMPORARY LIFE, not a temporary experience but EVERLASTING LIFE.

Listen to the promise of Jesus: “*and I will raise him up at the last day.*”⁷⁹ Wow, that is great! Jesus is everything you and I need. When we are in Him, all we need to do is learn how to let it show, how to manifest and release.

Let Us Apprehend that for which We Have Been Apprehended

I want you to know just how wonderful this Man is. If you have been like most believers in the world, you have been HEARING over and over, but you are not a whole lot better off than

you were when you first heard. Something is wrong with that. My prayer is, “God let us ‘apprehend that for which we have been apprehended.’”⁸⁰

I believe the Father’s desire has been that the Son would have a Body, and He wants us to be a part of it. Peter says we are living stones⁸¹ in His building. This is what God wants for you and me. He does not only want to give you a ministry. I am sorry to disappoint you, but that is not God’s ultimate aim. God wants to minister to you before He ministers through you. He wants to bring heaven’s reality into you. God wants to chip away everything that is wrong with you and me and take it all away. He will then cause us to be perfectly fitted in His temple and be the expression of God. Then we will minister out of the ministry He has done in us.

God’s purpose is not to send you all over the world. His purpose is to REVEAL HIS SON IN YOU.⁸² After He does that, He might send you because at that point you will not have to figure out what you are going to preach. If you go on your own, you will need to take along a lot of sermons with you, but when God works in you, then you are the message. That is what God is after.

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Someone may say, “What is it God wants from me?” He just wants to live in you.⁸³ What if God were to say to you, “I just want to play with you.” Would you say, “Is that all?” Just think about it; what if God said, “Can we play together?” Some of you cannot imagine God saying that. I can imagine Him saying that. What would you do? Would you say, “God, I am sorry; I am too grown for that.” Could you play with God if He wanted just to play with you? Could you just sit down and have a glass of tea with God if He wanted to do that? Or, are you too grown up?

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God does not want what religion has told us He wants. He wants relationship with us.⁸⁴ We are not maximizing that; we are not putting a premium on that. There is nothing like a relationship with God. It is relationship He is after. He is not always interested in what we think is important. So, I want you to know that if you are in relationship with God and can talk to Him, you are one of the most privileged persons in the world. You can talk with God!⁸⁵ And God talks to you!⁸⁶

Think about it. If that is what this life is about, it is incredible! The Creator of the universe talks to me! How is it that you can have an inferiority complex when the Creator talks to you? It is because you are buying into a lie. The Creator talks to me! He is wonderful.

You know what God has never done to me—He has never told me, “I do not like you.” He has never told me, “If you do not like My program, you can just leave.” He has never done that. “If you don’t like it, hit the road.” He has never done that!⁸⁷ He has never called me crazy, even though I have been so. He has never called me stupid,⁸⁸ although I have lacked understanding. He has never said, “Boy, there’s no help for you,” because He is our help. He has only said good

things to me all my life. God is so good. Your DAD wants a relationship with you. Can you handle that?

In John 17 Jesus says, *“This is life eternal, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You sent.”*⁸⁹ Eternal life is knowing the Father and knowing the Son. It is very simple. You do not have to do a lot of things. We dance, praise and clap because we enjoy God and love God. You do not necessarily have to do that, but you do have to believe in Him.⁹⁰

He wants a relationship with you, and if you will say “yes” to this relationship, He will say, “I give you eternal life; you are going to live forever.”⁹¹

This life does not begin with you or me, it begins with God. Paul says, *“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.”*⁹² In Acts 16, he says, *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household”*⁹³—you and your whole family.

Wow—what promises we have in Him! I want you to know Him. I want you to Come See a Man.

A Word from the Editor:

For Your Further Study . . . *on the following pages you will find a compilation of scriptures either quoted or referred to in this message. As a disciple seeking to take hold of the truths presented by Pastor Don, you may find this to be a handy reference tool. Other scriptures could be added to this collection, so through your study this listing will probably grow. My prayer is the Holy Spirit Himself will teach you all things that you may become established in the truth regarding the Gospel, the good news, of Jesus Christ.*

Endnotes: Scriptures Quoted and Referred To

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OPENING COMMENTS

1 CORINTHIANS 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1 PETER 1:10-12 ¹⁰Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, ¹¹searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹²To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

COLOSSIANS 1:26-27 ²⁶the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

ROMANS 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

ROMANS 11:36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

GALATIANS 1:15-16 ¹⁵But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, ¹⁶to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14 ¹²Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

COME SEE A MAN p.1

1. "God is not a MYSTERY to those who know Him."

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MARK 4:11 And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables."

ROMANS 16:25-26 ²⁵Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ²⁶but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith.

EPHESIANS 3:3-4,9 ³how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ⁴by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)...⁹and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ.

COLOSSIANS 2:2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ.

2. "I will preach and teach to you the MAN called Jesus."

HEBREWS 10:12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.

ACTS 17:31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

1 TIMOTHY 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 5:15,19 ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many . . . ¹⁹For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

3. PROVERBS 3:5-6 ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

4. HEBREWS 6:18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

DRINKING FROM OTHER FOUNTAINS WILL ALWAYS LEAVE YOU THIRSTY p.2

5-8. JOHN 4:7-12 ⁷A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, Give Me a drink." ⁸For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? ¹²Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

9. JOHN 4:6-14 ⁶Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

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10. COLOSSIANS 2:8-10 ⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

JEREMIAH 2:13 "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water."

11. JOHN 4:14—See Reference 9.

BUT I AM STILL THIRSTY p.3

12&13. MATTHEW 13:18-23 ¹⁸“Therefore hear the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. ²⁰But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. ²²Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. ²³But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

GUARD IT p.4

14. 1 TIMOTHY 6:20-21 ²⁰O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—²¹by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

2 TIMOTHY 1:13-14 ¹³Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

1 JOHN 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

15. JOHN 4:14 “but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

SHE LEFT HER WATERPOT pp.4-5

16. JOHN 4:14 “but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

17. JOHN 4:27-28 ²⁷And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?” ²⁸The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men . . .

18. JOHN 7:37-38 ³⁷“ . . .If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

19. 1 CORINTHIANS 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

COME SEE A MAN; COME KNOW THIS MAN pp.5-6

20. JOHN 4:28-29 ²⁸The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, ²⁹“Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”

21. “Come KNOW this Man”

JOHN 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

2 PETER 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8 ⁷But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

22. 1 JOHN 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

23. ACTS 17:28 “for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’”

COLOSSIANS 3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

24. PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13 ¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

25. **“The Bible is about this Man, Jesus; it is not about things.”**

JOHN 5:39-40 ³⁹“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.”

LUKE 24:27,44 ²⁷And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. . . ⁴⁴Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.”

26. **“I want to be proof of Who You are.”**

ROMANS 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

27. 1 JOHN 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

EPHESIANS 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

28. JOHN 4:30-32 ³⁰Then they went out of the city and came to Him. ³¹In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³²But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.”

29. JOHN 4:33-34 ³³Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.”

30. JOHN 4:39-42 ³⁹And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of His own word. ⁴²Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

31. 2 CORINTHIANS 2:12 “Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ’s gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord...”
- LUKE 16:16 ¹⁶The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.
- ROMANS 1:16 ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
- JOHN 18:36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”
- LUKE 17:21 “nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

GOD IS OUR FATHER p.7

32. JOHN 5:8-10 ⁸Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.”
⁹And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.
¹⁰The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”
33. JOHN 5:16-18 ¹⁶For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” ¹⁸Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.
34. MATTHEW 6:9 “In this manner, therefore, pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.’”
 ROMANS 1:7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 MATTHEW 23:9 “Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.”
35. 1 JOHN 5:1,4 ¹Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. . . .⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.
36. JOHN 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
 JOHN 3:16 “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.”
 HEBREWS 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son.
 1 JOHN 4:9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.
37. ROMANS 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.
38. COLOSSIANS 3:4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
 1 PETER 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

COLOSSIANS 2:9-10 ⁹For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

HIS SEED, HIS NATURE IS IN ME pp.7-8

39. 2 PETER 1:4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

ACTS 17:29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

EPHESIANS 2:3-5 ³among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).

40. JOHN 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

JOHN 3:7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"

1 PETER 1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.

1 JOHN 3:9 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

41. 1 JOHN 3:9—See Reference 40.

42. PHILIPPIANS 2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

43. JOHN 5:17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

44. John 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

45. EPHESIANS 5:30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

46. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33 - KJV Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

47. EPHESIANS 3:20 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.

HOW DO I MAKE THESE THINGS MINE, HOW DO I USE THE POWER OF GOD p.9

48. 1 CORINTHIANS 2:10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

49. 1 JOHN 4:1-3 ¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: Every

spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

50. HEBREWS 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

51. PROVERBS 27:5-6 Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed. ⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

GALATIANS 4:16 ¹⁶Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

52. PHILIPPIANS 3:14-15 ¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

JOHN 8:31-32 ³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

53. HEBREWS 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

ISAIAH 1:11,13-14 ¹¹“To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?” says the LORD. I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats. ¹²“When you come to appear before Me, who has required this from your hand, to trample My courts? ¹³Bring no more futile sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. ¹⁴Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; they are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them.”

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54. JOHN 5:24

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

55. 1 JOHN 5:11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

JOHN 3:15 ¹⁵“that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

JOHN 6:68 But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

1 TIMOTHY 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

56. Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

57. PSALM 16:11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Acts 2:28 ²⁸“You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.”

58. **“Jesus Christ lives in you by the Spirit.”**

GALATIANS 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

ROMANS 8:9-10 ⁹But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

59. JOHN 14:3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

JOHN 14:18 ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”

60. JOHN 14:19 “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.”

61. **“He came back just like He said, in the Person of the Spirit of God.”**

GALATIANS 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

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63. **“KNOWING HIM is what releases His power in us and through us.”**

EPHESIANS 3:20 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.

PHILIPPIANS 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.

2 PETER 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.

DANIEL 11:32 “Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”

64. JOHN 5:25 “Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.”

COLOSSIANS 2:13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.

65. JOHN 5:28 “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice.”

66. EPHESIANS 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

67. EPHESIANS 2:1,5-6 ¹And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins. . . . ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

68. 2 PETER 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.

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69. JOHN 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

70. JOHN 5:26 “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.”

71. JOHN 5:21 “For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.”

72. JOHN 5:22 “For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son.”

73. JOHN 6:39 “This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.”

JOHN 17:12 “While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.”

JOHN 10:27-29 ²⁷“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹My 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.”

74. GALATIANS 1:6-7 ⁶I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

GALATIANS 3:2-3,11 ²This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? . . . ¹¹But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.”

75. GALATIANS 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

76. EPHESIANS 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

BELIEVE IN HIM pp.12-13

77. “That is YOUR JOB—BELIEVE IN HIM.”

JOHN 6:28-29 ²⁸Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?”

²⁹Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

Quoted. JOHN 6:31-33,35,37 ³¹“Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” . . . ³⁵And Jesus

said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. . . .³⁷All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."

78. JOHN 6:38-40 ³⁸"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

79. JOHN 6:39-40—See Reference 77.

LET US APPREHEND THAT FOR WHICH WE HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED pp.13-15

80. PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14 - KJV ¹²Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. ¹³Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

81. 1 PETER 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

82. "His purpose is to reveal His Son IN you."

GALATIANS 1:15,16 ¹⁵But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, ¹⁶to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood.

83. COLOSSIANS 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

JOHN 14:17-18 ¹⁷"the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

84. JOHN 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

JOHN 17:21 "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."

85. PHILIPPIANS 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

86. JOHN 10:4,27 ⁴"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. . . .²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

87. ISAIAH 42:3 "A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth."

88. ROMANS 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

JAMES 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

89. JOHN 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

90. JOHN 3:15 “that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

JOHN 6:28-29 ²⁸Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?”

²⁹Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

91. JOHN 3:15—See Reference 89.

92. ROMANS 10:9 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.

93. ACTS 16:31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”