

GOD IS LIFE

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The Word of God is called the bread (**John 6:32-35**), the water and the wells (**John 4:10-14**), the rivers (**John 7:37-38; Rev 22:1**), the tree (**Gen 2:9; Rev 22:2**), the vine (**John 15:1-5**). It's all written in the Book of Life. God has told us that Jesus is the author of that book. He is the author of life; He is the originator of life (**John 1:1-4**).

The Lord wants us to enter into a life realm, not only by physical food, nor by physical drink. The Lord said, "I have provided all things that you need both spiritually and physically. I have given you a Book of Life. I've given you a tree of life. I've given you wells of living water. I've given you rivers of living water. I am the vine of life, and I have given you bread to eat. I have given you everything that you need."

A Christian should be a person who is totally satisfied. Jesus said, "The waters that I give unto you are going to satisfy you. You are never going to thirst again. You are going to start growing in those waters now." For a long time I could never understand this scripture until I realized that I was growing up into that water. It was there all the time; it was working through me.

As I grew up into that water, it just kept working, flowing through me. There was no room to thirst anymore; there was no room to hunger anymore. I had already hungered and thirsted for righteousness and He had filled me with righteousness; and now all I had to do was to grow up into that righteousness. All I had to do was grow up into that Kingdom in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let's go to **John 4:13**. Jesus was talking to a Samaritan woman at the well.

John 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again."

That's why you see a lot of people who are not happy; they have a religion but it's dry. They are continually hungry, continually thirsty.

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I will give unto him, shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

It's an abiding well, it's an abiding river, it's an abiding peace, it's an abiding joy, it's an abiding righteousness. I don't have to go out and seek that righteousness anymore. I don't have to go out and seek to be right with God. I am right with God; I am righteous in the Lord (**2 Cor. 5:21**). I have drunk at that river and I am satisfied. Not only have I drunk in it, I am swimming in it, I am living in it and it's living in me. The Kingdom of God is here now in me and I am in the Kingdom of God in the Spirit.

God is saying to us, "You can drink all the natural doctrines you want and you are still going to remain thirsty; but if you drink of this water that I shall give you, you will never thirst again." Why? Because natural water comes into you and goes away from you. That spiritual water comes and remains in you. It stays there, abides within you so you have life eternal abiding in you.

You have the living water, you have the living bread, you have the living wells of water, rivers of water, the tree of life, the vine of life, and it's all within each of us. All we have to do is grow up into Christ in all things.

Every time I read the Word of God, every time I think about it, every time I pray, every time I think about Jesus, every time I think about the things of God, it becomes a well gushing up inside of me. I get excited because there's a well in me; it's bubbling up within my soul. I have to do something with it; I can't contain it. Jeremiah said, "There's a fire shut up in my bones. It's in me; it's a part of me. It's in my life. I have to give somebody a drink of this everlasting water. It springs up into eternal life" (**Jer. 20:9**).

If you want eternal life to become more precious to you, continue to think about the preciousness of Christ. Talk about Jesus, talk about the things of God. You may start out dry, but as you think of the things of God, it's not long until you are bubbling and it's getting into your bones. Why? Because Jesus is the author of life. When you talk about life, the author becomes real to you.

The Bible is the only book written that you have to know the author to understand the contents. It's not good enough to know your Bible teacher, it's not good enough to know a preacher; you have to know HIM. You have to know the author; you have to know the Holy Ghost. He's the only one who can explain this because the things of God are spiritual and must be spiritually discerned (**1 Cor. 2:13-14**). You must have a spiritual teacher; you must have life that only He can give to you.

God gave Adam a right to reproduce life. He became a living soul and he was able to reproduce, just like God reproduces; but because he took sin on himself and became a sin person, everything that man reproduces now is flesh and darkness and destruction.

Can you imagine what would have happened had Adam remained in a righteous state: all the seed that was born to him would have been righteous. But, praise God, we now have within us a new creature that has been given the same breath back into him, the same living bread, the same living water, and we are to reproduce Christ like people.

Rev 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

It's called living fountains of water.

Zec. 13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

We are in that fountain; that fountain of His precious blood cleanses us and makes us white as snow.

Then there is a fountain of the living word (**Ps. 36:9; Jer. 2:13; 17:13**); there are wells of the living word (**S. of Sol. 4:15**). There are so many things through the living word of God that He describes and likens the word of God to be. But none of them is ever darkness; none of them is ever death; none of them is ever evil. They are always good, they are always right, they are always a blessing and they are always life.

The Lord says, "I have filled you with my life, I have filled you with my bread, I have filled you with my manna, I have filled you with my water, I have filled you with everything. These are things that people ought to be able to come to you for: the bread of the word of God, the water of the word, which turns into a well for them so that they can take a bath in it, and rivers of living water."

I don't care what the need is, when they come to a Christian, a Christian ought to be able to meet the need. Jesus never turned any person away that came to Him and said, "Lord, I have a need." He always ministered to their need until they were satisfied.

Is. 60:21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Is. 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Jesus is the vine, and we are the branch of His planting. We are righteous trees of His planting.

John 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. (2) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. (3) Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. (4) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. (5) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (6) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

People ought to be able to come to a Christian and go away filled with everything that God has given to us. If you have this, you have everything. If you have the author of life and the author of your faith with you, and in you, and through you, and you are in Him, you have everything. He will write in what you need.

One of the names of Jehovah was "a God that supplieth all your needs." He would provide for them. He would speak it into existence. He would supply all of their need. Isn't that what Jesus did for the hungry with the two fishes and loaves that He had? Five thousand men, plus women and children, followed Him and they were hungry. And there was God in flesh and He spoke, blessed that bread, and it multiplied. The God that provideth, the God that is enough, the God that is sufficient, spoke, and the elements became physical food to those people.

When somebody says, "I'm hungry," tell him to eat some of the bread of life. That's what Jesus did. When the disciples returned to Jacob's well with food and asked Jesus if He was hungry, He said, "I'm not hungry." They said to each other, "Has some man given this man meat to eat?" He said, "I have meat to eat that you know not of. My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish the work."

There is nothing in the world that is not in the universe. Everything that we see in the visible has been declared from the invisible. A fish in the pond is not different from all the elements that are in the universe. All God had to do was just speak to the elements and there they were. We didn't add anything to the universe. We added nothing to this earth at all; it was all here when we were born. God is saying, "If you will just get to a place where that life dwells in you, the abundant life really lives in you, and you allow that life to work through you, there won't be any need that will not be ministered to."

We are coming to the greatest time that the Church has ever known. We are coming to the greatest miracle age the Church ever walked in. We are coming to the greatest power age the Church ever walked in, a Church that will stand up and will, through the power of Christ, provide whatever men and women will ever need. Jesus said in **John 10:37-38**:

John 10:37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. (38) But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

If people were to believe us for our work's sake, what would they believe? What are we producing? We are supposed to produce the same thing the author produces. We are supposed to produce life. We are supposed to produce joy, peace, and righteousness by the power of the Holy Spirit through these vessels, manifesting those to others.

If you are producing joy and a person is in sorrow, they are going to want some of it. If you are producing peace, when a person is in a chaotic time they are going to want some of your peace. But if we are not producing anything that is any different from the world, how can we say, "Believe it for the works that I do."

If you want to identify with the Holy Ghost, you have to say the same thing. You have to take the place that God gave you. He said, "You are my Son and I have put life into you; I have made it abundant life. I've given you rivers; I've given you everything. I've given you all that you need to walk in this present world." Isn't that something! There is nothing that I need today that God hasn't already made a way for me to enjoy it. How much does it cost? Let's look at **Isaiah 55:1-3**.

Is. 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. (2) Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?

hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Why do you labor for everything in the world that isn't really bread? Why do you spend everything you have trying to get things? He said there is no money; no price that you can pay that will get this. **It's a gift from God.** You can't buy it with money or anything else.

He said, "I want to give you life and I want to give you more abundant life, but you can not labor to get it in your own ability. You can not get good enough, you cannot get strong enough, you cannot get rich enough." It is a gift to all men. Why don't we take that gift and then give that away to others.

Is. 55:2 ...hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. (3) Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

He is talking about life in your soul realm. He is talking about the bread, the water, the wine, the Holy Spirit, the riches of God's word. He said, "I will satisfy your soul and it will live. I will satisfy you with all of that and your soul will become fat, and you can enjoy it, you can rejoice in it."

The reason Christians don't rejoice and enjoy life is because they still hang around the flesh realm too much. But if you get out of that old realm and realize that you're dead over there but alive in Christ, and begin to eat the word, drink the water, enjoy the wine, the honey, and the milk, begin to get into all that God has for you, the old world disappears to you. It is crucified to you; it has no importance.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

God is causing His people to rise up and take the word of the Lord in power and in authority and say, "Here eat the bread of life." Jesus was always offering somebody something to eat and something to drink. He always had something to give, didn't He?

John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:48 I am that bread of life. (49) Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. (50) This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. (51) I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

You have just as much in you as the Lord God has planted in you and entrusted to you. He has given you the power, the authority, the Kingdom of God. He has given you His name and He said, "Now go out and give them something to eat and drink."

We are just like the disciples when Jesus told them to feed the five thousand men who were there. Phillip said, "Wait a minute, two hundred pennies' worth of bread isn't going to get the job done" (**Mark 6:37; John 6:7**). When God tells us to do something we start looking for another way to perform it. We look back to the natural. "How can I perform this great work? How can I do this?"

Jesus said, "They are here, they are hungry, feed them." Then right away Phillip said, "It's not possible. We only have about two hundred pennies' worth here. Even if we could go down to the day-old bakery we couldn't get enough money. I know what we will do; we will have a cake sale." You see, cake sales and rummage sales have replaced prayer meetings, fasting, and believing God.

When God says to go out and do a thing, God is going to provide the ability and the life to perform it. He is going to provide and has already given you the authority. Jesus wasn't talking to Phillip about something that was impossible. He said, "Feed them; give them to eat." Right away Phillip forgets all that he has seen, all of the miracles, everything else, and he reverts back to the natural.

It's true friends! The Church has almost become a beggar when it should have been a king and priest. **Deut 28:1-14** says that the blessings of God would come on you and overtake you; that you would be the head and not the tail; that you would lend and not borrow.

The problem is, it's hard for us to get that life really moving in us because of the old habits, because of the old ways. Let's die to those things. Let's move into that new realm of the life, of the love of God, and begin to move into the land of plenty.

God is not a God that can barely do it. God is not a God that can almost do it. He is a God that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us (**Eph 3:20**). That power is life and that life has said that anything that you need, if you don't see it, speak it by faith. **Mark 11:23** says that if you believe in your heart and doubt not, you shall have whatsoever you say.

People get sick because they don't doubt that they are going to get sick. You ask them to come to church, and they say, "If I get out in this bad weather I am going to get sick." I have told you if you say it, you believe it, and you receive it. But if you begin to confess what God said you are, and believe it in your heart, and speak that word of God, you would have what you say. That's life, not death; that's life working in you. That's creative power.

Remember, one of the points of identification is that the Holy Ghost is a creator. Jesus was a creator. You are a creator. But the same creator is the Spirit of God through the word of the Lord.

I've had people say, "Brother Krider, I would go into the ministry if I had enough money." I said, "You will never get enough because God will not give it to you." You will go into the ministry if God tells you to go. Don't provide for yourself; don't make an occasion for the flesh to sin.

We make an occasion for the flesh to sin. We get enough money and then we go fishing, or hunting, or shopping, etc. We start relaxing and the call to ministry can wait until the next time around.

When God calls you He also supplies you and He sends you into the world in power and authority and in life, not in death. He says, "Go out and begin to speak healing into people; begin to speak deliverance, begin to speak the word of salvation into their heart. Begin to speak it, believing it, and I will perform it."

If we would begin to face every situation in faith believing, God would make an abundance for us so that we could give some of it away. If you don't have an abundance, you will probably not be able to give anything to others. But God says, "I'll give you abundant life; now get out there and give it away." Offer it to somebody. Take it out there in the world and show them what it is like; demonstrate it. Let the Spirit of God move in your life, and He said, "Give them life." When you talk about the things that are going on in this old world, it's just death talk.

I have let the cross crucify the world to me and crucify me to the world. I've come through the cross, through the death, and now I am in His resurrection, and I'm growing up in Christ. I don't need to talk anymore about wars, rumors of wars, and famines. I don't even meditate on that stuff. I've got to fill my heart with the word of God. I've got to fill my heart with life. I want to give somebody life, I want to give them hope; I want to give them faith. I don't want to give them a bunch of woes.

The church is supposed to be able to feed the hungry. The church is supposed to be able to heal the sick. The church is supposed to be able to minister. The government has had to do the things that God wanted to do through His people.

The Church says, "We are taking all the offerings we can." I am not talking about that; I'm talking about going out and offering them life. Instead of just buying something to put on their backs, give them the word of God also. Believe that God has enough miracle power to feed every hungry person in the world, to clothe every naked person in the world. Believe that! Begin to speak that by faith, instead of trying to figure out if you have enough money for the program.

God miraculously supplied the money that Jesus and the disciples needed for the tribute money, didn't He (**Matt 17:24-27**). That is life. **Prov. 13:22** says that the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just. We don't know how God put that money in the fish's mouth, but He is a miracle working God.

Eccl 2:26 For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

The church can begin to appropriate those things that are good in God's sight, and let the world know that there is a God that cares for them. Let's look at **Prov. 8:17-21**:

Prov. 8:17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. (18) Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. (19) My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. (20) I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: (21) That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

When Peter and John came by the man laying there at the Gate Beautiful, he was looking for alms. He wanted a physical handout, didn't he? But Peter and John said, "We don't have any silver and gold but we have something your money couldn't buy. We couldn't purchase it. Silver and gold has no value any longer in the Kingdom where we live." Men esteem gold, but God said that it's just good enough to walk on in the Kingdom, in the City, so He is going to make a street out of transparent gold. He reverses everything in the Spirit.

The Lord said, "I have given you bread, water, rivers to lay by, trees to sit under, and wells. I have given you every thing, so now you ought to have a good report (**Heb 11:2**). You ought to believe and speak the Word of God and let it bring life into men and women's hearts."

Why should He give us life if we are not going to use it? If all He did was save you and take you to heaven, He could have saved you and taken you right then. But He saved you so you could enter into the harvest field and have rewards; so you could have a joyful life and show people in this world what life is really all about.

The advertisers try to show the world that if they smoke this cigarette or drink that kind of booze, they have arrived. But we've got the only true life and the whole world is our market field. The harvest field is white unto harvest. Let's get out there and begin to reap some life into these people; begin to show them the goodness and the mercy of God through life, not death. You show them enough good things in life and they won't mind dying for it. Why don't you show them what is on the other side of that dying? Is there something worth dying for? By faith let's look over there and see what's waiting, just by laying down this old dark man, this old life of death. Let's lay it down and see by faith what God has prepared for us now and in the world to come.

2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

"I give you all things that pertaineth to life and godliness. Not only have I given you abundant life in the world to come but I have done it here for you." Peter said, "Well Lord, we have left everything; what are we going to get?" Jesus said, "Peter, no man has left wives and families and lands for my sake, who shall not receive in this life a hundredfold of houses, lands, cattle, brothers and sisters. They are going to have a little persecution with it but they are going to receive all of that and then, in the world to come, life eternal" (**Matt 19:27-29; Mark 10:28-30; Luke 18:28-30**). Jesus did not preach an escape route from Hell. He came to restore the joy that had been robbed from the hearts of men, back into men. He came to restore all the Kingdom laws back into the hearts of men. AMEN!