

## LIFE IN YOU

Hello I'm Jim Fuller. I'd like to share a few thoughts and some scriptures with you.

In John 1.1 the Amplified version reads,

In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

He was present originally with God.

All things were made *and* came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.

In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.

John 5.26

For just as the Father has life in Himself, so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself.

Jesus is the Living Word. The word made flesh that dwelt among us. What God wanted to say to all mankind, He spoke to us in Christ.

Hebrews 1

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in *His* Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

When the Father wanted to share His desire for us to have His eternal life, He sent Jesus to model the life that He prepared for His children to have

Do you remember the familiar story of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with a little boy's lunch?

John 6.53 Jesus told the people and His disciples

"Truly, truly,

(in other words, I really, really, mean this)

I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, YOU HAVE NO LIFE IN YOURSELVES. The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

The throngs of people that followed him took offense at this statement. They said this is a difficult statement who can hear it. It sounded like cannibalism to their natural minds and they all went away and quit following him.

Jesus said in John 6.63,

It's the Spirit who gives life. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

He then asked His disciples, will you leave also? Peter responded, where will we go, you have the words of eternal life.

Jesus was effectively saying to everyone, that you can come and experience the miraculous, supernatural expression of My life every time I serve it up. You can even come every Sunday and tell me how great I am and praise God that He sent me.

But,  
The whole reason that I came was to create this same eternal life in you. If you don't repent of your life and swallow mine in exchange for yours, you won't have eternal life in yourself and be able to transmit it to others.

It's true that Jesus was the first born Son of God.

Colossians 1.18 states that,

He is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Romans 8.29 reads

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers *and sisters*.....

The Father created us to walk in the same life that Jesus demonstrated for us.

Jesus showed us the Father's intention for all of His children to manifest this same life.

In Matthew 14.16 when the disciples suggested to Jesus that He send the people away to find something to eat, Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go; you give them *something* to eat!"

Jesus had been sowing the seed of the Kingdom into their lives up to that point, and He expected to see His disciples manifest the fruit of it.

For generations the church has been telling this story about Jesus feeding the 5,000 and has reveled in the fact that Jesus miraculously overruled natural laws to do it. But we have completely missed His directive to His disciples. "You give them something to eat." We've completely overlooked His expectation that this same life should be coming out of all of His children.

So how are we going to overcome the limitations of our natural flesh and walk in the supernatural life of God that He is making available to us? How can we radiate His glory, represent His nature and speak His word with His power and His authority?

We are God's supreme creation to manifest His life in this world.

In John 17.18 Jesus told the Father, just as You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. In other words, just like You have sent Me to accomplish Your purpose in this world, I have sent these guys to accomplish that same purpose.

Jesus told His disciples, if they persecuted Me, they will persecute you. If they receive My word they will receive yours also.

John 15.20

So how do we go about speaking His word? Firstly, we need to quit speaking our own word.

In Isaiah 55.8, God said,

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

But God knew that in our fallen state from His presence, we were completely helpless to manifest the life that He originally created for us.

Because of His great love for us, he began to execute the only plan that would restore us back into His family. The gospel.

The Apostle Paul explains how God did this in his letter to the Romans chapter 6. Please read the whole chapter. I'll just share a few of the excerpts.

Verse 4.

We have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in the newness of life.

The Father put us all in Christ. Whatever happened to Christ happened to us.

Verse 5.

For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin, for he who has died is freed from sin.

God knew that no amount of human effort could transform our fallen state caused by sin. So He crucified us with Christ and raised us from the dead with Him, giving us the opportunity to share His life because of God's supernatural work on our behalf.

The gospel is not a religion. It's the supernatural work of God to redeem us back into His family.

Religion is done by men and for men. Gospel is done by God and for God. And He's the only one in the universe who could do this for us.

Christ then sent the Holy Spirit to establish this new life within our spirits.

And John 16:14 Jesus said of the Holy Spirit, He shall glorify me, for He will take of mine, and will disclose it to you. Everything that the Father has is Mine, therefore I said that He takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you.

Acts 1.8

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest parts of the earth.

God has committed His Holy Spirit to be our equipping and our ability to speak His word to accomplish His purpose of redeeming all of mankind back into His family and making every nation citizens of His kingdom.

It's our death and resurrection with Christ that brings about this transformation. This is what makes the Gospel different from any and every religion on the planet. God is the only one who can do it.

The Apostle Paul tells the Corinthians in his second letter how this worked out in their lives.

For we who live are constantly being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you.

But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written: "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak.

He revealed that they gave up their old natural lives and surrendered the authority of their senses to the Holy Spirit, so that Christ's life could flow out of them.

God's intention from the very beginning was to fill His people with His life, so that they would speak His word, with His delegated authority, and establish His kingdom rule on this earth.

Jesus, the Living Word declared, unless you eat My flesh and drink My blood you have no life within you.

Let me share one last picture that illustrates this process. It's from Ezekiel 3.

Then He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

So I opened My mouth, and He fed me this scroll. And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you." Then I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.

Then He said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

As our modern-day nutritionists say, "you are what you eat."

We need to swallow His Living Word, so that His word will become flesh again in this world through us.

God bless you.

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