

## **The Tsunami Blessing, Inside and Out, Part 64**

**You are complete in Christ. Fully explore the comforts of the Comforter Jesus sent to you, Holy Spirit. During Jesus' ministry, He hosted Holy Spirit without measure. The Spirit of God specializes in relieving prevailing discomfort in uncomfortable circumstances. Now, you never left to feel abandoned.**

**The kingdom of God has an impenetrable infrastructure that designates you as a historical landmark. Holy Spirit is equipped with expansion joints that afford you the capacity to live, move, and have your being in Christ. That supernatural disposition preserves your solid-rock foundation. Therefore, stay connected with Holy Spirit so you can reverse blight in your world until it images heaven on earth.**

**God outlawed condemnation so you won't ever believe you are just an undesirable piece of work. Jesus' sacrifice had you in mind all the time; you have been handpicked as God's masterpiece. Your assignment remains to fully cooperate with Holy Spirit. So you can confidently access the throne room of God on every occasion, He is your chosen connection that accompanies every transaction: from heaven to earth and from earth to heaven.**

### **Comforter**

John 14:12-27 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>12</sup>Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

<sup>13</sup>And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

<sup>14</sup>If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>If ye love me, keep my commandments.

<sup>16</sup>And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

<sup>17</sup>Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

<sup>18</sup>I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

<sup>19</sup>Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

<sup>20</sup>At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

<sup>21</sup>He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

<sup>22</sup>Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

<sup>24</sup>He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

<sup>25</sup>These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

<sup>26</sup>But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 15:26-27 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>26</sup>But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

<sup>27</sup>And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

John 16:7-11 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

<sup>8</sup>And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

<sup>9</sup>Of sin, because they believe not on me;

<sup>10</sup>Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

<sup>11</sup>Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16:7-11 The Passion Translation (TPT)

<sup>7</sup>But here's the truth: It's to your advantage that I go away, for if I don't go away the Divine Encourager<sup>[a]</sup> will not be released to you. But after I depart, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will expose sin and prove that the world is wrong about God's righteousness and his judgments.

<sup>9</sup>"Sin,' because they refuse to believe in who I am.

<sup>10</sup>"God's 'righteousness,' because I'm going back to join the Father and you'll see me no longer.

<sup>11</sup>"And 'judgment' because the ruler of this dark world has already received his sentence.<sup>[b]</sup>

#### Footnotes:

- a. [John 16:7](#) Or "the Redeemer of the curse." See the second footnote on [John 14:16-17](#).
- b. [John 16:11](#) In essence, "sin . . . righteousness . . . and judgment are related to three persons." Sin is related to Adam, for it was through Adam that sin entered humanity ([Rom. 5:12](#)). Righteousness is related to Christ, because it comes through him, and he has become our righteousness ([1 Cor. 1:30](#)). Judgment is related to satan, for the pure works of Christ bring judgment to the works of satan. If we do not embrace Christ's righteousness, we will share satan's judgment.

## Conservation

Sealed [G4972] to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for preservation (lit. or fig.) security or preservation.

### Ephesians 1:1-14 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup>Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings [supernatural disposition] in heavenly places in Christ:

<sup>4</sup>According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

<sup>5</sup>Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

<sup>6</sup>To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

<sup>7</sup>In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

<sup>8</sup>Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

<sup>9</sup>Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

<sup>10</sup>That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

<sup>11</sup>In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated [foreordained] according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

<sup>12</sup>That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

<sup>13</sup>In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

<sup>14</sup>Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

## 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>21</sup>Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

<sup>22</sup>Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

## Revelation 12:10-11 The Passion Translation (TPT)

<sup>10</sup>Then I heard a triumphant voice in heaven proclaiming:

“Now salvation and power are set in place,  
and the kingdom reign of our God  
and the ruling authority of his Anointed One  
are established.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,  
who *relentlessly* accused them  
day and night before our God,  
has now been *defeated*—cast out once and for all!

<sup>11</sup>They conquered him completely  
through the blood of the Lamb  
and the powerful word of his testimony.<sup>[a]</sup>

*They triumphed because they did not love and cling  
to their own lives, even when faced with death.*

### Footnotes:

- a. **Revelation 12:11** As translated from the Aramaic. The Greek is “the word of their testimony.” It is the faithful testimony of Jesus that has the power to destroy the works of the devil.

## Hebrews 2:14-15 The Voice (VOICE)

<sup>14</sup>Since we, the children, are all creatures of flesh and blood, Jesus took on flesh and blood, so that by dying He could destroy the one who held power over death—the devil— <sup>15</sup>and destroy the fear of death that has always held people captive.

## Revelation 1:17-20 The Message (MSG)

<sup>17-20</sup>“Don’t fear: I am First, I am Last, I’m Alive. I died, but I came to life, and my life is now forever. See these keys in my hand? They open and lock Death’s doors, they open and lock Hell’s gates. Now write down everything you see: things that are, things about to be. The Seven Stars you saw in my right hand and the seven-branched gold menorah—do you want to know what’s behind them? The Seven Stars are the Angels of the seven churches; the menorah’s seven branches are the seven churches.”

## **When Did the Faith of God Reach You?**

Galatians 3:24-29 J.B. Phillips New Testament (PHILLIPS)

By faith we are rescued from the Law and become sons of God

<sup>23-25</sup> Before the coming of faith we were all imprisoned under the power of the Law, with our only hope of deliverance the faith that was to be shown to us. Or, to change the metaphor, the Law was like a strict governess in charge of us until we went to the school of Christ and learned to be justified by faith in him. Once we had that faith we were completely free from the governess’s authority.

<sup>26-29</sup> For now that you have faith in Christ you are all sons of God. All of you who were baptised “into” Christ have put on the family likeness of Christ. Gone is the distinction between Jew and Greek, slave and free man, male and female—you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, you are true descendants of Abraham, you are true heirs of his promise.

## **A well of water springing up**

John 4:6-30 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>6</sup>Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

<sup>8</sup>(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

<sup>9</sup>Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

<sup>11</sup>The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

<sup>12</sup>Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

<sup>13</sup>Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

<sup>14</sup>But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give 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.

<sup>15</sup>The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

<sup>16</sup>Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

<sup>17</sup>The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

<sup>18</sup>For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

<sup>19</sup>The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

<sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

<sup>22</sup>Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

<sup>23</sup>But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

<sup>24</sup>God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

<sup>25</sup>The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

<sup>26</sup>Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

<sup>27</sup>And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

<sup>28</sup>The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

<sup>29</sup>Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

<sup>30</sup>Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

#### John 4:14 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

<sup>14</sup>But whoever takes a drink of the water that I will give him shall never, no never, be thirsty any more. But the water that I will give him shall become a spring of water welling up (flowing, bubbling) [continually] within him unto (into, for) eternal life.



## **Out of Belly shall flow Living Waters**

John 7:37-39 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>37</sup>In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

<sup>38</sup>He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

<sup>39</sup>(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 7:38-39 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

<sup>38</sup>He who believes in Me [who cleaves to *and* trusts in *and* relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs *and* rivers of living water.

<sup>39</sup>But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor).

Acts 1:1-11 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>1</sup>The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

<sup>2</sup>Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

<sup>3</sup>To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

<sup>4</sup>And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

<sup>5</sup>For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

<sup>6</sup>When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

<sup>7</sup>And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

<sup>8</sup>But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

<sup>9</sup>And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup>And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

<sup>11</sup>Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

#### Acts 2:1-4 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

<sup>3</sup> And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

#### 1 Corinthians 12:2-4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, *you were* led off after speechless idols; however you were led off [whether by impulse or habit]. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to know that no one speaking by the [power and influence of the] Spirit of God can say, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is [my] Lord," except by [the power and influence of] the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are [distinctive] varieties of *spiritual* gifts [special abilities given by the grace and extraordinary power of the Holy Spirit operating in believers], but it is the same Spirit [who grants them and empowers believers].

1 Corinthians 15:57 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:14 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>14</sup>Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

1 Timothy 6:12 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

1 John 5:3-5 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

<sup>4</sup>For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

<sup>5</sup>Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Ephesians 6:16 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>16</sup>Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

## **Contradictions Removed from Script**

Matthew 21:33-43 Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

### The Parable of the Vineyard Owner

<sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner, who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. He leased it to tenant farmers and went away. <sup>34</sup>When the time came to harvest fruit, he sent his servants to the farmers to collect his fruit. <sup>35</sup>The farmers took his servants, beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup>Again, he sent other servants, more than the first group, and they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

<sup>38</sup>“But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?”

<sup>41</sup>“He will completely destroy those terrible men,” they told him, “and lease his vineyard to other farmers who will give him his fruit at the harvest.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

This is what the Lord has done

and it is wonderful in our eyes?

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruit.

### John 1:11-13 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>11</sup> He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

<sup>12</sup> But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

<sup>13</sup> Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:1-16 Contemporary English Version (CEV)

The Word of Life

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the one  
who is called the Word.

The Word was with God  
and was truly God.

<sup>2</sup> From the very beginning  
the Word was with God.

<sup>3</sup> And with this Word,  
God created all things.

Nothing was made  
without the Word.

Everything that was created  
<sup>4</sup> received its life from him,  
and his life gave light  
to everyone.

<sup>5</sup> The light keeps shining  
in the dark,  
and darkness has never  
put it out.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> God sent a man named John,

<sup>7</sup> who came to tell  
about the light  
and to lead all people  
to have faith.

<sup>8</sup> John wasn't that light.

He came only to tell  
about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that shines  
on everyone  
was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> The Word was in the world,  
but no one knew him,  
though God had made the world

with his Word.

<sup>11</sup>He came into his own world,  
but his own nation  
did not welcome him.

<sup>12</sup>Yet some people accepted him  
and put their faith in him.  
So he gave them the right  
to be the children of God.

<sup>13</sup>They were not God's children  
by nature  
or because  
of any human desires.  
God himself was the one  
who made them his children.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became  
a human being  
and lived here with us.  
We saw his true glory,  
the glory of the only Son  
of the Father.  
From him all the kindness  
and all the truth of God  
have come down to us.

<sup>15</sup>John spoke about him and shouted, "This is the one I told you would come!  
He is greater than I am, because he was alive before I was born."

<sup>16</sup>Because of all that the Son is, we have been given one blessing after  
another.<sup>[b]</sup>

**Footnotes:**

- a. [1.5](#) *put it out*. Or "understood it."
- b. [1.16](#) *one blessing after another*. Or "one blessing in place of another."

## Ephesians 1:5-12 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>5</sup>Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

<sup>6</sup>To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

<sup>7</sup>In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

<sup>8</sup>Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

<sup>9</sup>Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

<sup>10</sup>That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

<sup>11</sup>In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

<sup>12</sup>That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

## **Caliber of Life in Christ**

John 15:1-8 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Jesus the Living Vine

“I am a true sprouting vine, and the farmer who tends the vine is my Father. <sup>2</sup>He cares for the branches connected to me by lifting and propping up the fruitless branches<sup>[a]</sup> and pruning<sup>[b]</sup> every fruitful branch to yield a greater harvest. <sup>3</sup>The words I have spoken over you have already cleansed<sup>[c]</sup> you. <sup>4</sup>So you must remain in life-union with me,<sup>[d]</sup> for I remain in life-union with you. For as a branch severed from the vine will not bear fruit, so your life will be fruitless unless you live your life intimately joined to mine.

<sup>5</sup>“I am the sprouting vine and you’re my branches.<sup>[e]</sup> As you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you

live separated from me you are powerless. <sup>6</sup>If a person is separated from me, he is discarded; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire to be burned. <sup>7</sup>But if you live in life-union with me and if my words<sup>[a]</sup> live powerfully<sup>[a]</sup> within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done. <sup>8</sup>When your lives bear abundant fruit, you demonstrate that you are my mature disciples who glorify my Father!

**Footnotes:**

- a. [John 15:2](#) The Greek phrase can also be translated “he takes up [to himself] every fruitless branch.” He doesn’t remove these branches, but he takes them to himself. As the wise and loving farmer, he lifts them up off the ground to enhance their growth. In the context, Christ’s endless love for his disciples on the last night of his life on earth seems to emphasize God’s love even for those who fail and disappoint him. Peter’s denial didn’t bring rejection from Jesus.
- b. [John 15:2](#) The Greek word for “pruning,” *kathairo*, can also mean cleansing.
- c. [John 15:3](#) Or “pruned.”
- d. [John 15:4](#) Or “grafted into me.”
- e. [John 15:5](#) See [Isa. 4:2](#); [11:1-2](#); [Rev. 1:20](#). The branch of the Lord is now Christ living in his people, branching out through them. The church is now his lampstand with seven branches.
- f. [John 15:7](#) This is the Greek word *rhema*, which refers to the spoken words, or the sayings, of God.
- g. [John 15:7](#) The Aramaic is translated “my words take hold (are strong) within you.”

**Colossians 2:8-10 J.B. Phillips New Testament (PHILLIPS)**

<sup>8</sup>Be careful that nobody spoils your faith through intellectualism or high-sounding nonsense. Such stuff is at best founded on men’s ideas of the nature of the world and disregards Christ!

<sup>9-10</sup>Yet it is in him that God gives a full and complete expression of himself (within the physical limits that he set himself in Christ). Moreover, your own completeness is only realised in him, who is the authority over all authorities, and the supreme power over all powers.

**Condemnation Free**

**John 8:1-12 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

<sup>2</sup>And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

<sup>3</sup>And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,



<sup>4</sup>They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

<sup>5</sup>Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

<sup>6</sup>This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

<sup>7</sup>So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

<sup>8</sup>And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup>And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

<sup>11</sup>She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

<sup>12</sup>Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**John 8:31-36 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>31</sup>Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

<sup>32</sup>And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

<sup>33</sup>They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

<sup>35</sup>And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

<sup>36</sup>If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Luke 4:18-21 The Voice (VOICE)

<sup>18</sup>The Spirit of the Lord the Eternal One is on Me.

*Why?* Because the Eternal designated Me

to be His representative to the poor, to preach good news to them.

Luke's audience doesn't divide the world into sacred vs. secular or religious vs. political. For them, life is integrated. And for them, these "religious" words from Isaiah have a powerful and "political" meaning: because they see themselves as oppressed by the Roman occupation, Jesus' words suggest that His "good news" describes a powerful change about to come—a change that will rescue the people from their oppression. His fellow Jews have long been waiting for a savior to free them from Roman oppression. Jesus tells them their hopes are about to be fulfilled. But then, just as people speak well of Jesus, He lets them know their expectations aren't in line with God's plans. He tells them not to expect God to fit into their boxes and suggests the unthinkable: that God cares for the Gentiles, the very people who are oppressing them! They aren't too pleased by this.

He sent Me to tell those who are held captive that they can now be set free, and to tell the blind that they can now see.

He sent Me to liberate those held down by oppression.

<sup>19</sup>*In short, the Spirit is upon Me* to proclaim that now is the time; this is the jubilee season of the Eternal One's grace.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>20</sup>Jesus rolled up the scroll and returned it to the synagogue attendant. Then He sat down, *as a teacher would do*, and all in the synagogue focused their attention on Jesus, *waiting for Him to speak*. <sup>21</sup>He told them that these words from the Hebrew Scriptures were being fulfilled then and there, in their hearing.

## Romans 8:1-4 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

<sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

<sup>3</sup>For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

<sup>4</sup>That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

## Completion

### 1 Peter 2 (AMPC)

<sup>1</sup> So be done with every trace of wickedness (depravity [corruption], malignity [desire to do evil]) and all deceit and insincerity (pretense, hypocrisy) and grudges (envy, jealousy) and slander *and* evil speaking of every kind.

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies you should crave (thirst for, earnestly desire) the pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured *and* grow unto [completed] salvation,

<sup>3</sup> Since you have [already] tasted the goodness *and* kindness of the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> Come to Him [then, to that] Living Stone which men <sup>[a]</sup>tried *and* threw away, but which is chosen [and] precious in God's sight.

<sup>5</sup> [Come] and, like living stones, be yourselves built [into] a spiritual house, for a holy (dedicated, consecrated) priesthood, to offer up [those] spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable *and* pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup> For thus it stands in Scripture: Behold, I am laying in Zion a chosen (honored), precious chief Cornerstone, and he who believes in Him [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] shall never be disappointed *or* put to shame.

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe (who adhere to, trust in, and rely on Him) is the preciousness; but for those who disbelieve [it is true], The [very] Stone which the builders rejected has become the main Cornerstone,

<sup>8</sup>And, A Stone that will cause stumbling and a Rock that will give [men] offense; they stumble because they disobey *and* disbelieve [God's] Word, as those [who reject Him] were destined (appointed) to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own <sup>[d]</sup>purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds *and* display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people [at all], but now you are God's people; once you were unpitied, but now you are pitied *and* have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I implore you as aliens and strangers *and* exiles [in this world] to abstain from the sensual urges (the evil desires, the passions of the flesh, your lower nature) that wage war against the soul.

<sup>12</sup>Conduct yourselves properly (honorably, righteously) among the Gentiles, so that, although they may slander you as evildoers, [yet] they may by witnessing your good deeds [come to] glorify God in the day of inspection [<sup>[e]</sup>when God shall look upon you wanderers as a pastor or shepherd looks over his flock].

<sup>13</sup>Be submissive to every human institution *and* authority for the sake of the Lord, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,

<sup>14</sup>Or to governors as sent by him to bring vengeance (punishment, justice) to those who do wrong and to encourage those who do good service.

<sup>15</sup>For it is God's will *and* intention that by doing right [your good and honest lives] should silence (muzzle, gag) the ignorant charges *and* ill-informed criticisms of foolish persons.

<sup>16</sup>[Live] as free people, [yet] without employing your freedom as a pretext for wickedness; but [live at all times] as servants of God.

<sup>17</sup>Show respect for all men [treat them honorably]. Love the brotherhood (the Christian fraternity of which Christ is the Head). Reverence God. Honor the emperor.

<sup>18</sup>[You who are] household servants, be submissive to your masters with all [proper] respect, not only to those who are kind and considerate *and* reasonable, but also to those who are surly (overbearing, unjust, and crooked).

<sup>19</sup>For one is regarded favorably (is approved, acceptable, and thankworthy) if, as in the sight of God, he endures the pain of unjust suffering.

<sup>20</sup>[After all] what <sup>[a]</sup>kind of glory [is there in it] if, when you do wrong and are punished for it, you take it patiently? But if you bear patiently with suffering [which results] when you do right *and* that is undeserved, it is acceptable *and* pleasing to God.

<sup>21</sup>For even to this were you called [it is inseparable from your vocation]. For Christ also suffered for you, leaving you [His personal] example, so that you should follow in His footsteps.

<sup>22</sup>He was guilty of no sin, neither was deceit (guile) ever found on His lips.

<sup>23</sup>When He was reviled *and* insulted, He did not revile *or* offer insult in return; [when] He was abused *and* suffered, He made no threats [of vengeance]; but he trusted [Himself and everything] to Him Who judges fairly.

<sup>24</sup>He personally bore our sins in His [own] body on the tree <sup>[a]</sup>[as on an altar and offered Himself on it], that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

<sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like [so many] sheep, but now you have come back to the Shepherd and Guardian (the Bishop) of your souls.

Psalm 118:21:26 (KJV)

<sup>21</sup>I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Psalm 118:1-25 The Message (MSG)

<sup>1-4</sup>Thank GOD because he's good,  
because his love never quits.

Tell the world, Israel,  
"His love never quits."

And you, clan of Aaron, tell the world,  
"His love never quits."

And you who fear GOD, join in,  
"His love never quits."

<sup>5-16</sup>Pushed to the wall, I called to GOD;  
from the wide open spaces, he answered.

GOD's now at my side and I'm not afraid;  
who would dare lay a hand on me?

GOD's my strong champion;  
I flick off my enemies like flies.

Far better to take refuge in GOD  
than trust in people;

Far better to take refuge in GOD  
than trust in celebrities.

Hemmed in by barbarians,  
in GOD's name I rubbed their faces in the dirt;

Hemmed in and with no way out,  
in GOD's name I rubbed their faces in the dirt;

Like swarming bees, like wild prairie fire, they hemmed me in;

in GOD's name I rubbed their faces in the dirt.  
I was right on the cliff-edge, ready to fall,  
when GOD grabbed and held me.  
GOD's my strength, he's also my song,  
and now he's my salvation.  
Hear the shouts, hear the triumph songs  
in the camp of the saved?  
"The hand of GOD has turned the tide!  
The hand of GOD is raised in victory!  
The hand of GOD has turned the tide!"

<sup>17-20</sup> I didn't die. I *lived!*

And now I'm telling the world what GOD did.  
GOD tested me, he pushed me hard,  
but he didn't hand me over to Death.  
Swing wide the city gates—the *righteous* gates!  
I'll walk right through and thank GOD!  
This Temple Gate belongs to GOD,  
so the victors can enter and praise.

<sup>21-25</sup> Thank you for responding to me;  
you've truly become my salvation!  
The stone the masons discarded as flawed  
is now the capstone!  
This is GOD's work.  
We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it!  
This is the very day GOD acted—  
let's celebrate and be festive!  
Salvation now, GOD. Salvation now!  
Oh yes, GOD—a free and full life!

Ephesians 2:7-10 The Message (MSG)

<sup>7-10</sup> Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd

probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.