

"you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill."

John 6:26

3. OUR NEW LIFE IS A GIFT FROM GOD.

"The birth of a child of God is not a natural birth; it is a supernatural work of God in regeneration. A person welcomes Jesus and responds in faith and obedience to Him, but the mysterious work of the Holy Spirit is "the cause" of regeneration."

The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures

"Then he (Ananias) said: 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'

Acts 22:14

"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

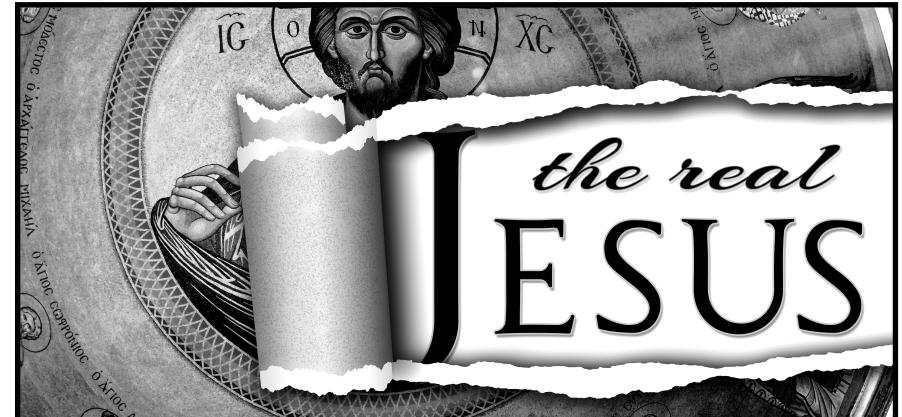
John 20:21-22

"Receiving and believing have a personal object - Jesus Christ. The object of our faith is not a system, tradition, or organization."

Life Application Bible Commentary

"Who do you say that I am?"

Matthew 16:15



John 1:6-13 - Part 2 - New Life

"...these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

John 20:31

⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

[The Holy Bible: New International Version. \(1984\)](#)

"Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed."

John 3:19-20

"And this is the lesson of Ananias that I have applied to my life. Small acts of obedience that are premised on the Word of God, even when they seem contrary to reason, and even when they seem to challenge what seems so plain, can have great significance."

Tim Challies

1. APART FROM JESUS, WE ARE ALL SPIRITUALLY DEAD.

"Men without Christ are death walking."

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"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. It is by grace you have been saved."

Ephesians 2:1-5

"Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again."

Acts 9:18

"Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God."

Acts 9:19-20

2. IN JESUS, WE HAVE NEW LIFE THROUGH A NEW BIRTH.

"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God."

CS Lewis

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."

Galatians 3:26

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our Spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ."

Romans 8:16-17

"Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not continue in the house for ever; the son continues for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Romans 8:34-36

"It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed... Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:10,12