



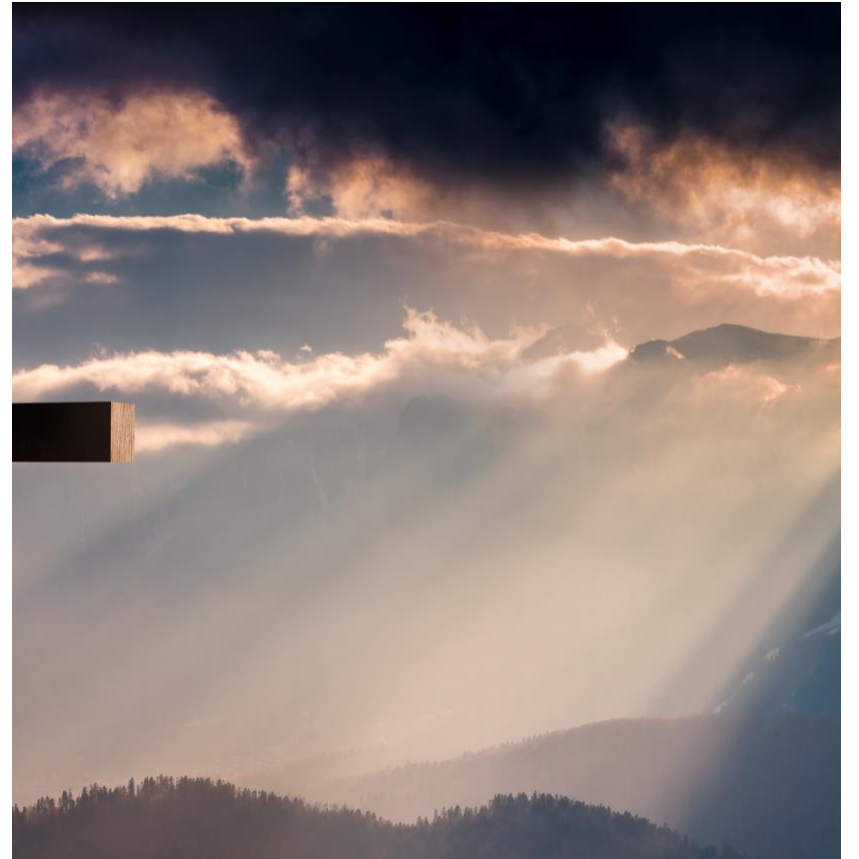
# Following JESUS Series

Pt 10 – The CROSS

# Introduction...

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- The main reason for the study tonight is a burden by the Spirit for the TRUE Christians to begin to emerge on the Earth.
- We are in the last of the LAST DAYS, so it has become imperative for us to discern the seriousness of the HOUR!
- We have been blessed with the gift of ETERNAL LIFE!
- We need to fully understand what we have been given and begin to manifest the nature of God everywhere we go



# Introduction...

- *12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*
- *13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12*
- Tonight, we explore what Jesus did for us at the CROSS. We are revisiting a study we did last year. So, we will explore this a bit further in this study.



# Jesus Encounter...

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- When you meet Jesus something amazing happens to you:
- YOU COME ALIVE!!
- *“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.  
John 7:38*
- When you meet Jesus and believe in Him, you are renewed spiritually.



# Jesus Encounter...

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- When you accept Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, you receive a **new identity**. You are no longer defined by your past sins but by your relationship with Christ.
- *2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*
- *Romans 6:6-7 states, "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin."*



# Jesus Encounters...

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- *There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him,*
- *“Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”*
- *<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*
- *<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”*
- *<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*
- *<sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that **which is born of the Spirit is spirit.***
- *John 3:1-6*



# Jesus Encounters..

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- Through the cross, believers receive the Holy Spirit, who empowers them to live righteously.
- The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, guides in truth, and provides strength to resist temptation.
- *Galatians 5:16 says, "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."*
- Romans 8:11 explains, "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you."



# Jesus Encounters..

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- The cross signifies not only Jesus' death but also His resurrection, symbolizing victory over sin and death. Believers are united with Christ in both His death and resurrection.
- *Romans 6:4 states, "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."*
- Colossians 3:1-3 reminds us, "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."





# Jesus Encounters..

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- <sup>13</sup> *Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,*
- <sup>14</sup> *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.**”  
John 4:13-14*





## SPIRIT...

- *<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth;*
- *for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> **God is Spirit**, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*  
*John 4:24*
- Those who come to Jesus come in contact with the essence of LIFE. He emanates LIFE and dispenses LIFE to all who believe in Him.
- If God is SPIRIT, then those who are Born of God are SPIRIT too.

# SPIRIT...

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- <sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
- <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*.

*Ezekiel 36:26*



# SPIRIT...

- In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also,
- having believed, you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit** of promise,



# ALIVE...

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



# Jesus Encounters...

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- Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying.
- And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard, Me. <sup>42</sup> And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me.”
- <sup>43</sup> Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice,
- “**Lazarus, come forth!**”
- <sup>44</sup> **And he who had died came out** bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”  
John 11:40-44



# LIFE...

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- Followers of Jesus are followers of Life.
- The Life of God is in them not just as living forever but the QUALITY of Life is that which exudes from God
- This reality will be explored more in the Epistles of Paul
- Jesus is the essence of LIFE.



# LIFE

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- I am the Way the Truth and the LIFE....  
Jn 14:6





# LIFE...

- It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing.
- The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.  
John 6:63





# LIFE

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

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# LIFE...

- For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.  
Jn 5:21



# JESUS...LIFE

- *Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.*
- *<sup>12</sup> And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.*
- *<sup>13</sup> When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."*
- *<sup>14</sup> Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."*
- *<sup>15</sup> So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.*





## LIFE...

- “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.**

Jn 5:25



## LIFE...

- “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and **gives life** to the world.
- “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;
- and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for **the life** of the world.”  
Jn 6:33,51



- Jesus said to her,
- **“I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.
- <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”  
John 11:25,26



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