

Lessons from the Gospel of John (25): A Brief Overview of the Gospel of John

Bible reading

The following are a few key verses from the Gospel of John showing the central matter of life and building.

John 6:51

I am the living bread which came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread which I will give is My flesh, given for the life of the world.

John 10:10b

I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

John 14:2

In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

John 17:21

That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

Bible study reading

Please prayerfully read through the following portions of ministry.

This Gospel reveals two main points: one, that the Lord comes to be our life; two, that the Lord will build us together in oneness with Himself and with God. As we have already mentioned, the two most important words in this Gospel are *life* and *building*. The word *building* is clearly referred to in chapter two, for there we are told that the Lord will build up the temple, the house of God, in three days (v. 19). Then in chapter seventeen the Lord prayed that those who take the Lord as life may be one in the Triune God (vv. 21-23). This oneness in the Triune God is the spiritual building. When we take the Lord as life, the Lord as the Spirit will build us together as one in the Triune God. Life and building, the central thought of this Gospel, are two items which must definitely be remembered. As we have pointed out, this Gospel is divided into two main parts. The first part shows the Lord's coming, and the second part shows the Lord's going. The Lord's coming brings God into us by incarnation, and the Lord's going brings us into God through His death and resurrection. By the Lord's coming we take Him as life, and by His going He builds us into God. (For further reading, please [click here](#))

Lee, Witness. *Life-study of John*. Anaheim: Living Stream Ministry, 1985

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Conclusion

We hope you have enjoyed this series on the Gospel of John. In lessons 1-10 we saw how Christ as the divine life can meet the need of man's every case. Lessons 11-22 revealed the second main point of how this life is for the building of God's eternal habitation. In a simple way the Gospel of John may be summarised by the words *life* and *building*.

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