

# The Most Important Verses in the Bible

## Part 2

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### The Third Most Important Verse in the Bible

#### 3. John 7:37-39

**On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive...**

Not only are we designed to contain all of God, but we are also designed to release God Himself, through His Spirit, as a river of life flowing out of our hearts setting all creation free, blessing, healing, and bringing life and joy to all.

But here’s the deal. **God is love.** That means He never violates our person. God flowing out of us ALWAYS is subject to us: God and us together. We are always the gates through whom the King of Glory rides.

Subdue all things. This is the task of man given to him by God. But man attempting to accomplish this task apart from God brings only curse and ruin. At the same time, God Himself cannot do this task because God cannot sin. Sin is treating another with disrespect, pushing people around, violating the dignity and right of their person as God’s image.

There is one way only by which subdue all things can happen – **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.** God and man together – God and man together make all things good.

Jesus spoke these words on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles. The last day of that Feast in Israel’s religious year typifies the final moment of this age when God inhabits His fully formed body, His temple, with all of His glory, when our bodies cannot stay as they are and are transformed, swallowed up by Life. It typifies the gathering together of God’s people as one in love.

Just before Jesus spoke, one priest had entered the outer court of the temple bearing a cup of water from the pool of Siloam. Another priest had come out of the temple bearing a cup of wine. The two together stood above the altar of sacrifice, the cups held high in the air, waiting to be poured out together. As the two priests approached the altar, all the people filling the courtyard waved palm branches, beating them upon the ground, and shouting at the top of their lungs, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.” But as the priests raised the cups, the shouting turned to “Higher, higher, higher.” All Israel demanded to see the wine and the water poured out together.

Then, without any human cue, everyone went quiet. The wine and the water must be poured out in total silence. For a moment not a sound was heard from anywhere.

Into that pregnant silence, as the poured-out wine swirled together with the poured-out water, Jesus cried at the very top of His lungs: **“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”**

His words penetrated and stunned all. They knew what He meant; they knew it was “blasphemy.”

The river of life from the throne of God flows out of our bellies, out of our hearts, out of our innermost beings. God Himself limiting Himself to that sending forth that comes entirely out of you and me. God Himself going out from us to touch, to heal, to set free, to bring life and joy to all.

How thirsty are you?

**And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.** Revelation 22:1-2

The throne of God, the Mercy Seat, our very hearts, the River of God released. That river of God Himself flowing entirely out of us is the only thing that will subdue all creation, bringing all things into the love and joy of God. God and us together make all things good.

**Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.** John 12:12-14

The question remains and must be answered. We alone will give the answer. How thirsty are we? God fills us. He wants us to comprehend, to know, to seize hold of, to experience, the depth and height and length to which God reaches in us.

**The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost.**

Christ our life is come **to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to bring liberty to the captive, that is to bring deliverance to those afflicted by demons, to those who are addicted, to bring sight to those who are blind, both spiritual and physical blindness. To bring liberty to the oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.** Luke 4

We are Jesus' body, as God continues Jesus' ministry through us. We meet people's needs. If someone needs healing, we heal; if someone needs salvation, we lead them to Jesus; if someone needs protection, we cover them with grace; if someone needs provision, we give.

How do I meet needs without power? The power of the river of life from God flows out of me at all times and in every direction.

My calling, my purpose, why God put me on this earth, is to be the release of God. I believe in Jesus; I expect rivers of living water to flow out of me at all times. This is my inheritance. The river of life from the throne of God flows out of me into every hurting place in this world bringing the life and salvation of God.

But is this reality NOW, or is it waiting for some future day when we have accomplished something or other that gets God to do what God seems so "reluctant" to do? Almost all Christianity believes only "some day."

**Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out, shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.** Romans 5:5

Believe it! Your heart is right now filled with all the Love of God out-poured and overflowing. Do you "feel" that it is? Do you "see" that it is? Not much! The decision we MUST make, a decision that all make, is whether God is telling the truth or whether He lies. I have begun to suspect that God speaks the truth even against all outward appearance.

Because you see, in complete conjunction with God flowing out of us as rivers of living water, this capacity God designed us to be, to release God Himself in Person into His creation that He might be known and touched and handled by all, this quality of God out-flowing moves in complete conjunction with that other great task, the task given to the Son, the Champion of God, the One who lives in all ways in our hearts, to PROVE God TRUE against all accusation and deceit.

## The Fourth Most Important Verse in the Bible

### 4. Revelation 12:10-11

Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

The action verb, “**overcome**,” is the central action of the universe and the action of God through us. We understand everything only by “**overcome**.” God uses other words as well, subdue, make subject, conquer.

The commission God gave man from the beginning was to subdue all things, to bring all things under his feet. But we can do that only by the rivers of living water flowing out of our bellies.

Without an enemy, there is no story. God placed, at the center of His story, the very enemy that would most oppose God’s hero, Christ - “**Did God indeed say?**” God placed that precise enemy there for the sole purpose of revealing Christ to all.

All contradiction in the universe, all evil and death come as a result of the first four words of the serpent. “**Did God indeed say?**” They don’t come “from” those words because they are no-things. Rather evil and death are known as the result of any hearer giving heed to those serpent words. The result of hearing those words IS that God goes quiet to the hearer.

All darkness, sin, hurt, and death are the result of the seeming silence of God, the “absence” of Jesus, the emptiness of a man created to contain God, but absent of God, a heart of daring boldness, created for Omnipotence, but absent of Christ.

Every form of “**Did God really say that?**” is a savage blow struck against the Lord Jesus, against the very heart of God. If I say, “**Be perfect, just as our heavenly Father is perfect,**” how many would say, “*You don’t really believe that, do you?*” **NOT ON THIS EARTH! NOT IN HUMAN FLESH!**

It’s not a good idea to treat Jesus in that way. We are free to do so, yes; God does not defend Himself. But I think 6000 years of sorrow and death are enough to prove that attempting to silence God is not the thing to do.

The accuser accuses God. All other accusation flows out of that one accusation. “*God, You LIE!*”

God Himself set the accuser in his place; God set the serpent word against Christ for purpose and for glory.

We set against the words of the serpent the most important words spoken aloud by any human upon this planet, save Jesus. Let these words be the constant refrain in your mind, ever present upon your lips, shouted out with your voice box every time you read anything God says in the Bible.

“**Behold, I am Your servant, let it be to me according to Your word.**” Mary, when told she contained God Himself and that God would come forth from her body into this earth. Mary, at the very moment Christ was conceived inside of her.

**LOOK AT ME, God, I belong to You!!!**

Let every Word You speak, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
Be fulfilled in all ways in all of my life in all of its meaning,  
Right here on this earth, right now in this age – IN ME!

**God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.**

Here is a paraphrase of the fourth most important verse in the Bible.

The Salvation and Kingdom of God are come now, the full Power of Christ revealed is known now upon this planet as the accuser, claiming that God lies, the accusation standing hostile against every believer in Jesus, “Not

here, not now, not you,” has been cast down by a people who know that what God says is true. And they overcame that accuser by the Blood of the Lamb-Slain always flowing over them. They overcame that accuser by speaking Christ, “Christ is ALL there is in me; I am alive unto God.” They overcame that accuser by abandoning all sense of self, all idea that they are anything other than the One life of Jesus filling them full. They replace the human psychosis, double hearted, doubled minded, with the One death of Christ; they are alive unto God.

Why? We must accept that God Himself sets this great contest, the lie of the serpent against the Word of Christ, from the very beginning. God sets this great contest all the way through.

**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.** Romans 12:1-2

God intends to prove His will, to prove Christ, to prove Himself IN our bodies.

**Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.** Matthew 5:10

God intends to prove His will, to prove Christ, to prove Himself right here on this earth.

**That the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.** 2 Corinthians 4:11

God intends to prove His will, to prove Christ, to prove Himself IN our human, dying FLESH.

**For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God...** 2 Corinthians 5:4-5

God intends to prove Himself by the very defeat of death, our physical bodies swallowed up by life. Those who would attempt to remove “the battle” from our present Christian experience are attempting to remove the determination and proving of God. Their ideas will be forgotten.

There is no civil war inside of me. I am at peace with God; His will and my will are the same. God proves Himself in my body. My enemy is outside of me, this one who always attempts to silence God. I do not hear him; I hear only what God says about Christ my ONLY life.

**You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is IN you is greater than he who is in the world.** 1 John 4:4

We are created to cast down every voice that opposes the Word God speaks. That quality of our makeup always moves in full conjunction with the rivers of living water – God in Person, flowing out of us.

But let’s look more closely at the how. How, Lord, do we overcome?

**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**

This is not three things, but one thing carried at every step by two. Sandwiched between the two aspects of the Lamb is you and me, speaking Christ our only life, the word of our testimony. Yet we stumble and fall.

There in one hand we are carried utterly inside the Lamb, His blood always cleansing us. Nothing we are is found anywhere else, especially our sin and our shame.

And there in the other hand we are carried utterly by the Lamb having become us. His death IS our death; His life IS our life. Everything we find inside ourselves and inside our way is He.

And thus, carried utterly by the Lamb, we speak Christ our only life.

By this means alone the accuser is cast down, the enemy of Christ. And by this means God has chosen to

reveal Christ to all the universe.

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The first four most important verses in the Bible all answer the question – WHY? The next three most important verses in the Bible answer the question – HOW? How does the beyond-all-belief wonder of the purpose of God for us become real and complete in our lives right here on this earth? How does it happen?

We must ask the question – How? because God wrote the next three most important verses specifically to answer that question. The first four most important verses show us the determination of God to fill man with all of Himself and to flow out from man setting all creation free. The next three most important verses are the salvation verses, the verses that enable us to be all that God intends.

You see, the whole picture of our entering into God, of our seeking and knowing God, of our walking the path by which we are led into life, that picture is from the earthly point of view. We see that way as babes in Christ, growing up into Him. But there comes a point in our knowing of God that the whole picture reverses. We discover that it never was us going into God, not really. From the very beginning this whole thing is about God Himself winning for Himself a body, both a spirit body and a physical body in one, man, so that God in Person can be known and seen and touched by His entire creation, most of which has not yet come into being.

Yes, we read the next set of three most important verses in the Bible as how we come to know this incredible God who fills us with all of Himself. And we must walk this path. But the further we are led in this way, the less we see ourselves “going into” God and the more we see God in Person going out into all of His creation through us.

## The Fifth Most Important Verse in the Bible

### 5. Galatians 2:20

**I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.**

All redemption, the way that leads to life begins here. Let's bring in two companion verses first in order to set the context of this incredibly vital verse, the only entrance into knowing God.

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God...** 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

**Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.** Romans 6:11

Could I be honest with you? I have never heard any preacher of "obedience to what God speaks," ever obey Romans 6:11.

Reckon, put to your account, speak, SHOUT! I AM dead to sin INDEED, that means, utterly and completely! I AM ALIVE unto God, utterly and completely!!!

To be dead to sin is to be disconnected from all sin, to be incorruptible. God alone is incorruptible. "Dead to sin" is real only as the Person of God Himself fills me full. I AM alive unto God. Those who choose to believe they cannot be filled with all of God until after they "stop" sinning will never know Him. They cannot; they do not believe that God speaks the truth. They don't understand that the absence of God IS sin. The presence of God alone causes sin to cease.

Call those things that "be not" as though they are.

Let's put this entrance into salvation verse into our own words.

I AM fully crucified with Christ, but I am still alive – alive unto God, only it's not me, it's Christ, only it is me, the me brand-new alive unto God. And the life I live in this present body of flesh, flesh of God's flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who fills my heart full.

Everything inside of me is brand new; everything in me and in my way is of God.

Those who face sin to defeat it will never stop sinning. Give them a million years, and they will never "die." Those who face God abandon all consciousness of "sin." They don't know it because God fills their eyes.

Three words in this verse we must KNOW. Those three words are the word "am/have been," the word "flesh," and the word "faith."

Let's start with faith. Faith is very definite and specific. Faith is neither "blind" nor wishy washy. Faith does not grasp for murky vagueness. First, the faith that fills our hearts is Jesus Himself, the faith of the Son of God. Second, faith is specific to the word God speaks. Faith connects directly with the specific things God says.

Every word from God comes into our lives as a seed. Inside that word, "**Let there be light**" is the power to create in us ALL that is in that word, "**and there was light.**" Yet as a seed, that word cannot bring forth the life that is in it apart from faith. God never pushes anyone around. He never does anything with us, in us, or through us apart from our active and willing participation – faith. Faith is that quality of the Lord Jesus filling our hearts that says, "**Be it unto me according to Your word.**"

Then faith holds without wavering to the absolute certainty that what God says is true. And faith holds to that certainty without regarding the human condition, the human body, the sight of the eyes, or the feelings of the emotions. Faith is not "blind"; faith sees God in TOTAL disregard to outward appearance.

But faith as "believing" only is not yet complete. Faith sees God, yes, but then faith DOES something. Faith

speaks; faith speaks what God speaks against all other voices.

God says, **“You ARE crucified with Christ.”** “Have been” is actually stronger than “ARE.” Yes, “ARE” is the absolute state of reality, but “have been” is present perfect tense, something that began in the past but is made perfect in the present moment. Thus “have been” roots the absolute “are” fully in the Son of God who gave Himself for us, fully in the one death of Christ.

**Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. – One sacrifice for sins forever.**

There is only one death; there is no other death. Either that one death IS our death or we are without hope.

Now, here is how faith works.

God says, **“You ARE crucified with Christ.”** The serpent says, *“Look at yourself. Can you honestly say that you are dead to sin. Come on. What a joke! Look at you. God didn’t really say, “ARE,” did He? No, He meant to say, “You have to die.” Get with it, loser, die to your flesh. Ha, you never will, but you’d better try in all misery and self-righteous pretending.”*

But faith refuses to look at the human in present outward appearance. How can we look at the human by outward appearance when we are filled with all of God and when God Himself flows out of us as rivers of living water? Unbelief is not too bright.

Faith speaks what God speaks. “I am dead. Good, that’s over with. It is finished. I AM alive unto God, the One who fills me full and who flows out from me mightily. Wow! That’s forever, and it is here, it is now, it is me.”

But hidden inside Galatians 2:20 is the most precious truth in the Bible. Do you see Him there, planted in your flesh?

Let’s bring in three more companion verses that show us this hidden reality, this most precious thing.

**Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.** John 12:24

**Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.** 1 John 4:17

**For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.... and the two shall become one flesh.” ...I speak concerning Christ and the church.** Ephesians 5:29-32

We understand Jesus’ words in John 12, that He was speaking of no literal “death.” A seed does not “die” when it enters into the earth, rather it takes on a different appearance. The seed becomes the plant, the very plant that will produce many more seeds identical to the first.

Christ and I are one flesh. Christ became me. It’s no longer I who lives, but Christ. Yet I remain me, for Christ Himself lives as me in this world. He is what I find myself to be.

I am the flesh of God.

If I am sick, God is sick; if I stumble and fall, God stumbles and falls. If I am crippled, God is crippled. If I suffer, God suffers. In all things God and I are one flesh. I am the flesh of God. If I sin, God does not sin; He does not know it. Yet all my sin is inside of Jesus dead upon the cross. All my sin God cannot remember; He does not know it.

Some imagine that salvation is somehow up to them, to their own doing “what God says.” How a Christian can think such a thing I do not know, but many do. Some of those become entirely a pretence, an outward show with no substance, judging and being judged; others become weary and heavy laden, just the way God wants them to be, just before they discover Christ.

I am so glad that Jesus is Salvation, that He carries me, that He has become all that I am.

Now, there is a curious reaction from so many Christians to the idea that Christ Jesus has taken ourself upon Himself and that He is now living as us in this world, that Christ is our only self.

Jesus said: **He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.** John 12:25

That word, “life,” is the soul, the self. He said, if we love to have our own “self” in this world, then we will lose everything. But if we are willing to abandon our “self”, then we will keep our true self – that is we will “know Jesus-Sent” (eternal life).

So you would think that, upon showing a believer in Jesus that we are free to gleefully abandon any thought of our own “self” in this world because Christ Jesus has become our very and only self, that we know life by abiding only in Him, they would leap for joy at this wonderful opportunity found in Salvation – we are saved by His life, by His Self.

But no! So many hold the incredible idea that if we lose our “self” by knowing Christ as our only Self, then we will lose this “self” that Jesus tells us we must “always be getting rid of” and therefore, we would never be able someday to know Christ!

Go figure!

Yet it is true that, if I were to regard the serpent, if I were to look at myself by outward appearance, I would most certainly find God to be a liar. There is every outward human reason to find God a liar.

What God says is true. Christ IS our life; we have no other life. Christ IS our only life.

**The life of Jesus *apocalypsed* in our mortal flesh.**