

Joh 1:6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.

Joh 1:19-29 Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. (20) He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Christ." (21) They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." (22) Finally, they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" (23) John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" (24) Now some Pharisees who had been sent (25) questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" (26) "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. (27) He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." (28) This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. (29) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

John had baptized Christ about six weeks before this and since then Jesus had been in the wilderness for 40 days and had been tempted by Satan. Apparently, Jesus walks into a situation where John the Baptist is in the process of baptizing people. John looks at him, and in verse 28 of this translation, says, "Look, the Lamb of God---." But he really says, "**Behold**" in such a way as with an exclamation mark. In other words, "Look! The son of God!" It is as if I were standing here preaching and said, look! you would all turn around to see what was behind you, thinking that the place was on fire or whatever. That is what they did. He said to them, *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.* This word for lamb is only used four times in the New Testament, and it means sacrificial lamb. It does not mean just any old lamb. So, he is saying "*the sacrificial lamb.*" It is also used in verse 36 of this chapter, as well as in Acts 8:32. Phillip had been transported to where the Ethiopian eunuch was, and he goes up to the Ethiopian, and hears him reading from the book of Isaiah the Old Testament prophet. The eunuch was returning home to Ethiopia, after worshipping God in Jerusalem. Phillip goes up to him and says, "Do you understand what you're reading?" The eunuch replies:

Act 8:31-32 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Phillip to come up and sit with him. (32) This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Peter uses it in *1 Peter 1:18-19* *For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

That is exactly what John meant when he said, *Joh 1:29-31* ---- *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (30) This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' (31) I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."*

Notice that he refers to Christ's eternal past in verse 30 (*he was before me*). And then he says, *"I did not know him!"* What is with that? Jesus was John's first cousin; he should have known him! What he is saying, is that He (John) knew Jesus as his first cousin but did not know him as the Lamb of God.

That tells us a few things. First, Jesus was not a celebrity child. One rumo (most of them come from Roman Catholicism), was that he made doves out of clay and when he would touch them they would fly off. That is crazy. He was just a normal child, only he was perfect. I guess that makes him quite a bit different. Different than my children were anyway. Not my grandchildren, just my children.

Secondly, there were not very many men the age of Christ and John the Baptist. Most of them had been killed. *Mat 2:16-18* *When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. (17) Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: (18) "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."*

Joh 1:32-34 *Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. (33) And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' (34) I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."*

Again, I want to say, John, and Jesus were cousins. John was about six months older than Jesus, but he did not recognize him as the Christ child, the Messiah. However, when the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus, he recognized Jesus for who he was. That happened at the baptism, which was about six weeks earlier. Notice what he says in verse 33: *I baptize you with water, but he's going to baptize you with the Holy Spirit.* It's

one thing to have a symbolism of what Christ does for you. It is another thing altogether to have the real thing.

I hope you understand that baptism does not save anyone. The Jews understood baptism to be a representation of washing away their sins. We baptize people as a testimony to the fact that we participate in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are people out here today who believe and put so much significance on water baptism, that they literally believe you are not saved if you have not been dipped in water. Ephesians 4:5 says there is only one baptism on the spiritual side of the ledger. The neat thing that John is bringing up is something that they did not understand, it was something that was given to John by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are all going to be baptized into the into the body of Jesus Christ, His Church. There is one faith, one Lord, one baptism, that is all. And it is not the water baptism. It's the one talked about in First Corinthians chapter 12:13. *For we were **all** baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—.* We are all, we are **all**, **all** baptized into the body of Christ, by His Holy Spirit. And so, it says in verse 33, again, *“And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ (34) I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”*

Christ has been portrayed in three different ways.

1. The Messiah

The next day, John the Baptist was there again with two of his disciples (Andrew and John, the writer of this book.) When he saw Jesus passing by, he said *“Behold the Lamb of God”.*

Joh 1:21-23 *And so they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” And he *said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” (22) Then they said to him, “Who are you? Tell us, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” (23) He said, “I am THE VOICE OF ONE CALLING OUT IN HE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE THE WAY OF THE LORD STRAIGHT,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.”*

John 1:27 *“It is He who comes after me,”*

They understood that John was saying that Jesus is the Messiah, because they understood Old Testament prophecy.

2. The Son of God.

Joh 1:34 *“And I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.”*

3. The one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit

Joh 1:33 *--- ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’*

Then he presents him one more way. And this is so profound and it is profound beyond belief. Verse 36, *When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"* The greatest thought you are ever going to have is that God commanded his love toward us while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. You are never going to beat that. You're never going to have a higher thought than that, or a loftier thought, Christ died for you while you were a sinner. And so he says in verse 29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Now, I want you to listen to something and you can check it out for yourself. When you hear people in the media, hear people on television, hear people of prominence, talk about Jesus Christ, they will talk about him being a great teacher, they will talk about him being a great example. They will talk about him being a fantastic philosopher. They will talk about him being a moralist, but they will never talk about him being the lamb. Because when you talk about Jesus Christ as being the lamb, what you're saying is, I need a sacrificial lamb. I need a savior. And men will talk about Christ being all kinds of things, but they're not going to talk about him being a lamb, because they don't want to say, I'm a sinner in need of someone to pay for my sin. That's the difference between the way the world sees him and the way he we see him., it was such a huge thing that John the Baptist was saying about Christ. It took them back to Genesis, chapter 22. Listen to this in verse one..

Gen 22:1-2 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. (2) Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Isaac, by the way, was not his only son. Have you ever thought about that? He already had a son who was 14 years old, 14 years older than Isaac. But God said your son, your only son? Why would he say that? It was because he didn't count Ishmael. God had promised, I'm going to give you a son, in a supernatural way. Abraham and Sarah began to think about it and Sara asked Abraham, "Why don't you marry Hagar and have a son through her and I'll adopt him?" Abraham said, "Okay." So, through human effort, a son was born. God never recognized him as Abraham's son. He said, *You take your son, your **only** son.*

Gen 22:6-8 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, (7) Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" (8) Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together

Isaac had no idea at that time that he was going to be the offering that his father would make. We his son was a grown man and Abraham was an old man, but Isaac allowed him to tie him up. Abraham tied him up and put him on the altar. He rared back with a knife and he was going to kill him with one swing, but God stopped him. It says in *Gen 22:13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its*

horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Isn't that amazing? God will supply a lamb. But listen, that's not what he supplied that day. He supplied a ram, he didn't supply a lamb. That's not what Abraham was talking about. I want to go back to [Gen 22:6-8](#) *Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, (7) Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" (8) Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."*

Behold, the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. In John the Baptist's day, at that point in time, there stood in their presence, the Lamb Abraham had talked about hundreds and hundreds of years before. If we went over to John 8:56 we would find that, Jesus said, *Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."*

They (Pharisees) said, What are you talking about? You're not even 50 years old. How can Abraham see your day? Abraham saw his day. God himself will provide a lamb. At that moment, those men were standing in the presence of the Lamb of God.

[Heb 10:1](#) *The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.*

Because they had offered lambs, they had offered rams, they had offered oxen, they had offered pigeons and doves, they had offered all these clean animals to God as sacrifices. All of them were pointing to one source, to one person. They were all a pointer indicating Jesus Christ, was the Lamb of God, and nothing else will do. I want you to listen to the monotony of [Heb 10:11-14](#) *Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. (12) But when this priest (talking about Christ), had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. (13) Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, (14) because by one sacrifice he has made perfect **forever** those who are being made holy.*

When someone thinks that there is some other way they can get to God, they are in serious trouble. When they think there is another name other than the name of Jesus, they're in serious trouble. The apostle Paul and Silas were in Philippi and while they were there a woman who was demon possessed began to follow them around. It says in our Bibles, that she kept shouting, *"These men are servants of the Most High God,*

who are telling you the way to be saved." Paul became so irritated, he turned around and he said, *"In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to come out of her."* She was demon possessed. Why would he do that? Why would he be so upset that a woman was helping him preach the gospel? It was because she was **not** helping him preach the gospel. In the Greek language, when you talk about something specific, you say it, and you use a definite article, there are definite articles like "the" "that" or "which." In English, we have indefinite articles, like a, "a way of salvation. In a Greek, there is no indefinite article. So, if you leave the definite article out, it means something big. What it means is that the woman was saying, *"These men show you **a** way of salvation,"* as if to say there's more than one way. And I want to tell you, Paul couldn't stand that and he turned around and rebuked that evil spirit. Satan will not argue very much if Jesus is **a** way of salvation. He's okay with that. As long as you understand it, he has **a** way of salvation. There's no other way. There's **no** other name given under heaven among men whereby you must be saved, **none**. It's Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone. It does not matter how good you are. It does not matter whether you've heard about him or not someone says a lot about the people that hadn't heard about it, it doesn't matter. Jesus Christ is the only way. There is no other way to heaven than through Jesus Christ. What about those poor people that haven't heard about him? I promise you this, "there's never been a man, or a woman anywhere on earth that wanted to know more about God, that God didn't somehow get to them, to teach them about his son."

I trust everyone in this room is saved, I have no way of knowing. But I can tell you this. If you ignore Jesus, if you just decide not to deal with it, he's still the Lamb of God, and you're still held accountable for what you do with him. Jesus turned to his disciples and said to them, *who do men say that I am?* That's still the biggest question that exists today. Who demand say that I am, you will answer who you think Jesus Christ is. And every person that reaches the age of accountability will have to answer that same question. Day after day, day after day every priest stands and performs religious duties again and again. And he offers the same sacrifices that can never take away sins, except for the person of Jesus Christ.

Joh 1:37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. They understood what John was saying. *Joh 1:38* Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, *"What do you want?"* They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

When he says, "What do you want?" it seems a little abrupt to us. But it wasn't actually. He was opening a door for a relationship with them. There have been tons of scripture written on this verse, this question, and the next question. There have been almost books written on this. What was he saying exactly? "What is it you are looking for?" is what he was saying. And we can expand on that. I've been counseling individuals for 30 years or so now. I used to ask "What is it you're looking for?" When people came in I'd say "What are you looking for?" They always were looking for the same thing. They just wanted happiness, or peace. I'd just sit there and they might give me another answer and then I'd say, "Well, what is it you're really Looking for?" They would say "I

really just want to be happy. I just want to have some peace.” Well, you know, something? That can only be found in God, through Jesus Christ. That can't be found anywhere else. And then they answer in John 8:38, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" Now, what if the most famous person in the world ask you what you wanted, would you ask him where they stayed? Think about that for a moment. In our day, where you live kind of tells who you are, to some degree. If you live in a big fancy house, then you have money, if you live in a small house, you don't have any. I don't think that's what they were after. I think they wanted to see who he was. It was like they were saying "We can't talk here. Where are you staying? I'd like to know who you are, like to get close to you. How do we become intimate with you, the Lamb of God? What do you have for us?"

I can come by and shake hands with you during the week but I really don't get to know you until we sit down and begin to talk together wherever that might be. It could be driving to Fayetteville to the hospital to see somebody together. It might be in my office, in your home, it could be anywhere. When you sit down and begin to talk to someone around a meal or a cup of coffee, you begin to know something about them. I'm pretty sure that they were asking "How do we get to know you? Where are you abiding? How do we break into your world and have something to do with you?"

Joh 1:39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

We assume that he is speaking Roman time, which would make it 10 o'clock in the morning. (John usually uses Roman time where Matthew, Mark and Luke use Jewish time, which would have made it four o'clock in the afternoon.) I want you to notice what the next verse says after they spent the day with him.

Joh 1:40-42 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. (41) The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). (42) And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

Jesus looked right into the soul of Peter, and he said, "I'm gonna change your name. I'm going to turn your name into stone. You're going to be a stone". Now, I want you to think about that for a moment. Peter was the guy I love the most because I can so relate to him. He was volatile. He was vacillating. He was immature and emotional in many ways. You can make him mad. He pulled out a sword and he didn't know how to sword fight. When he went to cut your head off, he cut your ear off instead. He was just a kind of guy that when he didn't know what else to do, he'd open his mouth, like when he said "Lord, it's good for us to be here. We'll build three booths - One for you and one for Elijah and one for Moses." But God said, "Peter, this my son listen to him." Peter was the one who was always getting in trouble. "Lord, I'm not gonna, I'll never deny you." But

Jesus said, *"You know something, Peter, I'm gonna make you a stone, a rock."* And you know something? That is what God wants to do for each of us. I don't know whether you're a vacillating individual. I don't know whether you're someone who says I'm never going to do this, and tomorrow you do it. I don't know what kind of person you are, but I want to tell you something. If you allow God to do what he wants to do with you, he will turn you into a solid rock. Only Christ can make you what he wants you to be. I'm not much. But if you could have seen me before Christ got a hold of me, you'd be laughing right now. You have no idea how far he has brought me in this world. He knew the impulsive nature of Peter, and he said, *"I'm going to take that vacillating, volatile attitude you have away from you, and I'm going to turn you into a stone."* In the end, you could see it happening. Even at the day of Pentecost, Peter, who had denied Christ to a young maiden, got up and stood before Jerusalem and said, You men of Jerusalem, you crucified the Son of God. And later he himself was crucified because of his stand for Christ.

Now I know some of you. And some of you need to be turned into a little more of a rock. You say "How, do you do that, right?" Christ wants to do that. These men had been with Christ. And they knew in one day that he was a Messiah. I'll remind you that after his resurrection, there were two disciples walking down the road to Emmaus and they were really low. Christ walked up to them, and they didn't recognize him. And he said, What's the matter with you folks? You really look like you are bummed out. And they said, *"Where have you been? Don't you know what has happened?"* And Christ began to share with them, all the way back from Moses, he began to share with them what was going to happen all the way up to the present. And then they recognized who he was, and he left. The point is, they began to glow on the inside. In the same way, Andrew and John spent the day with him and he taught them them Bible like they had never had before. And the first thing they did after that was to go and find their brothers and friends. You cannot spend time with Christ and be the same afterwards. It does not happen. I wish I had been saved at a very early age, but I wasn't. Actually, I don't know when I was saved. But I was not in church, and I didn't know anything about it until I was pretty much grown. Dan [Crenshaw], on the other hand, was raised in church and I envy him because there were a lot of things that he was able to stay out of because of the prayers by his family and his walk with God. Many of us do not have the privilege of having that long walk. Some of you were saved at a very early age and in reality, you've never really sat down and spent time with Jesus Christ to allow him to change your life. You became a believer so early, that instead of realizing what happened to you, you just kind of grew up and familiarity breeds contempt and you have just been complacent in your Christian life. These men, after being with Christ were changed and were never the same again. Have you had that change? Has there been that time?

Joh 1:43-51 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, *"Follow me."* (44) Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. (45) Philip found Nathanael and told him, *"We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."* (46) *"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"* Nathanael asked. *"Come and see,"* said

Philip. (47) When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." (48) "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." (49) Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." (50) Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." (51) He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and

Jesus said, *there is an Israelite, in whom there is no guile.* Nathaniel knew exactly what he was saying. The father of all of Israel is Jacob and the name Jacob's name means deceiver, beguiler; deception, he was just a sneaky guy. Israel means prince with God and power with God. God changed Jacob's name from Jacob to Israel. When Christ looked at Nathaniel he said, *there is an Israelite with no Jacob. No deception, no guile in him. No sin. He wasn't perfect but he had no duplicity, he was not a deceiver. Nathaniel didn't say "Oh, don't say that about me." He said, "How do you know me?" Nathanael knew who he was. And Jesus said, "I saw you while you were under the fig tree, before Philip called you."* That doesn't mean much to us but it meant a lot to the Jew, when a Jew wanted to think they went and got under the shade of a fig tree. In fact, even in the Old Testament, it talks about a man when he found contentment. He sat under his own vine and his own fig tree. In fact, their homes were called their fig trees. When a man really wanted to think he went out under a fig tree and sat in the shade of that tree and meditated. Now, we don't know what that is. We don't even know what meditation is. It is biblical in that we're told to meditate. But with radio and TV and computer and cell phone we don't have any idea what meditation is today. They used to actually go out and think for a while. We don't want to do that, we're scared we'll get hit with a thought. But the truth is, Nathaniel went out and was thinking, and he was thinking about the deep things of God and Christ saw him. It so impressed Christ that he said, *I saw you while you were under the fig tree.* Then Nathaniel declared *Rabbi, You are the Son of God, you are the king of Israel.* And Jesus said, *You believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than these.* He then added, *I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.* Nathaniel knew exactly what Jesus Christ just said. Do you know what he just said? He said, *I am the gateway to heaven.* Remember Jacob, when he was running from his own brother because his brother was going to kill him. And he was going Haran.

Gen 28:11 *When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep.*

Jacob has never been away from home, he's scared. His brother Esau wants to kill him, and he thinks Esau is chasing him.

Gen 28:12-17 *He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. (13) There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will*

give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. (14) Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. (15) I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." (16) When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." (17) He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

Jesus Christ said to Nathaniel, *I am the house of God, I am the gate of heaven.* That's exactly what John the Baptist said, *Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.*

Most of you are believers, but have you stopped and thought long enough to think what it means to belong to Jesus Christ? Who is the gateway to heaven? Who is God? Who is the Son of God? Who is the Messiah? Who is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit? Have you thought about that?

We take our relationship with Christ for granted so often, and we live a mundane Christian life. I promise you; the day is going to come when we stand before Him and we would give anything if we had sold out and lived for Him with reckless abandonment now. If you're without Jesus Christ, there's no other way. There's no other name given among men. You can't be good enough. You can't inherit Christianity; you have to receive Christ. And for those of us that are believers, and if it just doesn't mean much, I want you to know something. Your God is God. And we're going to spend forever with him. We are going to give an account to him we're going to have to answer for the way we've lived as believers. Now, I am not talking about sin. In a sense, I'm talking about how much you sold out for him. I don't know about you, but I feel like I'm only going to go around once in this life and I want to grab all the gusto I can grab. It's not found in beer; it's found in Jesus Christ. Don't waste another day.

If you're here without Christ, receive him where you are. You can do that with no invitation. You can find me after the service. I'll be up the front.

If you're here this morning as a believer and you've lived without Christ, and you've lived your own life, I challenge you to realize your future and to realize who your Savior is and start over today with him.

Father, we thank you so much for your son. We thank you that he is the Lamb you accepted. He is our high priest. He is a gateway to you. And because of who he is, we're going to spend forever with you, and we thank you and praise you for that. For your honor and glory in Jesus name. Amen.