

# Spirit & Truth

*John Chapter 4*

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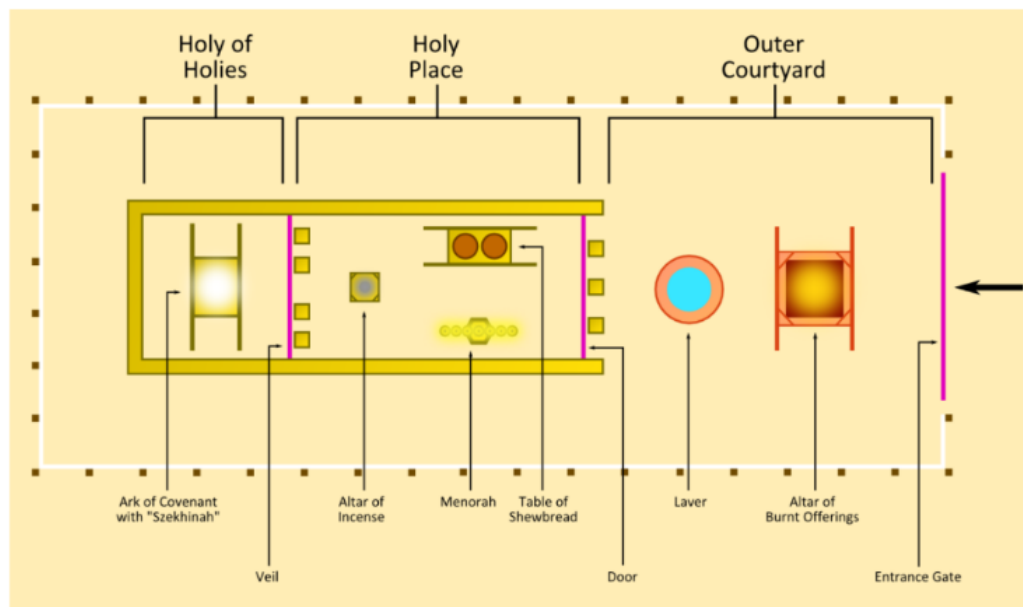
**Scripture Reading - Genesis 10**

**Acceptable Sacrifice of Praise - Ps 92, 23**

- 1) **Erecting & Entering the Tabernacle** - God with us, The Logos Tabernacling Among Men & Faith in Christ as the Doorway of Entry into the Tabernacle **(1:1-28)**
  - a) Prologue - 1:1-18
  - b) Prelude to Jesus' public ministry (1:19-51)
    - i) The Testimony of John the Baptist Pointing to Jesus (1:19-28)
- 2) **The Brazen Altar for Sacrifices** (Exodus 27:1-8) - Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world - Christ our Substitute **(1:29-51)**
  - i) John the Baptist's public witness concerning Jesus (1:29-34)
  - ii) Jesus gains his first disciples (1:35-42)
  - iii) Jesus gains two more disciples, Philip and Nathanael (1:43-51)
- 3) **The Brazen Laver of Water** - Cleansing & Spiritual Renewal by Christ **(John 2-3)**
  - a) **Sign 1:** Turning Water in ceremonial cleansing pots into Wine (John 2:1-11)
    - i) Jesus clears the temple (2:12-17)
    - ii) Jesus replaces the temple (2:18-22)
    - iii) Inadequate faith (2:23-25)
    - iv) Jesus and Nicodemus (3:1-21)
    - v) John the Baptist's continuing witness concerning Jesus (3:22-36)
- 4) **The Table of Shewbread Loaded with 12 Cakes and Chalice**s - Spiritual nourishment from the living bread **(John 4-7)**
  - a) Jesus and the Samaritan woman (4:1-42)
  - b) **Sign 2:** Healing the Official's Son (John 4:46-54)
  - c) **Sign 3:** Healing the Paralytic at Bethesda (John 5:1-15)
  - d) **Sign 4:** Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:5-14)
  - e) **Sign 5:** Walking on Water (John 6:16-24)
  - f) **I AM 1:** I Am the Bread of Life (John 6:35, 48)
- 5) **The Candlestick** - Spiritual Illumination by Christ the Light **(John 8-9)**
  - a) **I AM 2:** I Am the Light of the World (John 8:12)
  - b) **Sign 6:** Healing the Man Born Blind (John 9:1-7)

- 6) **The Mediator** - Christ as Shepherd, Priest, King, and Servant (**John 10-13**)
  - a) **I AM 3:** I Am the Door of the Sheep (John 10:7, 9)
  - b) **I AM 4:** I Am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11, 14)
  - c) **I AM 5:** I Am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
  - d) **Sign 7:** Raising Lazarus from the Dead (John 11:1-45)
- 7) **The Altar of Incense for Prayer** - teaching disciples to pray in the name of Christ (**John 14-16**)
  - a) **I AM 6:** I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)
  - b) **I AM 7:** I Am the True Vine (John 15:1, 5)
- 8) **The Ark of the Covenant** - High Priestly prayer (**John 17**)
- 9) **The Mercy Seat** - the blood of Christ applied (**John 18-19**)
- 10) **The High Priest Exiting the Holy of Holies** to Declare that the Sacrifice has been Received & Accepted by God & to Pronounce Peace & the Forgiveness of sins to Israel - Christ's exit, declaration of God's peace, and restoration of disciples (**John 20-21**)<sup>1</sup>

**Purpose Statement - John 20:30-31** - “30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”



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<sup>1</sup> Modified Synthesis from - <https://kaysercommentary.com/Sermons/BibleSurvey/40John.md#fn3> - Accessed 2023/07/04 - & D. A. Carson, The Gospel according to John, The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans, 1991), 105–108 - with a synthesis of work from Phillip Kayser, D.A. Carson, and David Reece

<sup>2</sup> Image created and provided by Pastor Phillip Kayser

## Review

Q70: What is justification?

A70: Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which he pardoneth all their sins, accepteth and accounteth their persons righteous in his sight; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.

Q71: How is justification an act of God's free grace?

A71: Although Christ, by his obedience and death, did make a proper, real, and full satisfaction to God's justice in the behalf of them that are justified; yet inasmuch as God accepteth the satisfaction from a surety, which he might have demanded of them, and did provide this surety, his own only Son, imputing his righteousness to them, and requiring nothing of them for their justification but faith, which also is his gift, their justification is to them of free grace.

- 1) **Formal Cause** of Justification - the form or plan or blueprint or category that defines a thing - - the formal cause by which Justification is brought to man.
  - a) SCRIPTURE ALONE
- 2) **Effectual Cause** of Justification - the powerful thing that brings the justification effectually.
  - a) GRACE ALONE
- 3) **Instrumental Cause** of Justification - the connector, the tool, the second cause, the contract acceptance method. An instrumental cause is a "second cause", a cause that is in a chain of causation wherein one cause in the chain is subordinated to another, and in this case it is the legally binding cause.
  - a) FAITH ALONE
- 4) **The Meritorious Cause** - the legal basis, the grounds, the reason the judgment is just.
  - a) CHRIST ALONE
- 5) **The Ultimate Cause** - the goal, the reason for which the plan is carried out, the last thing to be accomplished (the ultimate thing).
  - a) GOD'S GLORY ALONE

Q72: What is justifying faith?

A72: Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assenteth to the truth of **the promise of the gospel**, but receiveth and resteth upon Christ and his righteousness, **therein held forth**, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

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To be Convicted, to assent in the mind, to receive, and to rest are all ways of talking about thinking certain truths. This is obvious with conviction and assent, but receiving is defined in John 1 as belief, and resting is believing that there is nothing else to be added, nothing else to do.

At least 12 propositions must be believed (really more as we will see). List them.

- 1) Sin - Original Sin, Corruption of Nature, Actual Transgression
- 2) Misery - Unhappiness causes by unbelief and sin
- 3) Disability of self to save you
- 4) Disability of all other creatures to save you
- 5) The promise of the Gospel is true
- 6) Receive Christ - believe what the Scriptures teach about Christ
- 7) Rest upon Christ - believe there is nothing else that you need to do because Christ did it all
- 8) Receive the righteousness of Christ - believe that what the Scriptures teach about Christ's righteousness imputed to the elect is true and applies to you
- 9) Rest upon the righteousness of Christ - believe there is nothing more to do
- 10) For pardon
- 11) For the accepting of his person as righteous by God
- 12) For the accounting of his person as righteous by God

Q73: How doth faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?

A73: Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it, nor as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification; but **only as it is an instrument by which he receiveth and applies Christ and his righteousness.**

1) Not the Basis of justification:

The grace of Faith itself, Other graces, good works, nor any act of faith.

2) What is imputed?

The Righteousness of Christ

3) What is not imputed?

Merit for faith, or any New Covenant Obedience, or Fruit of the Spirit, or any other thing worked in us or done by us.

4) What cause of Justification is Faith?

The alone **instrumental** cause.

5) How is redemption accomplished?

**By the work of Christ to pay for our guilt and to provide for our righteousness** as a substitute who represents us in the covenant to mediate between us and God.

6) How is redemption applied?

**By the effectual work of the Holy Spirit giving us faith** as an instrument to connect us to the merits of Christ according to the election of the Father for the glory of the Triune God.

## TEXT OF JOHN

### IV. The Table of Shewbread Loaded with 12 Cakes and Chalices - Spiritual nourishment from the living bread (John 4-7)

#### a) Jesus & the Samaritan Woman 4:1-42

**4:1** Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John 2 (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), 3 He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. 4 But He needed to go through Samaria.

**5** So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

1) Samaria - The Northern Tribes, Jeroboam, Assyria, Exile, Repopulation, Syncretism

**7** A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

2) Ordinarily one should use one's own resources, but in this case Jesus had no resources at hand and made request.

**9** Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

3) Samaritans dealt with as Apostates or cultists

4) Is this a personal relationship? or a public action? or commerce?

**10** Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

5) The gift of God - Faith in the Word of God

6) Living Water - the continual life giving of faith in the Word of God

**11 The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”**

7) We just talked twice in John 3 about the source of the cleansing water / Spirit. It is of Heaven and not of the Earth. It is supernatural and not natural.

**13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 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.”**

8) Thirst - two types / two objects of desire - Creator / Creature

a) Satisfaction, Joy, Stability

9) Fountain - life in self, life to others

**15 The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”**

10) The Word of God does not resolve all needs of dominion or remove all desires. It rightly orders them and gives power to use them rightly and to seek them in an orderly way (subordinately) as means to glorify God.

**16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”**

11) Husband

a) Pleasure - Sexual sin

b) Power - Security

c) Money - Provision

**17 The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.”**

12) She seems to want to trade up.

**Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”**

13) 5 marriages

14) 1 Current Cohabitation

**19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”**

- 15) Prophet - answer the question of Worship - Jews Vs Samaritans
  - a) Escape? Serious Question?
  - b) 1 Kings 12

**21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 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. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

- 16) Man selected Mountain vs the Divinely selected mountain
- 17) Worshiping in superstition vs worship by faith/knowledge from Divine Revelation
- 18) Salvation is from the Jews - Scripture & Messiah
- 19) A time of Change of outward order
- 20) God is Spirit
- 21) Spirit & truth - Holy Spirit & Integrity - OR -
- 22) spirit & Truth - Integrity & Scripture - OR -
- 23) Spirit & Truth - Holy Spirit & Scripture

**25 The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”**

**26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”**



27 And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

28 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, 29 “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” 30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

32 But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.”

33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?”

34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. 35 Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! 36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” 40 So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of His own word.

42 Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”