

Themes in the Gospel of John

Part #9 THE SOURCE OF LIFE

Scripture Song: Behold, the Lamb of God – John 1:29,32,34

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Themes in the Gospel of John. Today's topic: THE SOURCE OF LIFE.

1) The Source of life

- a. John 1:1-3 What impresses you about John's inspired testimony about the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (1:14)?
- b. John 1:4 What is this life that is "in Him"?
- c. What bold claim did Jesus make that confirms the opening testimony of the apostle John? John 14:6

2) Sharing His life with us

- a. How does Jesus share His: life with us? John 3:14-16, 6:27, 10:10, etc.
- b. Is this life a present experience or a future hope?
- c. What else can we learn about this life from the 36 references to life in the Gospel of John? John 3:36, 4:14, 6:40,47,54, etc.
- d. How many does Jesus want to experience life through faith in Him? (Support your answer from the Scriptures—John 3:16, 7:37, 2 Peter 3:9, etc.)
- e. When did you decide to accept this precious gift of life from Jesus?

3) Experiencing the new birth

- a. What happens to us when we accept Jesus as our personal Savior and receive the gift of His life? John 1:12-13
- b. How did Jesus explain this new birth experience to Nicodemus? John 3:1-7
- c. According to Jesus, how does this miracle of new birth take place? John 3:8
- d. What changes occur in a person's life when he or she is born again?
- e. What memorable changes occurred in your life when you were born again by the Holy Spirit?
- f. What encouragement did the apostle Paul give to those who have been born again? Romans 8:14-17

4) Choosing to accept or reject the gift of zoe life

- a. What sad testimony did the apostle John give at the beginning of his Gospel? John 1:11
- b. What examples do you see in John's Gospel of people rejecting the gift of life through Jesus? John 5:39-40, 11:47-53, 19:14-16, etc.
- c. What are the consequences of rejecting the gift of life through faith in Jesus? John 3:18,36, 8:24 (see also Romans 6:23)

