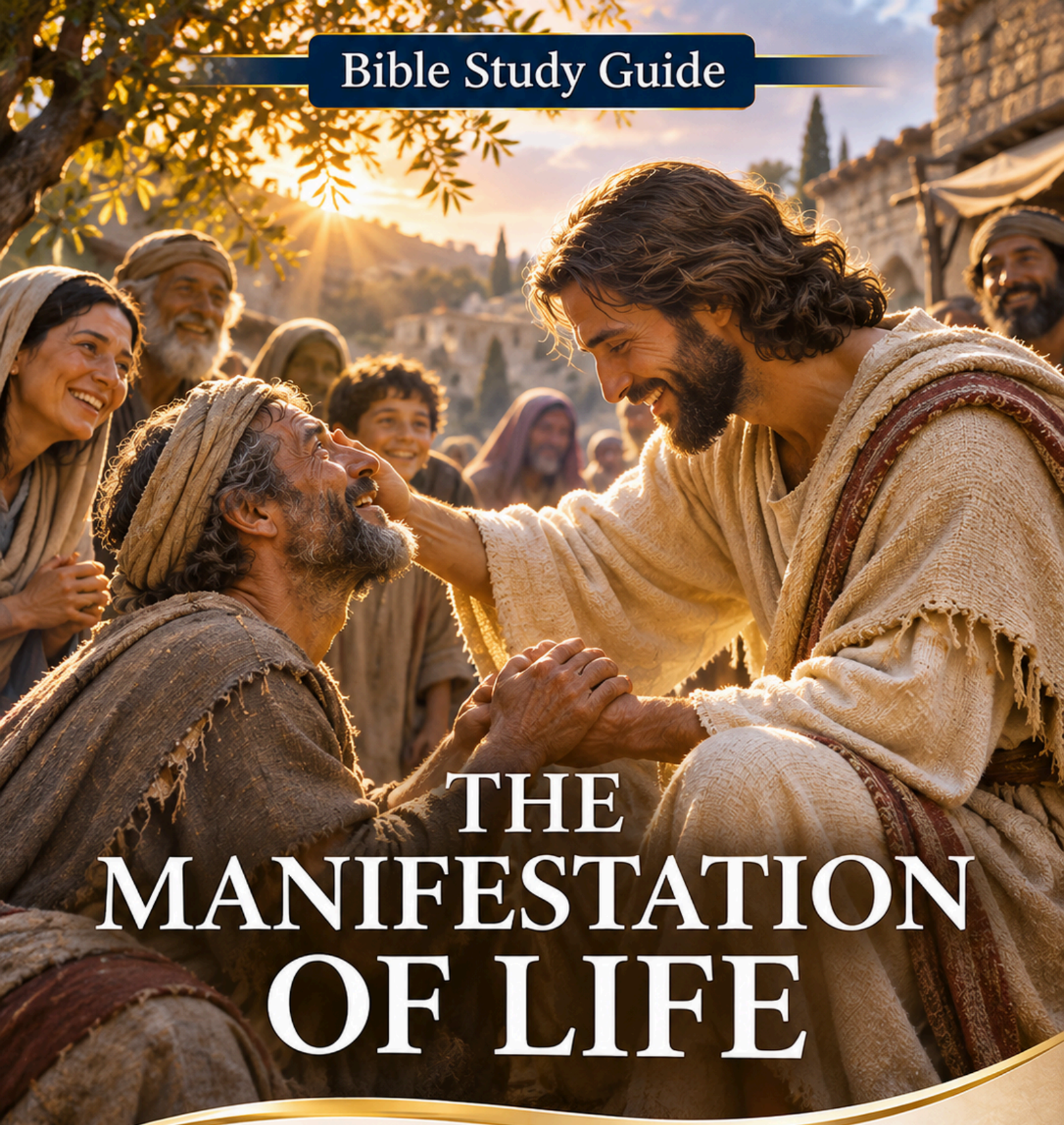
Bible Study Guide



THE MANIFESTATION OF LIFE

A Bible Study on Christ Revealed in the Flesh and the Power of Godliness

Introduction

A branch severed from its vine may retain its shape and leaves for a little while, but it cannot continue to bear fruit. Jesus used that familiar picture to show that spiritual life is not something we possess independently of Him. The gospel is the revelation of Christ's own life, given to those who receive Him by faith.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **How does John identify the One whose life was manifested to the apostles?** (1 John 1:1-2)

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes... of the _____; (For the life was manifested...)"

The apostles testified to the life revealed in the person of Christ, not merely an abstract religious theory.

2 **What was in the Word from the beginning?** (John 1:4)

"In him was _____; and the life was the light of men."

Christ is the source of life, not merely a messenger pointing to it.

3 **What does Jesus promise those who hear the voice of the Son of God?** (John 5:25)

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall _____."

Christ's voice gives spiritual life now and will call the dead from their graves at the resurrection.

4 **What will the Spirit of Him who raised Christ do?** (Romans 8:11)

"he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal _____ by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

God's Spirit is the assurance of resurrection and the source of the believer's present spiritual life.

5 **What did Jesus say about His words?** (John 6:63)

"the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are _____."

We receive Christ's teaching by faith; the outward symbol cannot replace the spiritual reality.

6 **What may believers be made in Christ through His substitutionary sacrifice?** (2 Corinthians 5:21)

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the _____ of God in him."

Christ bore our sins though He knew no sin. Through Him we receive righteousness and restored fellowship with God.

7 **What reconciles sinners to God?** (Romans 5:10)

"we were reconciled to God by the _____ of his Son,"

Christ's sacrifice restores sinners to fellowship with God.

8 **Who did Paul say lived within him after being crucified with Christ?** (Galatians 2:20)

"... nevertheless I live; yet not I, but _____ liveth in me..."

The old self no longer holds the place of lordship. Christ lives in the believer through faith.

9 **What happened to our old man with Christ?** (Romans 6:6)

"Knowing this, that our old man is _____ with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed,"

Union with Christ breaks the old dominion of sin.

10 **How should believers regard their old relation to sin?** (Romans 6:11)

"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto _____, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Union with the crucified and risen Christ changes the dominion under which we live.

11 **What relationship does Paul describe following death through Christ?** (Romans 7:4)

"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be _____..."

Believers are released from the former condemnation and united to the risen Christ, so they may bear fruit unto God.

12 **Where does God promise to write His laws?** (Hebrews 8:10)

"I will put my laws into their _____, and write them in their _____:"

The new covenant internalizes God's law rather than abolishing it.

13 **In whom is the eternal life God has given found?** (1 John 5:11-12)

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his _____."

Eternal life is a gift inseparable from the Son of God, rather than an inherent property of fallen humanity.

14 **What gift does God offer instead of the wages of sin?** (Romans 6:23)

"but the gift of God is eternal _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Eternal life is a gift through Christ, not an inherent possession of fallen humanity.

15 **Who possesses eternal life?** (1 John 5:12)

"He that hath the Son hath _____; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Life is found in union with Christ alone.

16 **How does Paul describe Christ when speaking of His coming in glory?** (Colossians 3:4)

"When Christ, who is _____, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

The hope of future glory rests on the life of Christ received now and maintained by abiding in Him.

17 **What is the hope of glory?** (Colossians 1:27)

"which is Christ in you, the _____:"

The deepest preparation for Christ's coming is His life dwelling within His people.

18 **What can the branches do apart from Christ?** (John 15:5)

"for without me ye can do _____."

The living connection with Christ supplies every spiritual fruit.

Appeal

Will you stop seeking spiritual life apart from the Saviour and invite Christ to live in you, so His life becomes visible in your own?

Commitment

I choose to receive Jesus as my life, surrender the old dominion of sin, and abide in Him by faith.

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