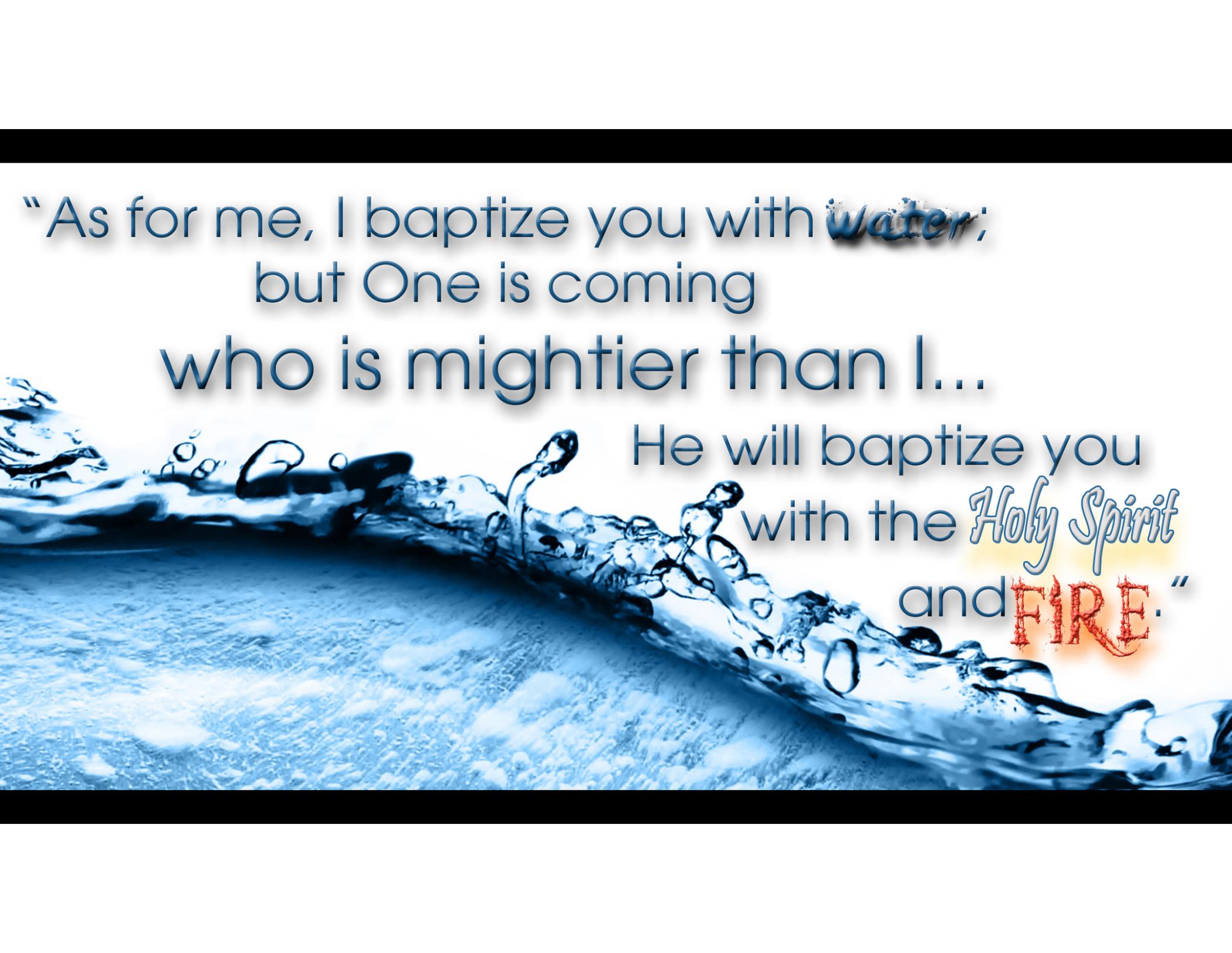




# PENTECOST

HOLY SPIRIT COME



“As for me, I baptize you with *water*;  
but One is coming  
who is mightier than I...

He will baptize you  
with the *Holy Spirit*  
and **FIRE.**”



## Luke 3:16-17 (Message)

John (the Baptist) said: “I’m baptizing you here in the river. The main character in this drama, to whom I’m a mere stagehand, will ignite the kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out.

He’s going to clean house — make a clean sweep of your lives. He’ll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he’ll put out with the trash to be burned.”

# Celebrating Pentecost and the Gift of the Holy Spirit

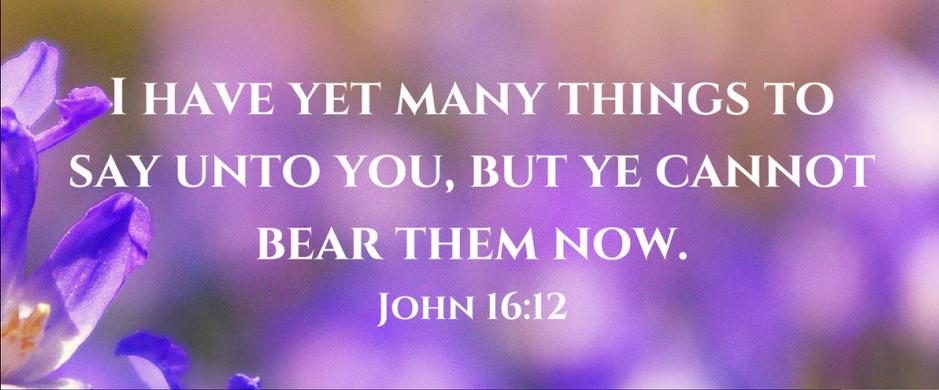
ALL of God Poured out on ALL of Humanity so that We might Fully Experience and Express the Love and Life of the Trinity



<sup>16</sup> This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on ALL people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.”

- Acts 2:16-18 NIV

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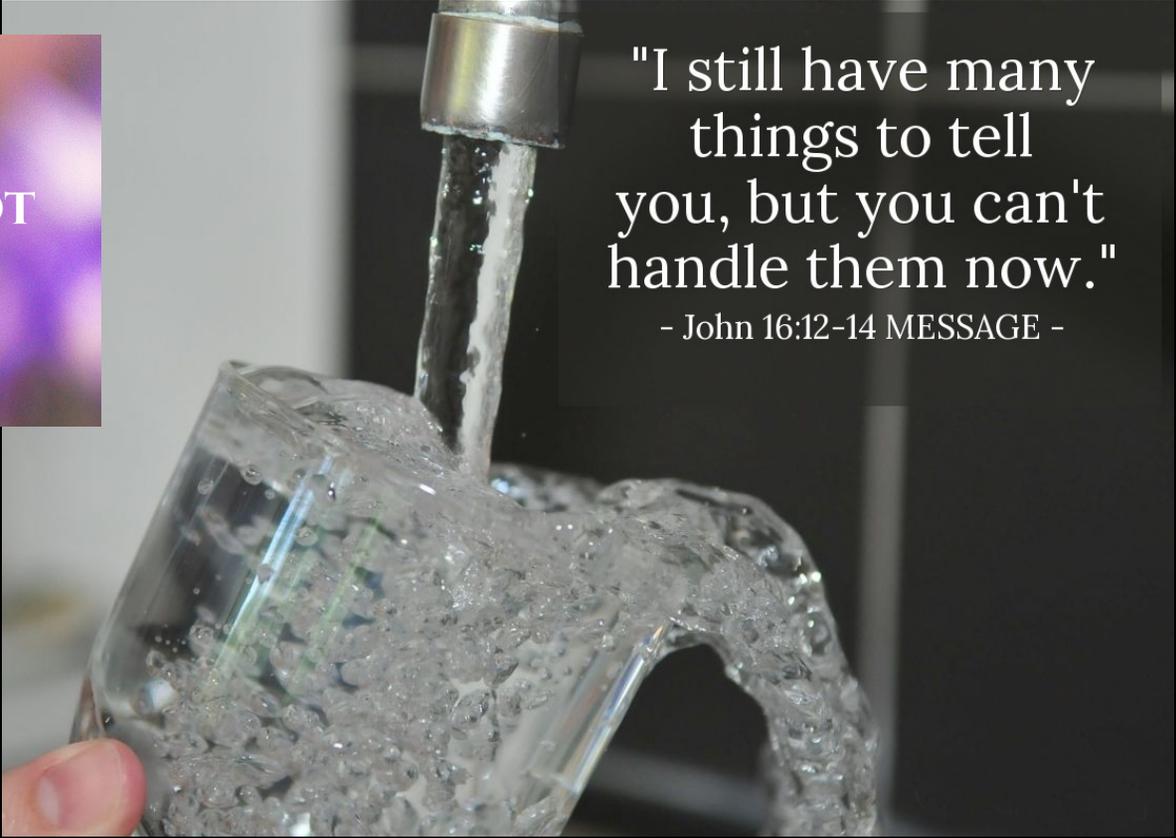
I HAVE YET MANY THINGS TO  
SAY UNTO YOU, BUT YE CANNOT  
BEAR THEM NOW.

JOHN 16:12

“There is so much more  
I would like to say to you,  
**but it's more than you  
can grasp at this  
moment.**

But when the truth-giving Spirit comes, **he will unveil the  
reality of every truth within you.”**

- John 16:12-13 PASSION -

A close-up photograph of water being poured from a silver faucet into a clear glass. The water is splashing and creating bubbles.

"I still have many  
things to tell  
you, but you can't  
handle them now."

- John 16:12-14 MESSAGE -

John 16:12-15 in The MESSAGE

<sup>12-15</sup> “I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won’t draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said.

He will honor me; he will take  
from me and deliver it to you.  
Everything the Father has is also mine.  
That is why I’ve said,  
‘He takes from me and delivers to you.’

SPIRIT OF CHRIST

*Spirit of God*

## Exploring the Implications of Christ's Ascension

1. What happened to Jesus' humanity when he ascended into the unseen realm to sit at the Father's right hand?
2. Jesus united himself with humanity and all of creation by his Incarnation. What happened to us/humanity when he died, was resurrected and ascended? Any practical implications?



the  
**ASCENSION**

He had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

- Hebrews 2:17 -

Life is a Relational Adventure with our Trinitarian God:  
Enjoying Eternal Life NOW as our True Home Inside  
Jesus' Humanity as our Ascended High Priest

“The Word was made like us in every way – yet without sin – genuinely sharing in our humanity so we could experience his life vicariously as our own. Through his incarnation, death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus continues to live as a glorified human being at the Father’s right hand...”

Michael Lafleur,



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“As our faithful High Priest, Jesus makes room for us to fully enjoy  
Trinity’s communion here and now as our true home and the  
wellspring of eternal life. Through the Spirit’s continual  
intercession, Jesus ‘uploads’ all that we are and experience in our  
humanity into Trinity’s communion while simultaneously”

‘downloading’ Their inexhaustible  
love and abounding life into us so  
that we might reflect God’s image  
and refract Their beauty as unique  
persons in our everyday lives  
with ever-increasing glory.”

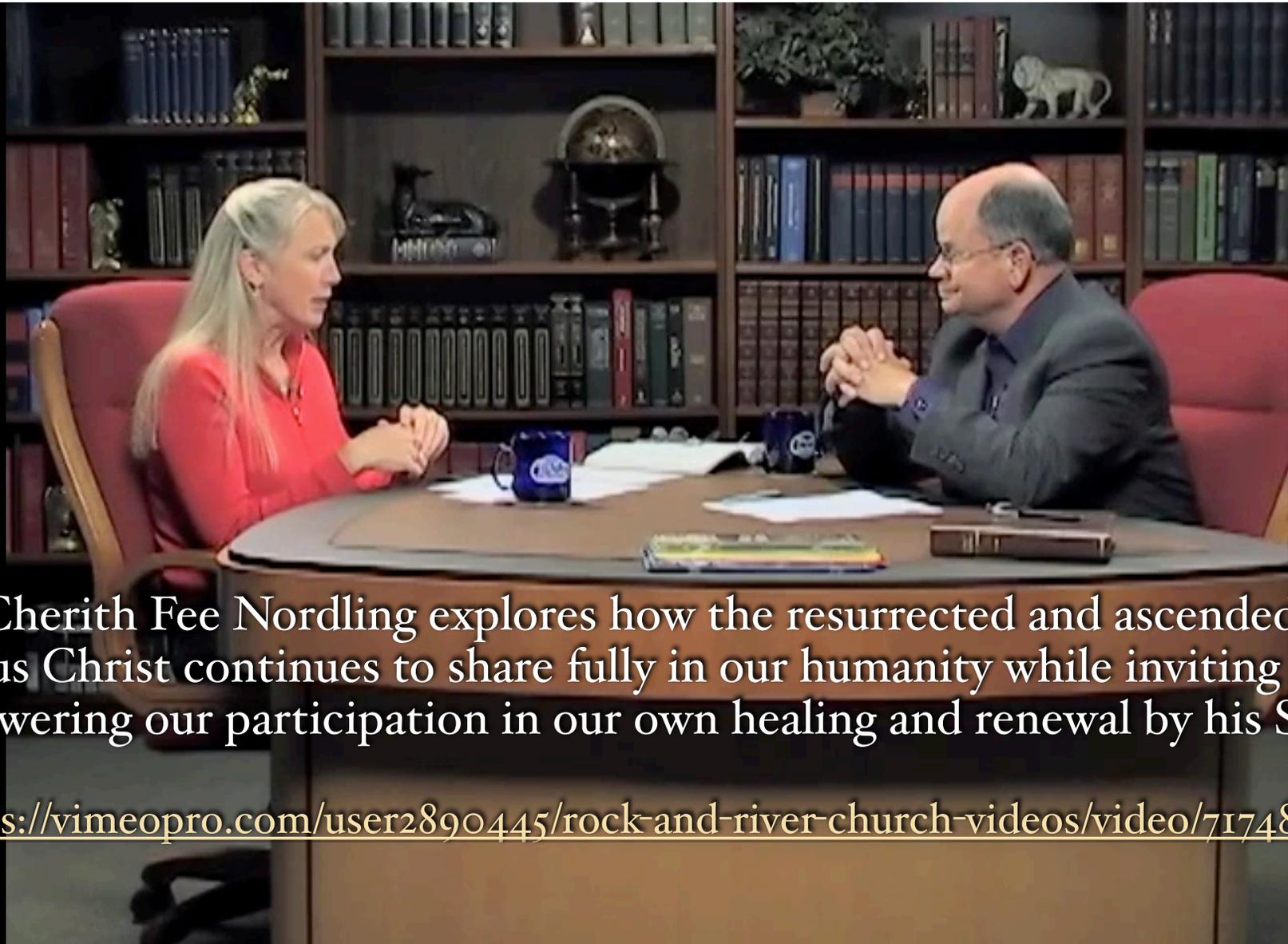
- Michael Lafleur



**GOD  
GIVES  
THE SPIRIT**

*Without limit.*

JOHN  
3:34



(Dr. Cherith Fee Nordling explores how the resurrected and ascended Lord Jesus Christ continues to share fully in our humanity while inviting and empowering our participation in our own healing and renewal by his Spirit.)

<https://vimeopro.com/user2890445/rock-and-river-church-videos/video/717483728>

## Cherith Fee Nordling: Jesus Continues to Share in our Humanity as an Empathetic Friend and our Ascended High Priest

“Our salvation in Christ is not simply assent to this amazing thing that God has come and done for us that we couldn’t possibly do anything about or for on our own, to make the possibility of being in a relationship with the triune God happen.

He doesn’t just show up as an idea of the three Persons in one to invite us into this idea of communal love, but to say,

“Look, right here, in the way that God has chosen to be God, there is now a human being permanently present.”



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“So you are never without the ability to say, so what is my life about and where is it going? And what have you done with my past? Because the one who stands in for me is not this perfect human who I can’t relate to because he’s perfect, but this human who bears the marks of a deeply broken and imperfect humanity who had entered into every kind of condition that humanity has, yet without falling and breaking in the process, without sinning into that process.

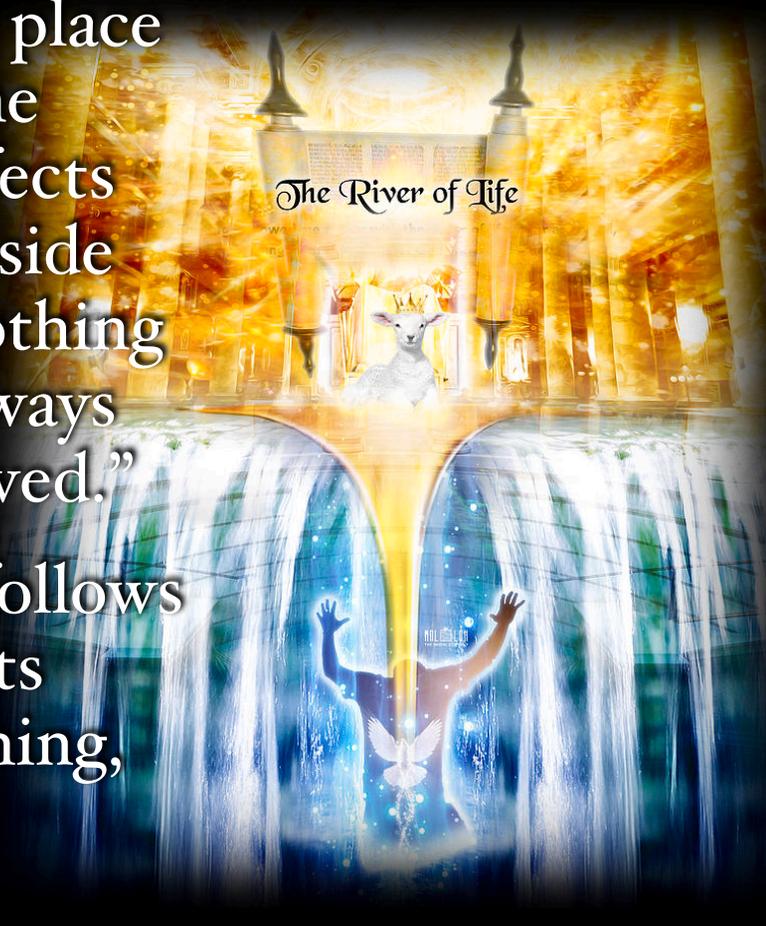


Jesus,  
Friend of Sinners

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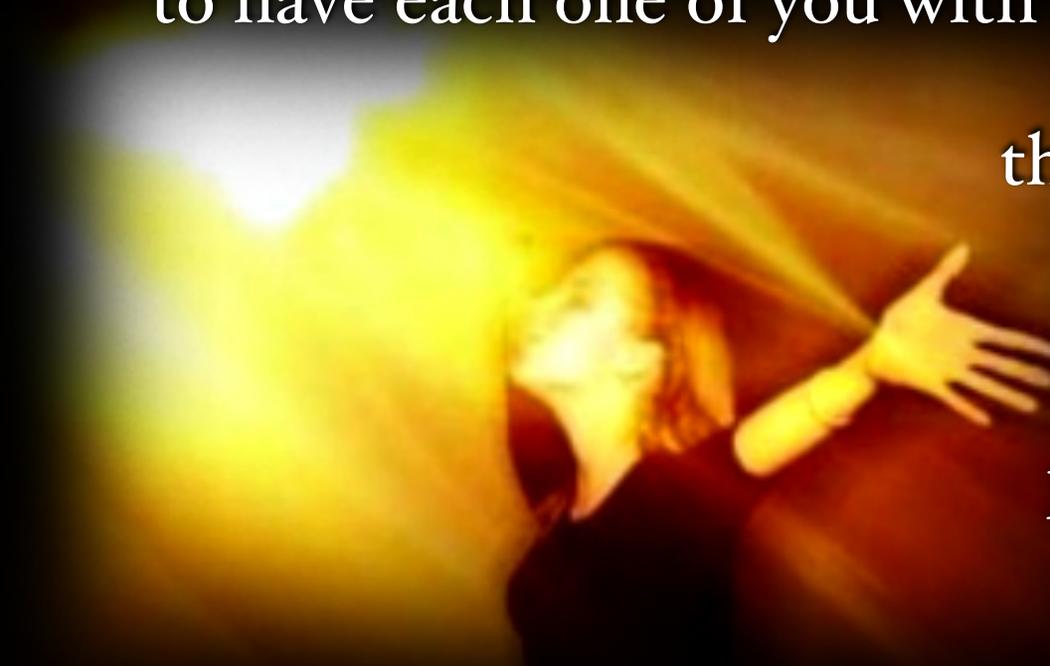
“Jesus is saying to me, to us: “Cherith, the place where you see me, who sits on the throne looking like a slain lamb, who bears the effects of the fact that I know your humanity inside and out as my own, means that there is nothing about your human life that I have not always known, and you are the one I’ve always loved.”

There isn't the, “oh, if she shapes up and follows me or just believes all that stuff and starts assenting to this right theology or something, then we love her so much better.”



## Cherith Fee Nordling: Jesus Continues to Share in our Humanity as an Empathetic Friend and our Ascended High Priest

Jesus is saying to us “It’s while you were a mess I came into the mess and said, she or he is broken and will never get out of this by themselves. But we plan to love them forever, and we plan to have each one of you with us forever and in communion with us forever, which means that we, Trinity, will have to enter into the human condition and take what belongs to you and restore it for you and in the process restore your very own, unique humanity”



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“So God’s invitation to me and all of us is: “Cherith, do you want to start looking like who you’re going to permanently be? Do you want to start doing the stuff that looks like a restored human being?” You can’t do that by yourself. You can only do that by the power of the Third Person of the Trinity happily taking up residence in you... Then salvation becomes not a getting in or an entry point or just a conversion moment – it becomes this deep, permanent conversion into the person that I will forever be. My life becomes the living into my ‘saved-ness’, the living into my full healing and restoration.





You are not saved by your spirituality or by your anything else.  
You have been and you will be saved by God.  
The Holy Spirit of God is your friend.  
The Holy Spirit is the love of God reaching out  
for you when you are too depressed,  
or too angry, or too tired to reach out.  
The Holy Spirit is the power of God to set you  
on your feet when you feel you cannot stand up.  
Forget your own spirituality. We are talking about God today, the force  
that created the universe yet comes to you personally and intimately  
with an everlasting and unconditional love  
whether you believe it or not.

-- Fleming Rutledge  
from *"Means of Grace"*

From Baxter Kruger's *"The Trinitarian Vision"*



“The Spirit’s passion is to bring his anointing of Jesus to full and personal and abiding expression in us as unique persons, and not only in us personally, but in our relationship with the Father in Jesus, and in our relationships with one another, and indeed with all creation, until the whole cosmos is a living sacrament of the great dance of the Triune God.”

YOU MAKE  
BEAUTIFUL THINGS  
OUT OF THE DUST

(To play “Beautiful Things” lyric video, click link below)

<https://vimeopro.com/user2890445/worship-music-videos/video/532879763>

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