

Welcome to 2021

- **SUNDAY SERVICE**

English service except for last Sunday of the month (Indonesian service)

- **HOLY COMMUNION**

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday (extra at 5th Sunday)

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- **Kids class:** every Sunday
- **Teens class:** Bible Study every last Sunday of the month

- **SYNERGY YOUTH:** start 9 Jan 2021

Saturday; **NEW** time slot: 4pm start

- **PRAYER MEETING:** Tuesday & Saturday

- **CELL GROUP** (family; ladies)
to be announced



Mat.28:20; Kis.20:20, 27; Kol.1:10; Kis.17:11

Pemuridan Mandiri

- Kurikulum:

- **P2K** (Pelajaran Pokok-pokok Kekristenan) → 21 pelajaran
- **MA** (Mencintai Alkitab) → 66 pelajaran
- **KS** (Kemah Suci) → 3 jilid buku Kemah Suci
- **AZ** (Akhir Zaman) → 30 pelajaran

- Metode:

- Belajar **mandiri** (buku, handout, softcopy)
Isi form laporan mandiri
- **Diskusi** – bila diperlukan
Telepon, email, Whatsapp, tatap muka
- **Ujian** di gereja
Sabtu / Minggu, sebelum / setelah ibadah

A. PAKET/ IMAN → 5 pelajaran

1. Alkitab / 2. Lahir Baru / 3. Keselamatan / 4. Hidup dengan iman / 5. Roh Kudus

B. PAKET RUMAH TANGGA → 4 pelajaran

6. Nikah / 7. Menghormati Orang Tua / 8. Persekutuan Tubuh Kristus / 9. Doa

C. PAKET HIDUP SEHARI-HARI → 4 pelajaran

10. Pekerjaan dan Keuangan / 11. Tradisi dan Kebiasaan / 12. Rekreasi / 13. Lidah

D. PAKET IBADAH DAN PELAYANAN → 4 pelajaran

14. Ke Gereja / 15. Pekerjaan Tuhan / 16. Pekabaran Injil dan Kesembuhan Ilahi / 17. Occultisme

E. PAKET “YANG AKAN DATANG” → 4 pelajaran

18. Allah, Malaikat dan Setan / 19. Peristiwa-peristiwa akhir zaman / 20. Kehidupan sesudah kematian / 21. Surga dan Neraka

AKHIR ZAMAN

Paket 1: 10 pelajaran

Dasar Penafsiran Akhir Zaman / Tubuh, Jiwa, Roh dan Tebus tubuh / 70 Minggu Daniel / Bila Tuhan Yesus datang kembali / Tanda-Tanda kedatangan Tuhan

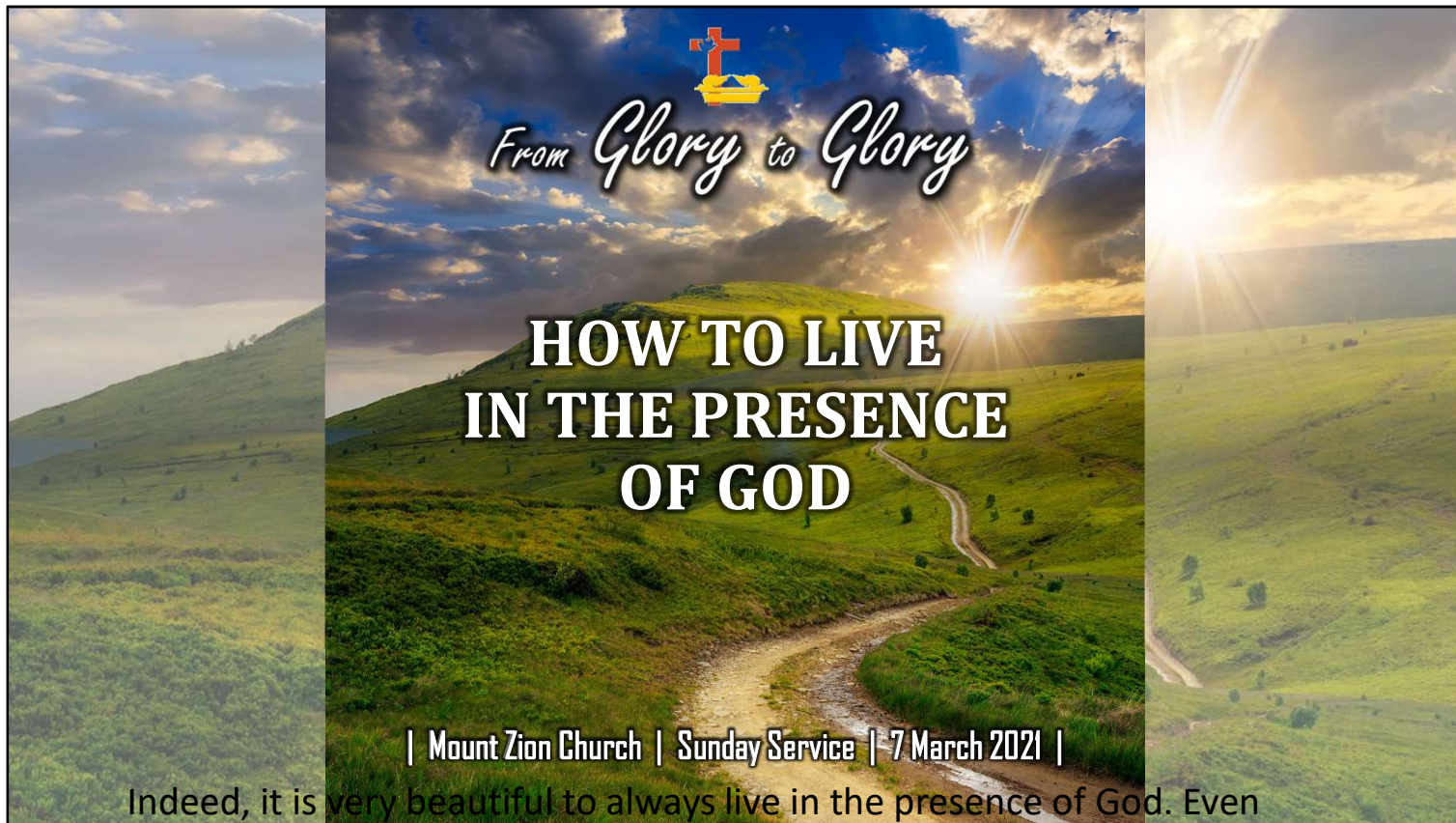
Tubuh kemuliaan / Hujan Akhir / Dua tahap kedatangan Tuhan / Proses pengangkatan / Wahyu 12 & Padang Gurun

Paket 2: 10 pelajaran

Antikris / Antikris dalam Daniel 7 / Antikris dalam Daniel 8 / Antikris dalam Wahyu 13 / Antikris dalam Wahyu 17 + Babil
Antikris dan 2 Saksi / Hukuman 3 Oknum Allah / Meterai 1-7 / Sangkakala 1-7 / Bokor 1-7

Paket 3: 10 pelajaran

Prinsip Kerajaan 1000 Tahun / Isi Kerajaan 1000 Tahun / Akhir Kerajaan 1000 Tahun dan Kiamat / Kebangkitan orang mati
Pengadilan Allah / Surga / Neraka / Sempurna / Situasi Akhir Zaman / Berjaga-jaga



Indeed, it is very beautiful to always live in the presence of God. Even Peter, John, and James did not want to leave that majestic presence when they saw Jesus was transfigured upon the mountain. The presence of God is more than powerful to overcome our most difficult days. But, how can we always live in the presence of God? How can we let God to be with us always?

As we are continuing with the book of **1 Samuel** and **2 Samuel**, we are going to learn from the life story of David, how God led him from glory to glory, from the sheepfold to the kingdom, from forgotten son to a perpetual name as Jesus called the son of David.

The Presence of God

Wonderfully Re-Makes Your Identity

1Sam.16 ¹⁸ Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *who is* skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and **the LORD is with him.**"



Every person was known by their identity. How people around know about us? Young David was known by his **family** (a son of Jesse), by his **address** (the Bethlehemite), by his **talent** (skilful player of harp), by his **character** (a mighty man of valor), by his **ability** (a man of war), by his **words** (prudent in speech), by his **appearance** (a handsome person), and most of all, by his **faith** (the Lord is with him) → 7 + 1 = 8 identities of David

That was not self-testimony by David. Instead, it was the testimony from others. The evidence that the Lord is with David must be clearly seen by people around him and it built the high value of David identity.

Pro.27:2 *Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.*

Ams. 27:2 *Biarlah orang lain memuji engkau dan bukan mulutmu, orang yang tidak kaukenal dan bukan bibirmu sendiri.*



— The Presence of God

Strong Evidences to Share Living Faith

Testimony for ISAAC: But they said, “We have certainly seen that **the Lord is with you**. So we said, ‘Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you *Gen.26:28*

Testimony for JOSEPH: And his master saw that **the Lord was with him** and that the Lord made all he did to prosper in his hand *Gen.39:3*.

Testimony for PAUL: However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, **they changed their minds** and said that **he was a god** *Ac.28:6*.

Another example of living in the presence of God could be seen in the life story of Isaac. The king of Philistine came to him and gave a testimony how they absolutely could see that the Lord is with him, and it was seen through what Isaac did! Isaac was so prosperous with his work in the farm so that the Philistines sent him away from them. The Philistines tried to stop the well, fought with him, but his **meekness** overcame all that fighting, he just went away and found another well. But through all of that difficulties and pressures, the king could learn his character and his faith, and at last he declared how **the Lord is with him!**

Walk with God is not only could be seen from the physical prosperity. Even **Joseph** as a slave and a prisoner was also able to share his living faith! The prosperity that Joseph was made in his capacity as a slave was more than enough to show everyone how the Lord was with him.

Paul had so many misfortune in his life even the Lord is with him! He suffered from shipwreck, persecutions, even a viper fastened on his hand. But through it all, people then changed their minds and acknowledge how the hand of God is upon Paul.

And indeed, there are so many evidences in the Bible (e.g. Daniel and his friends) to prove that living in the presence of God is **NOT** about **WHAT** we may have in our hand, but it is more about **HOW** is our attitude toward everything we have in our life! And this is what we are going to learn.

The Presence of God **OBEDIENCE** **IS THE KEY**

1Sam.15:22
Behold, to obey is
better than sacrifice,
And to heed than the
fat of rams.

¹¹ And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet **the youngest**, and there he is, **keeping the sheep**." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."

He who *is faithful in what is least* is **faithful** also in **much**; and he who is unjust in *what is least* is unjust also in much. **Luk.16:10**

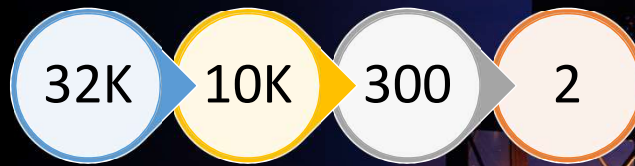


While all families having a feast with Samuel, the prophet, even the whole town of Bethlehem **1Sam.16:4**, Jesse asked young David to take care the sheep and somehow he **obeyed**! Truly the sheep flock was not heaps, the Bible told us that it just a few sheep in the wilderness **1Sam.17:28**. But, the attitude of obedience was so strong within David and we can find it in the beginning of his life story. We may not know exactly what is the reason why David was not included in that feast, but we can learn how David just obey with his dad instructions.

God really love obedience **1Sam.15:22** (when Saul rebel, the Lord regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel **1Sam.15:34**). David obeyed and he take care the sheeps. Later, we also learned how David also obeyed when his dad asked him to send the food for his brothers, and again we can learn how **obedience** is the key to lead David from glory to glory.

The true obedience required **no explanations** and it is the result of deep intimate relation with God so we put our trust and our hope in Him alone! **Illust.:** *emergency evacuation / lockdown plan at school*. Jesus taught us to be faithful in small things so that God can trust us for bigger things.

— The Presence of God
**START FROM
QUIETNESS**



When my father and my mother forsake me,
Then **the LORD will take care of me.** *Psa.27:10*

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in
reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in
distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am
weak, then I am **strong.** *2Cor.12:10*

It is the time when God want to work something in our life when it may seems as **loneliness**, but truly it is when God wants to commence His glorious plan within us. God can use a condition “when no one able to help us” so that we can depend ourselves in God alone. One time David wrote a psalm how his parents forsake him, but it was the time when David experienced the loving care of God for him! Sometimes, we may have a condition when we think that no one can understand exactly what we are going through. And truly that low-condition can turn out into the presence of God when we shout to the Lord.

We may feel the presence of God when we worship Him together in the crowd, but a deeper presence of God actually start from quietness when we experience Him personally. When God let something happen in our life and no one able to help us, let's see that moment as a gold opportunity for us to have a fresh experience in His presence. Paul said: “When I am weak, then I am strong!” Because through our weaknesses, God wants to reveal His strength.

God asked Gideon to reduce the number of his soldiers so that Israel would not claim glory for itself against God, lest they will say: “Our own hand has saved us!” God said: TOO MANY *Jdg.7:2*. So, the number was reduced from 32K to 10K. But again God said: STILL TOO MANY! So, the number was dropped to 300 (**0.9375%** or **9.4 per mille**; less



than 1%). God wanted to show His strength through what the enemy might see as weakness. But the true and deepest presence of God happened when only Gideon and his servant, Purah, came down at night sneaking through the camp of the enemies and then they heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, so that Gideon **WORSHIPPED** *Jdg. 7:15!*

***Judg. 7**¹⁵ And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for the LORD has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand."*

The Presence of God

IMMANUEL

³ But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is **not possible** that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. **Heb.10:3-4**

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! **The Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world! **John.1:29**



At the **Old Testament**, God indeed want to be with His people, however, **the true promise** about His presence just revealed when Jesus was born!

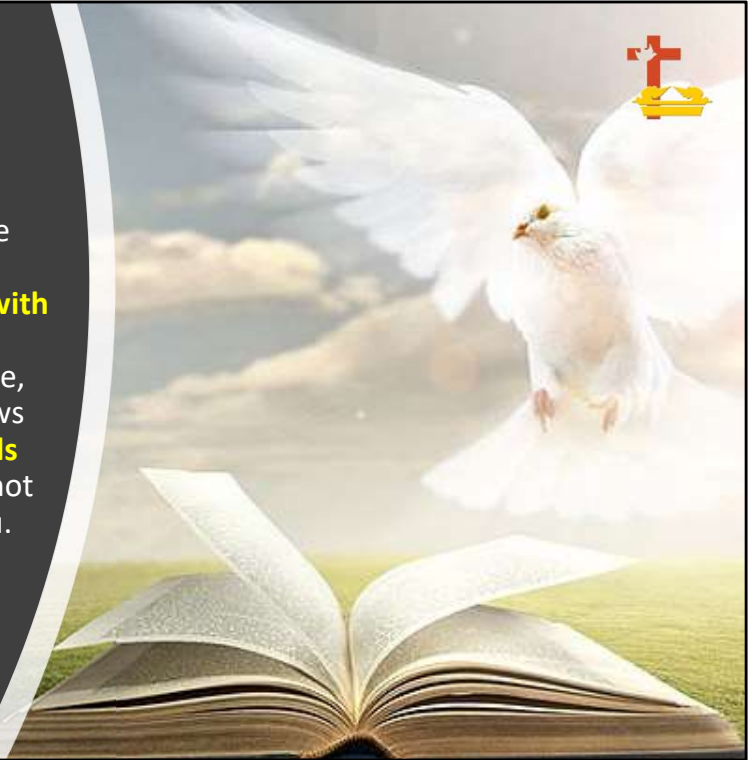
Mat.1:23 "*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name **Immanuel**,*" which is translated, "**God with us.**"

So, what does it mean? Does it means that before Jesus was born God was not with His people? Indeed God already with His people, just like what we read in the life story of Joseph, Isaac, David, etc, but there is something more powerful and precious when Jesus was born! For so long, the life of believers in the Old Testament were **overshadowed** with the sins. The Bible clearly told us how the blood of bulls and goats could not take away any sins! But then Jesus as the lamb of God came in to this world and He took away the sin of the world! What a big blessing for believers in the New Testament so that we can live in the presence of God in a newer, stronger, deeper way rather than what believers in the Old Testament might have!

The Presence of God **HOLY SPIRIT**

¹⁵ "If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that **He may abide with you forever**— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for **He dwells with you** and **will be in you**. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
John 14:15-18

THE LORD IS WITH YOU!



Even Jesus brought us to stronger & deeper possibility to live in the presence of God by giving us the promise of the Holy Spirit! We don't need to wait until next Pentecost day to ask for the Holy Spirit baptism (23May2021).

Holy Spirit will lead us to all righteousness and we must obey. Holy Spirit will teach us all things, and bring to our remembrance all things that Jesus said to us *Jn.14:26*. Holy Spirit will testify of Jesus *Jn.15:26*. Holy Spirit also called as the Spirit of adoption so that believers can cry out: "Abba, Father" *Rom.8:15*.

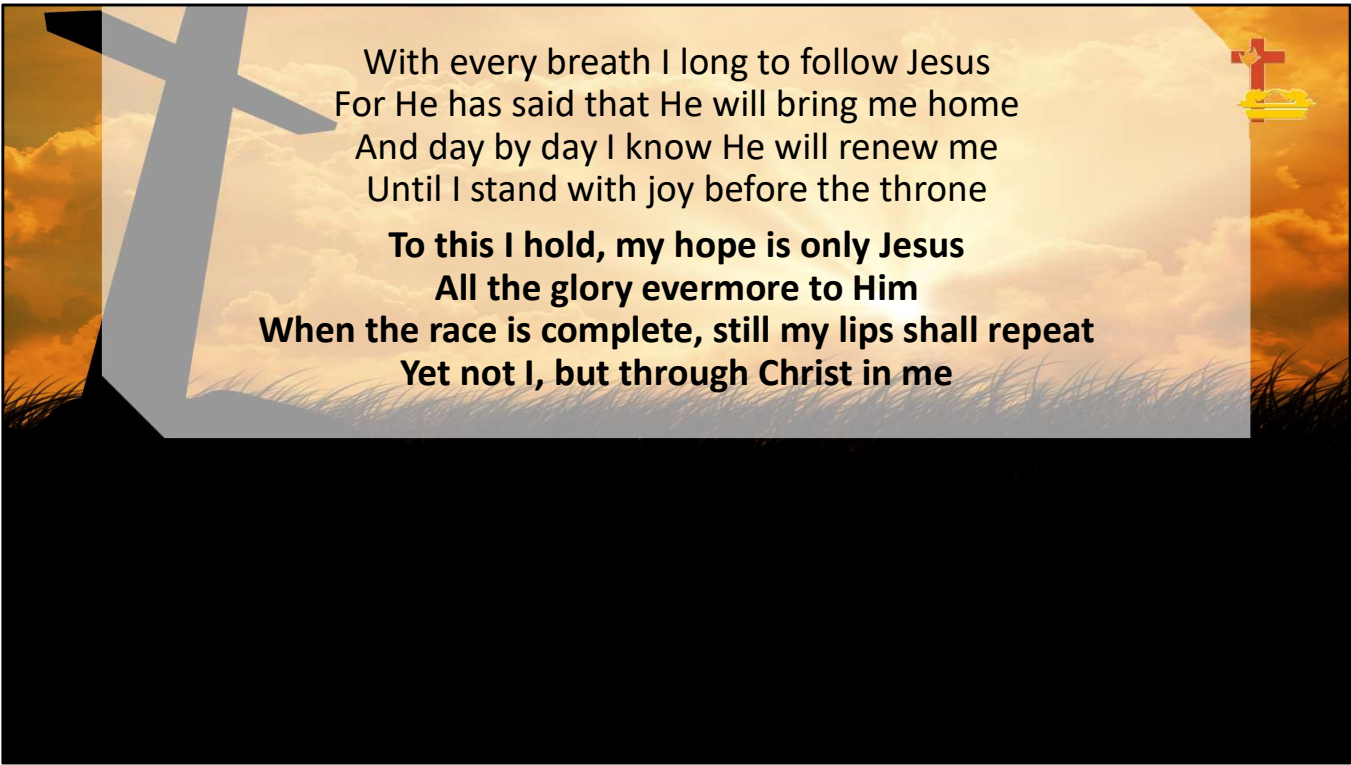
Do not live as an orphan! Jesus encouraged believers to ask for the Holy Spirit *Luk.11:13* so that we can always live in the presence of God, God with us!

Saat kita taat, maka Tuhan akan membentuk hidup kita, dari kemuliaan pada kemuliaan. 1Samuel berisi **pengolahan** hidup Daud, sejak dipanggil menjadi raja (fatsal 16), dipilih dan diproses menjadi raja (s.d. fatsal 31). Hidup dalam hadirat Tuhan bukanlah hidup yang pasif, justru di hadapan hadirat Tuhan kita akan diolah, dibentuk, diproses.

IMAN

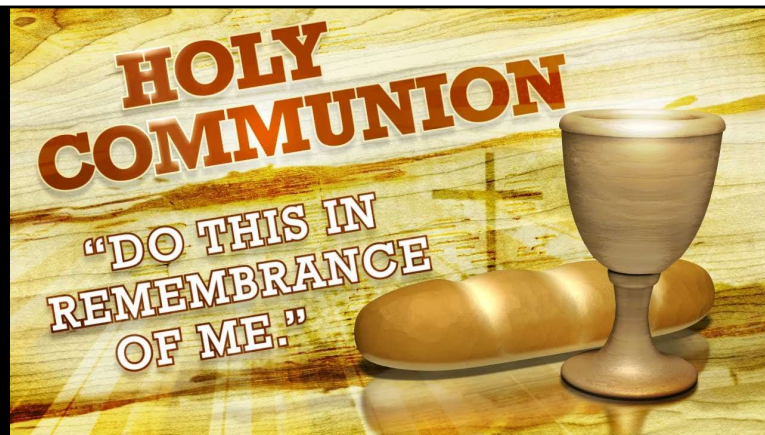
Daud menghadapi singa dan beruang dengan IMAN bahwa Tuhan yang akan menolongnya. Bibit IMAN itulah yang memungkinkan Daud untuk menghadapi

Goliath, musuh yang lebih besar, namun tidak ada perbedaan ditinjau dari mata IMAN. Kita harus melakukan segala sesuatu dengan mata IMAN, karena tanpa iman maka mustahil kita dapat hidup dalam hadirat Tuhan.



With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**



1CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

... The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **“Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

John 15:4-5, 1Corinthians 11:23-25, 1Corinthians 10:16-17

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

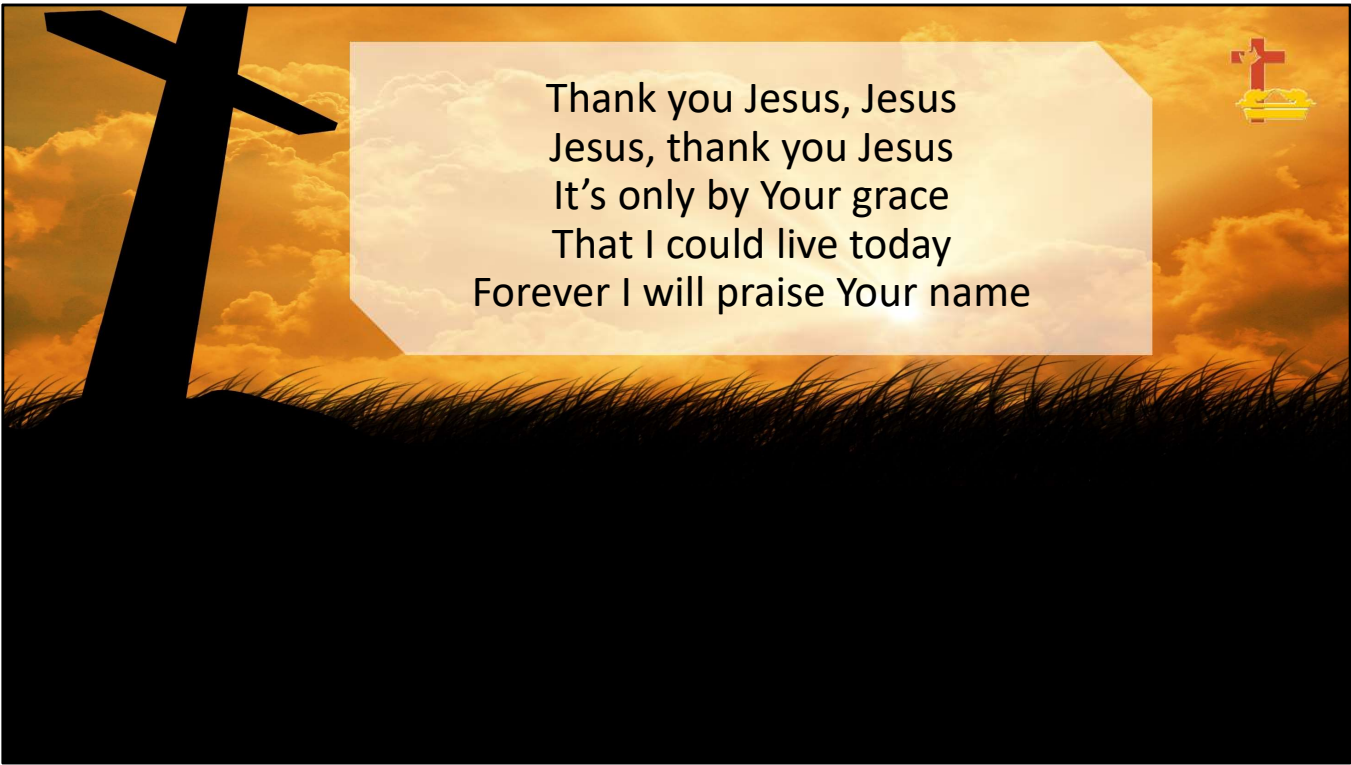
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For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?



Thank you Jesus, Jesus
Jesus, thank you Jesus
It's only by Your grace
That I could live today
Forever I will praise Your name



GOD BLESS YOU!
HAVE A BLESSED WEEK WITH JESUS

See You Next Sunday!