I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

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[0:00] But if we could this evening, with the Lord's help, turn back to that portion of scripture that we went. The Gospel according to John, chapter 14. John chapter 14. And if we read again in verse 5.

John 14 and verse 5.

The truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me. I want to begin this evening by asking you the very simple question.

Why do you come to church? Why do you come to church? What is it that brings you into this building on a Sunday evening?

What reason do you have for coming here? What is it that draws you to this place? What causes you, what is it that causes you to leave the comforts of your own home on a Sunday evening?

[1:37] And come and sit in this old building and listen to someone preach to you? Why do you come to church? Why are you here tonight?

Why did you come? But you know I think there's a deeper question we need to ask. And I guess that when we answer this question we'll know why we come to church.

Because the deeper question we need to ask is, when you die, where are you going? When you die, where are you going?

And in the context of today, it's a very fitting question. When you die, where will you spend eternity? Will you spend eternity in heaven?

Or will you spend eternity in heaven? For it was one commentator who said, only a fool would be unprepared for the inevitability of death.

[2:44] Especially as statistics show that the mortality rates in the world are 100%. My friend, it's not if you die.

It's when you die. When you die, where are you going? And I will hazard a guess as to your answer to that question. Because you'll probably say, I hope to go to heaven.

And if you hope to go to heaven, then that's probably the reason why you are in church tonight. You don't want to go to heaven. You want to go to heaven.

You don't want to spend eternity tormented in hell because of your sin. And you know that without Christ, that's what will happen. And so we are here in church in this missionary house tonight.

Because deep down, we all want to go to heaven. We all want to go to heaven. But here's another question.

[3:48] If you hope to go to heaven when you die, what are you doing about it? What are you doing about it?

Because in this statement from the lips of Jesus, there is only one way to heaven. There are no alternative routes. The only way is through Jesus Christ. Because Jesus is saying to us, I am the way, the truth and the life.

No man cometh unto the Father but by me. And my friend, if you're serious about salvation. If you care about your eternal well-being.

Then you'll be coming to church for the same question that Thomas asked. Because Thomas asked, Lord, how can we know the way? And that's the question I want us to ask this evening.

As we come and look at this, I am saying. Because I want us to ask Jesus tonight. I want us to ask Jesus. Lord, how do I get to heaven?

[4:52] Lord, how do I get to heaven? And as you can see from this, I am saying in verse 6. Jesus has three things to tell us in order to get to heaven.

But it's not three things that we have to do in order to get to heaven. It's three things about the identity of Jesus Christ. Because that's what all of these I am sayings in John's gospel are about.

And we've seen that time and time again. That their purpose is to reveal the identity of Jesus. And in this, I am saying that Jesus answers Philip's question.

Lord, how do I get to heaven? Jesus answers it by asserting to him. I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life.

And this evening, I'd like us to consider this I am statement. Under these three simple headings. I am the way. I am the truth.

[5:55] I am the life. So we look firstly at Jesus' statement. I am the way. I am the way. And when we consider all of the I am sayings which we have looked at in John's gospel.

Out of them all, this is perhaps the most well-known saying. But at the same time, it's probably the most exclusive and the most offensive of all of the I am sayings of Jesus.

That's not to say that the other I am statements of Jesus are not exclusive. And we've seen that when we've looked at them. Because we've looked at what Jesus declared when he declared, I am the bread of life.

I am the light of the world. I am the door. I am the good shepherd. I am the resurrection and the life. And next time we will look at the statement in the opening verse of John 15 where Jesus says, I am the true man.

And with each of these I am sayings, Jesus is revealing his identity as the eternal son of God. And they are exclusive statements because no one else can and no one else ever will make these claims.

[7:09] But when we come to this statement, I am the way, the truth and the life. We have to admit that it is without a doubt the most exclusive and the most offensive of all of the I am sayings.

In fact, it's probably the most exclusive statement that has ever been made by anyone. And I say that because this I am statement, it cuts through every other religion, every other philosophy, every other sect that has ever been presented to mankind.

Because this saying of Jesus categorically states that there is no other way to heaven except through Jesus. And so when we come and ask Jesus, Lord, how do I get to heaven?

He said to us, I am the only way. I am the only way. And just in case we don't understand what he means by this, Jesus clarifies what he means.

And he says, no one comes to the Father. No one can come to the Father's house, the place of many mansions, except through me.

[8:22] And this clear statement of Christianity is what separates Christianity from all the other religions of the world.

And when I say Christianity, my friend, I mean the Reformed, Evangelical, Protestant Christianity which is presented to us in the Word of God. A Christianity and a Christianity which can only be received by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

And so when Jesus says, I am the way. He's affirming to us that every other religion, every other idol, every other thought, every other sect, and every other cult, and every other faith, belief, and every other attempt to get to heaven is completely and utterly false.

And what we must see as Jesus reveals his identity is that he is unique. He is absolutely unique.

Because he doesn't say, I am the way. He doesn't even say, I am one of many ways to heaven. He says, I am the way.

[9:38] I am the only way and there is no other way except through me. And what Jesus is saying to us is that every other religion, every other sect, every other cult in the world, it's the wrong way.

It's the wrong way. And Jesus is saying that, he's saying that, that he is the only way. And by saying that he is the only way, he's closing off every other way to heaven.

He's not one possible religious way amongst a host of other possible religious ways. He doesn't say that we can take our pick of one religion and choose him if we like.

Or many people will tell you that Jesus is only one of many ways to heaven. But that's not what Jesus says. He says, I am the way. I am the only way.

And many will tell you that it doesn't matter what religion you follow. You'll all get to heaven eventually. But Jesus says, if we do not choose him, we cannot be saved.

[10:46] If we do not choose him, heaven is not an option. And what Jesus wants to make clear to us is that the choice is not between the religion that Jesus offers and the religions that others offer.

The choice is between having Jesus as the way to God. Or not coming to God at all. The choice is between the only way.

Or the wrong way. And what all these religions and sects will tell you is that it's all about doing. It's all about what you do for God and earn your way into heaven.

Because the Muslim will tell you that your good deeds, they have to outweigh all your bad deeds. In order to keep our happy and get to heaven. The Buddhist will point out to you that you need to pray more to reach your state of nirvana.

The Hindu will tell you that you need to worship all these gods to reach the perfect state of karma. But then there are the sects that present to you the view that we need Jesus plus all the other things.

[11:57] The Jehovah's Witness will tell you that there is only enough space in heaven for our chosen 144,000. But to get into that number you must learn about kingdom history and keep the laws of Jehovah.

And be loyal to God's government. And in order to secure a place in heaven you must spread the news about the kingdom and do door to door proselytizing.

Then the Mormon will tell you that in order to reach the highest heaven you must believe in God and believe in Jesus. Repent of your sins. Be baptized in the church.

Become a member of the latter day saints. Receive the Holy Ghost by the ring on his hands. And on top of that you must obey the Mormon word of wisdom.

And all of God's commandments and complete certain temple rituals including marriage. And after that you will become a God and give birth to spirit children who return to earth as the souls of the living.

You have to do all these things. Then to talk all of these other religions there is the new religion of Scientology. Which all the celebrities have followed.

There is also Sikhism, Toism and Shinto just to name a few more. But my friend the greatest deceiver of them all is the religion of the Roman Catholic Church.

And I do not say that lightly. I say it because many have fallen into the trap of believing that the way into heaven is through Jesus plus.

Jesus plus me. Jesus plus the saints. Jesus plus the prayers of the Pope. Jesus plus the Cardinals. Jesus plus the confession of the priests.

Jesus plus praying for your sins to be forgiven. Jesus plus the Mass. Jesus plus purgatory. Jesus plus. Jesus plus.

[14:03] Jesus plus. But you know my friend. Do you know what's wrong with every one of these other religions and saints? Is that they all say that Jesus is not enough for them.

Jesus is not enough for them. And some people might be convinced into thinking that these religions are worth following. Just because many of its followers are so strict on their outlook.

And so fervent in their worship. But it doesn't matter how fervent they are in their religion. And how faithful they are in their prayers to Allah.

And how many times they take Mass. And how many doors they knock on. And how many times they repeat all their laws. Jesus is saying it's all in vain.

It's all in vain. Because someone wants to think. The difference between Christianity. And every other religion in the world.

[15:07] Is that all other religions. Are about man trying to reach up to God. But the beauty of Christianity.

Is that it's about God reaching down to man. It's about God reaching down to man. And that's what grace is my friend.

It's about God reaching down to a lost mankind. That's what the grace of God is. It's God's riches at Christ's expense.

It's God's riches freely given to us. Without having to work. Or earn. Or pay your way into heaven. It's given to us. All because of Jesus Christ.

For the Bible clearly states to us. The wages of sin is death. But the free gift. The free gift.

[16:05] Which is there for the taking. The free gift of God. Is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. And that's the key difference between Christianity.

And every other religion of the world. Because every other religion says works. But Jesus says grace. Every other religion says do.

Jesus says done. Every other religion says live in fear. As to whether God will accept you or not. On the day of judgment. Jesus says fear not.

Only believe. Every other religion says you must earn the reconciliation of God. Jesus says you are reconciled to God. Because I became sin for you.

Every other religion says keep working for your salvation. Jesus points us to Calvary. And says it is finished. It is finished.

[17:07] And so when we come and ask Jesus. Lord how do I get to heaven? He's saying I am the way. I am the way.

And my friend of Jesus. Is the only way. And all other religions are false. Then what are you doing about it? What are you doing about it?

I am the way. That's the first claim. Which Jesus makes regarding his identity. But secondly Jesus claims.

I am the truth. I am the truth. And this is yet another exclusive and offensive claim from the lips of Jesus.

Because Jesus is not only saying that he is the only way to heaven. But he's also saying that he's the only truth worth believing. And his claim I am the truth.

[18:12] It implies that every other thought. And every other theory about the purpose and meaning to life is false. For his claim I am the truth. It asserts that every other reason as to why we are here is a lie.

Every other declaration and presentation of the truth. Which is contrary to Jesus' declaration. Is in fact a lie. And so when we come and ask Jesus.

Our question when we come and ask him. Lord how do I get to heaven? He says I am the truth. I am the truth. And what I am telling you is the truth.

And it's the absolute truth. For my truth is not one possible truth. Among a host of other possible truths. My truth is the absolute truth.

And the truth which Jesus sets before us in the pages of scripture. Is that mankind is in a ruined condition. We are corrupted by our sin.

[19:18] We are fallen creatures. Mankind has sinned and come short of the glory of God. Where we are corrupted to the core.

The wages of sin is death. And the truth is. In our first beginning we are fit to be damned.

Not to be blessed. We are fit to be lost. Not to be saved. We are fit for hell. Not for heaven. But Jesus is standing before us on the pages of scripture and saying to us.

And I think this is the greatest truth that we will ever hear. Because he is saying to us. I am the remedy to you ruin. I am the remedy to you ruin.

And the truth Jesus sets before us. Is that there is a heaven to be gained. And a hell to be shown. And it is interesting. At this point in John's gospel.

[20 : 20] Jesus speaks about heaven. Where he talks with his disciples about the father's house. And the place of many mansions. And it is interesting.

Only because throughout Jesus' public ministry. He spoke more about hell. Than he did about heaven. In fact during his ministry.

Jesus very rarely spoke about heaven. But he spoke a lot about hell. And the simple reason for that was.

He didn't want anyone to go there. His desire was that all would come to salvation. And Jesus made it clear.

That if we don't come to him with our sin. Our sin must be punished. And the only way for our sin to be punished. Is in the fires of hell. And Jesus often described hell.

[21:22] As the place of torment. This unquenchable flame. The lake of fire. He called it a place where there is wailing. And gnashing of teeth. It is the place of outer darkness.

The place where the fire is not quenched. And not even the smallest worm. Can die. Because the truth that Jesus repeatedly presents.

Is that hell is the place of eternal death. And a death which is eternal. Means that you are dying.

But never dead. You are dying. But never dead. You are never free from the torment. And the pain. And the suffering. And the horrors of hell.

And my friend. I have asked you this before. But I will ask you again. Where is hell? Where is hell? Hell.

[22:18] It is at the end of a Christless life. It is at the end of a Christless life. And that is the truth.

That is the truth. Hell is at the end of a Christless life. But Jesus is saying to us. It does not have to be that way. Because the truth is.

I am the remedy to your will. And when we are asking Lord. How do I get to heaven? Jesus is saying. I am the truth. And because I am the truth.

You must believe in me. I am the truth. And what I am telling you is the truth. It is the absolute truth. It is the absolute truth.

But you know my friend. One of the greatest problems which we have. Is that many people claim. That there is no such thing as absolute truth. Because in our day and generation.

[23:23] The philosophy of post-modernism. Claims that absolute truth does not exist. And whether we are aware of it or not.

The philosophy of post-modernism. Is everywhere in our nation today. And throughout the world. Because the post-modernist. Post-modern mindset says.

There is no such thing as absolute truth. All truth. It is relative. In other words. The post-modernist. Says about everything. And about anything.

Well. That may be true for you. But it is not true for me. Your truth is your truth. My truth. Is my truth.

And for the post-modernist. There is no such thing as absolute truth. They reject anything which claims. To hold. Absolute truth. They reject anything which claims.

[24:18] To be. Inerrant. That is the Bible's claim. It claims to be. Inerrant. And the Bible claims that God.

Is absolute. True. But the post-modernist dismisses God. And God's word. As something that has. No real authority over mankind. And no ability.

To show itself. As true in a world of competing religions. Because in the mind of the post-modernist. We are meant to give equal respect. To every other religion.

And every other ideology. Where the truth of the Bible. Is to be considered as well. No more valid. Than any other truth. Of any other religion.

Even if they contradict one another. In the post-modern age we live in. No one is to have the right. To claim that their religion is true.

[25:17] And someone else's religion is false. They try and hold every religion. And every faith. And every cult on the same. To power.

And they say that they're all correct. They're all equally valid. None of them are wrong. All of them are right. They're all equally true. And you dare not impose.

Your thought or religion. Upon anyone else. And you know this is. This route. Of post-modernism. Is where human rights.

And political correctness. And political correctness. Has stemmed from. That no one is meant to say anyone else. Say to anyone else. That they are wrong. No one is meant to say that abortion is wrong.

No one is meant to say that euthanasia is wrong. No one is meant to say that homosexuality is wrong. No one is meant to teach that marriage. It's between one man and one woman.

[26:17] Because for the post-modernist. There is no absolute truth. Your truth. Is your truth. My truth. Well it's my truth. And this is why. Many can claim that they are.

Atheists. Because a post-modern society. Is not going to challenge you. No one is going to challenge your belief. No one is going to question you.

Because if there is no absolute truth. And all truth is relative. No one has the right. And no one has the authority. To say that there is a God or not. But obviously the inclination of mankind.

Is to say that there is no God. Because in the mind of a post-modern world. Who wants to be told what to do? Who wants to be told that they are wrong?

Who wants to be told that they are sinners? Who wants to be told that they are going to hell? But the point which many post-modernists miss.

[27:16] Is that if they take their. If they take their claims to a logical conclusion. If they say that there is no God. And that there is no absolute truth.

Then everything is permissible. Everything is permissible. If God does not exist. Everything is permissible. If there is no God.

And no absolute truth. And there are no rules to live by. And no moral law to follow. Then we can do whatever we want. If your truth is your truth.

And my truth is my truth. Then we can make it. Whatever we want to make it. And no one can tell you. How to live. And that philosophy.

It is completely destructive. Because no one has the right. To tell you how to live. And the result is that. We can choose to live for the moment. We can live.

[28:14] And live as we please. We can live according to. The truth of our own imagination. Where we can freely. Worship the God of money.

The God of popularity. The God of sex. The God of drugs. The God of gambling. The God of alcohol. The God of entertainment. Where we can be entertained today.

We can be entertained today. If there is no absolute truth. We can live as we please. And we can do what we want.

Because if God does not exist. Everything is permissive. Everything. But Nathan.

You and I both know. That God exists. God is real. And it doesn't matter. How much we try to deny it.

[29:17] Or ignore it. It doesn't matter. How much we suppress the truth. We know that he is. His truth is speaking to us. And we know deep down.

That because God exists. We are accountable. To his truth. And his truth. Is that when we die. We will stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

And give and account. And on that day. We will be measured against his truth. And we will stand and be judged by the one. Who is the absolute truth.

Jesus Christ. And the truth we have been confronted with. Is that without knowing. And accepting. And believing in the truth. We cannot go to heaven.

The absolute truth is. That if we can't go to heaven. If we can't go to heaven. We are only filled for heaven.

[30:17] If we are not believing in the truth. We are only filled for heaven. But in this exclusive statement. Jesus is saying to us.

I am the remedy to the rule. I am the cure to your corruption. I am the only way. For you to be saved. And so when we come to Jesus. And ask him. Lord.

How do I get to him? Jesus is not only saying to us. I am the way. I am the only one. But he is also saying. I am the truth. I am the absolute truth.

And because. I am the truth. You must believe in me. And my friend. Jesus. Is the only way. If Jesus. Is the only way. And if Jesus. Is the absolute truth.

Then what are you doing about it? What are you doing about it? I am the way.

[31:17] I am the truth. And lastly. Jesus claims. I am the lion. I am the lion. And once again.

This statement. From the lips of Jesus. Is an exclusive statement. Because Jesus. Is not only claiming. That he is. The only way to heaven. And he is not only asserting.

That he is the only truth. Worth believing. But Jesus. Is also affirming. That he is the only. Life. Worth living. Because according. To this exclusive claim.

Jesus. Is stating. That all other ways. Lead to death. And all other. Presentations of the truth. Lead to death.

And so once again. When we ask Jesus. Lord. How do I get. To heaven. He says. I am the lion. I am the lion.

[32:16] I am the only source. Of the child. Of the child. And we know. That Jesus. Has already said. To us. That he is the resurrection. And the lion.

But here. He presents to us. The reason. As to why. We need Jesus. As our source. Of the lion. Because we are all. Under the condemnation. Of death. And because of our sin.

We cannot escape. Death. It is an enemy. Which we must. All face. And this is the curse. That is upon us. The wages.

Of sin. Is death. And this has been. Our problem. This has been. Our problem. Since the very beginning. Because before. Sin entered. Into the world.

Adam. And Eve. They enjoyed. Many privileges. In their relationship. With God. They enjoyed. The way to God. Because. They had. Constant. Communion. With God.

[33:13] They knew. The truth. In God. As it. Flowed. From him. And they possessed. Spiritual life. From God. But when Adam and Eve. Disobeyed God.

And fell into sin. They lost. All their privileges. They lost. All the blessings. And instead. Of experiencing. The way to God. They experienced. Alienation.

From God. Instead of knowing. The truth. They fell into. Falsehood and error. Instead of. Possessing. Life. They began. To know. And experience. Death.

This is our. Human condition. That we are. Alienated. From God. We are. Ignorant. Of the truth. And we are. Under. The condemnation.

Of physical. And spiritual. Death. We are in a. State. Of ruin. But what we see. In this. Exclusive. Claim.

[34:07] Of Jesus. Is that. He is the divine. Answer. To a problem. He is that. Remedy. To a world. Instead of.

Because instead of. Alienation. From God. Jesus. Is the way. To God. Instead of. Ignorance. And error. Jesus. Is the absolute. Truth.

Instead of. Spiritual. Death. Jesus. Is the source. Of eternal. Life. But what we must. See in this. Claim of Jesus. Is that he.

Presents to us. The glory. Of our gospel. Because the glory. Of the gospel. Is the promise. Of eternal. Life. It's the promise. Of new life.

It's the promise. Of having your sins. Forgiven. And being cleansed. And being. Made completely. New. It's the promise. Of being born. Again.

[35:01] Again. And my friend. If this text. Is presenting. Anything. To us. It's presenting. The fact. That we must. All. Be born.

Again. We must. Be born. Again. Because. As Jesus. Says to us. Except. A man. Or a woman.

Or a boy. Or a girl. Except. To be born. Again. They cannot. They will not. It is. Impossible. For them. For them. To enter. Into the kingdom.

Of God. Because. I am. The way. The truth. And the life. And no one. No one.

Can come to the father. Except. Through. Me. And this. Exclusive. Claim. From Jesus. It hasn't.

[35:56] Changed. It hasn't. Changed. And although. It may be offensive. To all the other. Religions. And sects. And philosophies. Of this one.

This claim. Of Jesus. Is an unchangeable. Reality. Because my friend. Jesus doesn't say. That he was the way. He doesn't say. That he was the truth. He doesn't say.

That he was the life. He doesn't. Say that. He only belongs. To the past. He doesn't say. That he was only relevant. To previous generations. And a bygone era.

Who needed God. And needed something. To believe in. Jesus doesn't say. That he's been. Overtaken. By science. And philosophy. No. No. No. Jesus declared.

To us. And to this. Onlooking. Glory. That he is. And he will always be. Until the end of time. The way. The truth. And the life. And for 2000 years.

[36:56] The church. Has preached. This. Exclusive. Claim. Of Jesus. Is that not. What the apostle. Peter said. To those.

Who. Put Jesus. To death. When he was speaking. To them. In Acts. Chapter 4. He said. Salvation. Is found. In Jesus. And in no other.

There is no. Other. Name. Under. Heaven. Given among men. Whereby. We must be saved. Other. Than the name.

Of Jesus. Because my friend. The bible. Tells us. That it's at the name. Of Jesus. That every knee.

Will bow. In heaven. And on earth. And in heaven. Every knee. Will bow.

[37:52] Every knee. Will bow. Every knee. Which has bowed. Before Allah. Every knee. Which has fallen. Down. To Buddha.

Every knee. Which has worshipped. May. Every knee. Which has praised. Self. And glorified man. And exalted. Ego above. The God of heaven. Every knee.

Will bow. And every tongue. Will confess. That Jesus. Christ. Is Lord. To the glory. Of God. The Father.

And my friend. That day. Is coming. That day. Is coming. God. But the question.

Which we ought. To ask tonight. With having. The privilege. Of sitting. Under the truth. Of God's word. Is the simple question.

[38:50] Lord. How do I get. To heaven. And Jesus. Is saying to us. I am the way.

The truth. And the life. No one. Comes to the Father. Except. Through me. No one.

Can get to heaven. Except. Through. Me. And as that. 15th century. German. Theologian. Thomas A.

Kempis wrote. Without the way. There is no going. Without the truth. There is no knowing. Without the life. There is no living.

Without the way. There is no going. Without the truth. There is no knowing. Without the life. There is no living. So my friend.

[39:46] If Jesus. Is the only way. And if Jesus. Is the absolute truth. And if Jesus. Is the only source.

Of life. Then what are you doing. About it. Then the Lord.

Bless these things. Let us pray. Amen. Amen. Oh Lord. Our gracious God. We give thanks to thee.

This is our great privilege. To know the way. To help. And help us Lord. To be thankful. To be thankful. That the Lord.

One. Who has revealed. The way for us. And the Lord. One. Who has spoken to us. In our prayer. And help us Lord. To heal. Or to listen.

[40:42] For thy word says. He who has ears to heal. Let him heal. And that is our prayer. Tonight. That more would heal. More would listen.

More would take heed. Take heed. To the great gospel message. Bless us then we pray. Bless us in a week. That lies ahead.

A week that is. Completely unknown to us. But it is known to thee. Our great God. Cleanse us and do us good.

For Jesus sake. Amen. Amen. We shall conclude by singing.

In Psalm 86. Psalm 86. In the Scottish Psalter. Page 341. Psalm 86.

[41:47] Psalm 86. Psalm 86. Psalm 86. Psalm 86. Singing from verse 9. Down to the verse marked 13. Psalm 86. From verse 9. All nations whom thou made shall come.

And worship reverently. Before thy face and thee O Lord. Thy name shall glorify. Because thou art exceeding great. And works by thee are done. Which are to be admired.

And thou art God thyself alone. Teach me thy way. And do my truth. O Lord. Then walk with me. Unite my heart. That I thy name. That I thy name. May fear continually.

O Lord my God. With all my heart. To thee I will give praise. And I the glory will ascribe unto thy name always. Because thy mercy toward me. In greatness thine.

Thou hast thou accept. And thou delivered hast my soul. Out from the lowest heaven. So sing these verses of Psalm 86. All nations whom thou made shall come.

[42:44] And worship reverently. May thou thy grace.

Now may thou not ama. Before thy place, amy, O Lord, thy name shall glorify.

Because the Lord, exceeding great, and works by thee are done, Which art to thee, a thorn and a heart called thyself alone.

Teach me thy way and in thy truth, O Lord, then walk with I.

Unite my heart, thou, thy, thy name, make fear content purely.

[44:29] O Lord, my daughter, O my heart, to thee I will give praise.

And thy, the joy, we will thus cry unto thy name always.

Because thy mercy toward me in greatness of an excel, And thou deliverest my soul, I from the lowest hell.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever now. Amen.