<u>Crystallization-Study – Gospel of John</u>

God

God Being Unveiled as the Fountain (Source) of Life

- God, as the second crystal in the writings of John, is unveiled as the fountain (source) of life.
 - God our Father is a fountain.
 - The fountain is the real source.
 - This fountain emerges as a spring, and the spring gushes out a river.
- God is flowing out to dispense Himself with His divine life as the life element, the life supply (Christ as the tree of life), to meet the need of His elect and to be their pleasures and satisfaction.
 - When Christ died on the cross, not only blood flowed forth but also water.
- Psalm 36:8-9 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light. (KJV)
 - A saved person should be satisfied with Christ and filled up with God's pleasures.
 - God is the fountain of life for satisfaction with the divine pleasures.
- Whatever God flows out is "bright as crystal."
 - This water purifies us and makes us transparent as crystal.

The Lord's Calling with a Promise

- To the thirsty and water-seeking Samaritan woman the Lord said that He had the living water, which was able to cause her to never thirst again.
 - To the immoral Samaritan woman, the Lord Jesus was sitting, waiting for her to come.
- To those who held the Feast of Tabernacles, on the last day of their feast, He said, "If
 anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes into Me, as the Scripture
 said, out of His innermost being shall flow rivers of living water."
 - We must believe into the Lord. Then rivers of living water will flow out of our innermost being.
 - The rivers of living water are the many flows of the different aspects of life originating from the one unique river of water of life, which is God's Spirit of life.

- In Revelation, the Lord said to all people, "I will give to him who thirsts from the spring of the water of life freely."
 - The fountain is the source; the spring comes up and emerges from the fountain; then it gushes out to be the flowing river.
- The Lord as the Spirit calls with His bride, the transformed church, "Let him who is thirst come; let him who wills take the water of life freely."
 - This is a call with a strong promise.

God's Existence and Person

- God is self-existing and ever-existing, without beginning and without end.
- He is God from eternity to eternity.
- God is triune, three-one—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.
 - The three coinhere (exist in one another, mutually indwell one another).
 - The three of the Godhead are equal.
- According to Their essence, the three are one (essential Trinity).
- According to the economy, the three are three (economical Trinity).
 - The Father is the Originator, making the divine economy.
 - The Son accomplishes the divine economy made by the Father.
 - The Spirit applies to God's elect what the Son has accomplished.
 - They are still one in harmony in the economical Trinity.
- Although the three are equal, there is an order among Them.
 - The Father is the Head, and the Son subjects Himself to the Father. Also, the Spirit testifies concerning the Son.
 - This is similar to our situation in the church. Although we are equal, there is a proper order in the church.

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