



Gateway to Life Sermon Notes

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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[John 2:1-11](#)

WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY The Wedding in Cana

3 interpretative clues that enable us to understand the point of the story and be encouraged.

Interpretive Keys

Key One. Luke’s editorial comments [John 2:11](#). _____

Key Two. [John 2:4](#). A courteous rebuke given with affection and assertion.

Key Three. [John 2:6](#). The vessels used to perform the miracle are remarkable.

Summary

- #1. KEY. The meaning requires that we see the glory of Jesus Christ and our faith in Christ is encouraged.
- #2. KEY. The meaning on the story involves the taking of something earthy and physical and seeing it in the light of spiritual glory that honors the Father.

#3. KEY. The meaning involves taking a dead, impotent, religious tradition and bringing about a transformation that is gloriously rich beyond expectation.

Main Point

John's point is simply that Jesus will take the purification rituals of Israel and replace them with a decisively new way of purification.

Application

To John's original audience. _____

The old order of things that only accomplished outward and temporary cleansing would be replaced by a work that not only cleansed but brought about a completely different nature and substance; one that was lavish and glorious; one that was exorbitant, satisfying and incredible.

To Us? _____

[2 Corinthians 3:9-11](#) _____

Compared to the New Covenant, a covenant based upon the transforming work of the Spirit, the Old Covenant has no glory at all in comparison. The work of Christ is not to give you a bath, it is to transform you inside out.

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