



God's Pipeline

Life through us to others.



Life in - Life out

IF

the valve is open

Exploring the Life of God that flows through us to others must begin, if not indefinitely remain, with God. To the extent we are open to all that God in us is prepared to share with our world of people and friends, His Love, Grace, and Peace will flow through us. The benefit of this is beyond measure. To be joined in this, God's Highest Purpose, is an honor that humbles the mightiest.



Introduction

“...grace is not only the conduit through which we experience God; it is also the pipeline to the world around us.”¹

It is time to stop fooling ourselves. God is able. The whole of all we experience is some expression of His ability visiting us from eternity in the here and now.

How often do we think we must do something to qualify to be His expression to others? There is no end to qualifying, except exhaustion, and that only after rebellion. Then let me ask, ‘Why would you ever want to be like God?’ Where does that come from?

Early in the human experience, our first parents tried to better themselves and instantly became flesh conscious. The key word here is became. Up to that point they were only Life conscious. They lived in, with, by, and for their world (Eden). After a short discussion with a trickster, the poison of self improvement took over. It is the world we have inherited. This is a parched world. It cries out for the River of Life. God has purposed that that life would in fact again flow over this world turning the desert into a garden, turning dried up, empty flesh parched souls, into vines full of life giving fruit.

God’s Pipeline Defined

When using a picture of a pipeline with a valve near one end we can begin to picture how God exists with us and can flow through us without effort. I’ll repeat. Without effort!

That means no self improvement needed. Watch out world! Here comes God through our humanity!

The stuff coming toward the valve is God in all the facets of His Love. He comes with the intention of passing through you (the valve) out onto that parched earth.

Turn the Valve Toward God

That is all we do, turn the valve toward God. It is a yes to His YES! It is a YOU CAN in the face of the - IMPOSSIBLE!

Our first parents could have said yes. The people of Noah’s day could have said yes. Pharaoh could have said yes. The Jews asked to enter the land of Canaan could have said yes. The Jews confronted by all the prophets including John the Baptist could have said yes. You, your whole life, could have said yes.

All the righteous said yes. Abraham’s yes was to God’s ability beyond ability. Jesus’ disciples finally said yes. Centuries of people have said yes but most to this day say, “God. You are an impotent liar who hates us. No thanks.”

How Odd

It is odd how people hate unconditional love.



Impossible? NO!

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Jesus' teaching told us...

If someone you know needs money, give. If someone you know is in prison, visit. If any you know are hungry, feed them. If they are mean to you, pray for them. If someone takes your shirt, catch up with them give them your coat too. If they smack you and you live through it, let them smack you again.

Sounds impossible! That is God. The Impossible One is doing the impossible through us. He is the impossible in action.

Think of that valve. At one end is God...all of God pressing against you. If you (the valve) are not open to Him, your other side will be void, empty, unfulfilled, dry, wanting, and in need of.

You Can Become Sooooo Trying

Instantly you will try to try to fill your void. Try to become something that can fill that void. Try, try, try. You might, after some failures, even give up and join the world of want or embrace hate. The hate for being a 'self knowing self' coupled with a desire to show forth the impossible. Finding no way to do God, you might settle with trying to be like God, and accept the fact you will fail, but get up and try again.

Sooner or Later He Captures our Despair

How? He captures and keeps our attention through His loving us by others. Once we turn toward Him, in response to His love, we by fact of that turning, open the floodgates of His abundance for others. We cannot but love. When we accept His love in us presented in His Son Jesus Christ, that handle on that valve spontaneously turns and what we immediately experience is love for life and others, YES, even for ourselves just the way we are.

What is that Love?

Love is that eternal act of Christ flowing out to overflowing. God's pipe is His Grace. His Grace is His Son. Grace is not a thought, teaching, experience, or intent, but His Son Jesus Christ in action for others by His Holy Spirit expressing thru those who say yes.

Jesus' mother said yes to God's word and God through that yes, birthed the Living Word in fleshly form. Grace is God in Person showing up at your doorstep saying, "I am enough to fill any void. Want a vocation? Come! Follow Me."

He is Your Life

Conception is immediate. Birth is immediate. Maturity takes forever. Maturity does not improve who we are. Before we turn to God we are complete in Him. We are in fact perfect. Perfect does not say sinless, it simply means complete. Is it simple? Yes, it is Grace Himself, beginning His living through us.



The Pipeline's Person

“...our lives are transformed when we learn how to rest in the loving acceptance of our God.”

Bigger than You Think

Sometimes, our thinking of God as bigger than the universe, belittles Him. Just for a few moments think of the largest known sun. It is a billion times larger than our sun which is a million times larger than the earth which is about impossible to account for you. If the size of God were limited to the known universe, that largest star would not be one of His hair follicles.

Now, one day, while you are very busy on FaceBook, He sneaks up behind you and calls out your name. When you turn to see His face, you in comparison, would disappear.

Then He says, “I have decided to keep you for Myself, for eternity, to leap out of you like a fountain of Living water.”

Go ahead, tell Him, He is a liar. Tell Him, He cannot do it. Tell Him, it takes you to make it happen.

Oh dear, my friends and enemies, God is so much more than this universe! What God has promised, He will do.

Person, Not Influence

People are intentional. They are aware of life, see patterns, have preferences, make choices, focus efforts, spend time and energy on doing what is necessary to accomplish a goal. We are motivated to do for various reasons. We do, not because we must, but because we can.

We are told we reflect God. We are His Person seen, not only in action but in intent. Above all, God never begins what is not finished in the beginning, even it takes a trillion, trillion years to see the final outcome of His Word at work. In that way He is simultaneously ‘hard at work’ and totally at rest.

He Has Invited Us into His Rest

I'm wrong. He has not invited into His rest, but declared we MUST enter His rest. Like in your face, ‘You will enter my rest.’ Now it is not so much a command as a promise. Time fulfills that promise. He has all the time in the universe. The sooner you are exhausted and let Him be and do ‘you,’ you fall into His rest which is more doing than you can ever imagine. The amount of Him flowing down that pipe through that valve to that parched earth is inestimable.

In short, His doneness is beyond any of your doing. His person is so far past your efforts. His design, purpose, and processes are His Person. In flesh (gene expressed form) that is Jesus Christ His Son pouring out through you and of all things, as you.

Pipeline Revisited

By now, we should be soundly aware that the pipe, the valve, and the water are all one. What about that parched earth? As that Holy Water floods the earth, it, like you, is transformed into a whole new creation, from the inside out, from the design to the expression.



The Pipeline's Purpose

"He then completely has us – inside and out. ... it is impossible to be inwardly transformed without our outward behavior being affected."

His Being Himself

To look closer at God's eternal purpose, let us first peek at His nature. In the Christian faith we are faced with God as One, yet we know Him equally as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is by nature reflexive. He can think about Himself because He can relate to Himself. We are told, "When two or more people are gathered in His Name, He is in our midst." That relating is so instinctive that we cannot really call it His purpose. But we can call it His Person.

When we say Yes! to Jesus' finished work in joining us to God, God becomes Father, Jesus becomes both Lord and Brother, Holy Spirit becomes our eternal Comforter. What was true in eternity, becomes true to our experience. The water gushes through us and we are at home. Everything we ever wanted to be we do, only without the trying. We enter His doing, yet remain but the valve sensing the Life Water flowing through us.

We live His Self confidence. We live His ability to face every need. We pour out His gifting by way of His Holy Spirit. The pipeline without us would work perfectly. Through us, It can never work better or worse. There is nothing in the Holy Spirit to clog up the flow. What is available, is always available.

In the End

In the end, He wants us to be ourselves in Him. He wants us to know, to want, to choose, and do. We enter into an eternal paradox. We act as if it were totally us, knowing it is Totally Him. He does His ability through us as if we 'make' it happen. As my friend Norman P. Grubb would say, 'We say it is I, with a wink of the eye.'

No End Without a Beginning

The Beginning is the Person of God in Christ. What God begins, He ends. The process is insignificant. The innumerable interactions and changes only witness the End from the Beginning. Jesus is the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega, First and the Last.

There is no first without a last, no beginning without an end, no alphabet without a set of letters. His purpose is to be each letter of every word, every word of every sentence, every sentence of every paragraph, every paragraph of every chapter, every chapter in every book, every book in every library, and all saying, 'I love YOU.'

YES!

It is your time to say yes, either for the first time or for the billionth. Each yes is our way of keeping that valve open. It is His way of splashing more Life giving Love on dried up souls. The only way to shut that valve is to doubt and say, "No! You can't." The only way to open that valve is to say, "Yes! You can!"



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