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THE  
**GOSPEL** *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

## John 3:22-30

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. <sup>23</sup> John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized

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<sup>24</sup> (for John had not yet been put in prison). <sup>25</sup> Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. <sup>26</sup> And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—

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look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him.”<sup>27</sup> John answered, “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.”<sup>28</sup> You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’

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<sup>29</sup> The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease.”

# 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 11

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

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11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

## Isaiah 54:5

For your Maker is your husband, the  
LORD of hosts is his name.

## Hosea 2:16, 19

"And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal. . . .'"

<sup>19</sup> And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy.

## **Matthew 9:15**

And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast."

# 1 Corinthians 4:7

What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?