

.....That is not what is stressed here. Christ is stressed here, Christ's relationship to this river is stressed, but it is stressed under one very definite figure, the lamb. Christ is referred to as many things in the Bible. He is the door, he is the bread of life, he is the lion of the tribe of Judah. There are many figures used of Christ, but this one, the Lamb, has a very ~~the~~ special idea. Jesus Christ ~~is~~ is the lamb of God in the sense that he has provided for our sins.....1 $\frac{1}{2}$it ~~pre~~proceeds from the throne of God and of the Lamb. There is a very specific stress placed upon the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, the lamb that taketh away the sins of the world. And Rev. is not alone in this stress. We find the same stress exactly in Ezekiel 47, because you remember that in Ezekiel 47 we read that the waters came from under the temple, the place of God's dwelling, the sign of God's presence, but not only that, it came from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. The waters begin at the altar. They begin as that which represents the sacrifice of Christ on calvary's cross. And if the2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of life, if the river which feeds your soul, if that which is vital in your development and your service to God is not ~~not~~ intimately connected, and closely related to the altar of God to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, it is of little value. Everything in the Christian life that is right is closely related to the sacrifice of Christ on Galvaby's cross. It is from that that we receive our salvation, not only our salvation, but our sanctification. Our hope of the future, every blessing we have has been won for us because of the fact that Jesus Christ paid the ransom, set the prisoner free, opened the way for us to be delivered from the power of sin. You cannot put too much stress on the sacrifice of Christ. You cannot stress too much the importance of the cross in Christian theology and in Christian life, it is the vital center of everything. Personally I question whether a sermon is truly a Christian sermon when somewhere in it it does not stress the importance of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ and the possibility of salvation, in fact the only way of salvation through faith in the shed blood of Christ the lamb of God. That is the purpose of the sermon. We explain