

THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Introduction:

On the last day of the Feast of Booths (Tabernacle), Jesus gave a group of pilgrims (Deut.16:16) in attendance this invitation – “**if** (3cc) **anyone thirst** (dipsao / p.a.subj nsm), **let him come** (erchomai / p.m.impv.3ps) **to Me and drink** (pino / p.a.impv.3ps).” (Jn.7:37)

The high priest would lead a procession of pilgrims from the Temple Mount to the Pool of Siloam to fill a golden pitcher with water. He would then return to the Temple Mount and pour it on the altar. This was in memory of the famous rock of the wilderness wandering that quenched their thirst (Ex.17:1-9; 1 Cor.10:4) [Christ].

It was to this group of pilgrims that Jesus made this appeal – “**He who believes** (pisteuo / ho p.a.ptc. nsm) **in Me as the Scriptures says, ‘from his innermost being** (tes koilia) will flow (rheo / f.a.ind.3pl) **rivers** (potamos / nplm) **of living** (zao / p.a.ptc. gsn) **water** (hudor / gsn).” (Jn.7:38)

What was the “rivers of living water that will flow from the innermost being of those who believe in Jesus Christ?”

(Jn.7:39) “But this He spoke of **the Spirit**, whom those who believed (hoi pisteuo / a.a.ptc.nplm) in Him were (mello / impf.a.ind 3pl) to receive (lambano / p.a.infin); for **the Spirit** was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

<p>This lesson will study FIVE aspects of the Scriptural meaning of the rivers of living water as the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.</p>

1. Notice that ‘rivers’ is plural while ‘living water’ is singular. This teaches a multiple ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Jn.14:16-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:7-10, 13-15).

The primary ministry was to quench the thirst for righteousness of God:

(Ps.42:41-42a) “As a deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God?”

(Matt.5:6) “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

(Jn.4:14) “But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” (Jn.6:35)

This thirst is normal for those with Positive Volition (PV) at the point of God-consciousness. The issue is how you chose to quench it.

- The younger prodigal son chose to quench it with the world (Luke 15:11-24 / 13).
- The older prodigal son chose to quench it with religion (Luke 15:25-32 / 29).

According to Jesus, they were both wrong (Jn.7:37-38; Jn.14:6).

2. Note how a person gets (receives) the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

(Jn.7:38) “**He who believes in Me**, as the Scriptures said, ‘from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water,’”

(Jn.7:39) “But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom **those who believed in Him** were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” [Believe and Receive]

When a person believes that Jesus died for his sins according to the Scriptures , was buried and raised from the dead according to the Scriptures, he receives the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

(1 Cor.6:19-20) “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: Therefore glorify God in your body.” (Jn.7:37-39) [Innermost being]

How do I know that I have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Jesus gave the answer:

(Jn.7:38) “As the Scriptures said.”

3. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit is one of eight ministries of the Spirit that take place at the moment of salvation. (Matt.3:11; Acts 1:4-5; 2: 33).

The eight works of The Holy Spirit are:

Adoption	(Rom.8:14-17)	Sanctification	(2 Thess.2:13-14
Baptism	(1 Cor.12:13)	Seals and earnest	(Eph.1:13-14)
Indwelling	(Jn.7:37-39)	Spiritual gift	(1 Cor.12:11)
Regeneration	(Jn.3:1-8)	Spiritual life	(Rom.8:9-11)

4. The Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit is the source of spirituality in Christian Way of Life (CWL).

(Jn.7:38) “He who believes in Me, as the Scriptures said, ‘from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”

The Psuchikos person is the unbeliever without Holy Spirit (1 Cor.2:13-14; Jude 18-19).

The Pneumatikos person is Believer Indwelt by The Holy Spirit (IHS) (1 Cor.2:15-3:1; Gal.5:22-23, 25).

5. Paul gave the key to keeping the rivers of living water flowing.

(Gal.5:16-17) “But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.” (Rom.13:14; Eph.4:30; 1 Thess.5:19)

(Gal.5:16-17) The Indwelling Holy Spirit (IHS) is the restrainer of the flesh (old sin-nature).

(2 Thess.2:6-7) The Indwelling Holy Spirit (IHS) is the restrainer of the evil in the world.

When a CAB walks in the flesh and the Spirit stops flowing, he must confess his sin in order to resume the filling or flowing ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Jn.1:9; Eph.5:18).

In the flesh, the CAB is carnal (sarkikos) [fleshly] (1 Cor.3:1-3).