

RIVERS of LIVING WATER

The last day of the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths) was the only day the high priest of Israel led a procession of pilgrims from the Temple Mount to the Pool of Siloam to fill a silver pitcher of water. Then he would return to the Temple and pour it on the altar of burnt offering (Ryrie NASB Study bible of John 7:37).

It was a memorial to God's logistical grace satisfying the thirst of the Exodus generation from the famous messianic rock at Horeb during the wilderness wandering (Ex.17:1-7; 1 Cor.10:1-4; Phil.4:19).

This makes the opening statement to the pilgrims attending this procession important – “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.” (John 7:37)

Today's lesson comes from what Jesus said next to these pilgrims – “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow **rivers of living water.**’” (John 7:38)

Then John gave a doctrinal footnote explanation – “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.” (John 7:39)

This lesson will study four aspects of these Rivers of Living Water.

1. We will examine four important points regarding these Rivers of Living Water.

1st – Notice that “Rivers” is plural, but “Living Water” is singular.

2nd – Notice that the Living Water is the Holy Spirit.

3rd – Notice that Rivers of living Water flow out from inside of the Church Age Believer (CAB).

4th – Notice that the Holy Spirit takes up residence within the Church Age Believer's (CAB) body the moment he/she believes in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (believe and receive).

2. When ANYONE believes that Jesus died for his sins, was buried and raised from the dead on the third day, he receives Rivers of Living Water, or of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

(Gal.3:2-3) “This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?” [Note three rhetorical questions]

(John 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.” (Eph.1:20-23)

3. Eight rivers of living water are given to every Church Age Believer (CAB) at the moment of grace salvation.

These are eight works of the Holy Spirit received at salvation by every Church Age Believer (CAB)

- Adoption (Rom.8:14-17; Gal.4:4-7)
- Baptism (1 Cor.12:13; Gal.3:26-29)

- Indwelling (1 Cor.6:19-20; John 7:37-39)
- Regeneration (John 3:1-8; Titus 3:4-7)
- Sanctification (Rom.15:16; 2 Thess.2:13-14)
- Seals and earnest (Eph.1:13-14; 2 Cor.1:22)
- Spiritual gift (Rom.12:6-8; 1 Cor.12:11)
- Spiritual life (Rom.8:9-11; John 4:14; 6:63)

4. Jesus gave a key doctrinal principle to these Rivers of Living Water regarding – their FLOWING.

(John 7:38) “**From** (Ek+ablative of source) **his innermost being** (tes kolia/ abl.s.f) **will flow** (rheo/ f.a.ind.3pl) **rivers** (potamos/ nplm) **of living** (zao/ p.a.ptc.gsm) **water** (hudor/ gsn).”

- **Future tense** of Jesus being glorified (Resurrection – Ascension – Session) (John 7:39).
- **Active voice** of volitional responsibility of each CAB to keep the rivers flowing (Gal.5:16).
- **Indicative mood** is reality of eight rivers of the Holy Spirit flowing all the time in the Christian way of life. (CWL).

Personal sin in the CWL stops the flow and confession of that personal sin unblocks the hindrance of the flow and allows the rivers of living water to flow once again (James 1:14-15; Gal.5:16; **1 John 1: 9**)

(Heb.12:1)

“Let us lay aside every encumbrance

(Eph.4:22-24) (Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus) (OMCD)

and the sin which so easily entangles us

(James 1:14-15) Confession of sin (1 John 1:9)

and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us (Directive Will of God)

(2 Tim.4:7; Col.1:9-12; James 4:15)

Next week: We will study about the **tributaries that flow from one** of the eight rivers of living water.