

WATER THAT SATISFIES EVERY PERSON'S THIRST

Today I want to do all I can to make you thirsty, but more than that I want to make you spiritually thirsty, and make you seek what the Bible calls "living water." The only way you can realize you are in need of the "living water" Jesus offers you, is for you to realize you are spiritually thirsty, and to be spiritually thirsty you need to realize you are guilty of sin. **Why** did Jesus come to this earth? Jesus Christ came to this earth to bring God to man and man to God. Jesus came to make men and women who are spiritually dead alive. People die spiritually because they have died of spiritual thirst.

What does the Bible say this "living water" is like? First of all its source is from God. Then the Bible points out that its flow is from Christ. In the Bible Jesus said, "But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life," and in Revelation 22:1 it reads, "Then the angel showed me the river of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb." Where does it go from there? It flows through those who believe in Christ. In John 7:37-38 it reads, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

That means the flow of living water does not stop in the life of the believer, but it keeps on going. To where? To those who are still spiritually thirsty. Isaiah 55:1, "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters." Revelation 22:17, "Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life."

Today the living water has flowed from God, through Jesus, into the lives of many believers, and is now being offered to those who have come to seek water for their soul. There is only one kind of water. If you are waiting on another kind, you are going to remain thirsty.

Jesus said, "It is done, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life." (Revelation 21:6)

No little human brain will ever comprehend the true love of what Christ did upon Calvary. All we know is that something happened there that makes it possible for me and you to live as sons and daughters of the King. Christ's death on the cross makes it possible to overcome our separation from God. That is living water for a thirsty soul.

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