

WATER

(What is true physically is also true spiritually.)

NATURAL:

1. The human body is made of 80% water. Our blood is 92% water. H₂O is for physical needs. It is matter of life and death. It comes from earth.

SUPERNATURAL:

1. The human spirit is dead until it comes to Jesus for a "drink" of living water. Living Water is for spiritual needs. It is the only source of eternal life and without it there is eternal death. It comes from heaven.

Speaking to the Samaritan Woman in **John 4:10**

"Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and he it is that saith to thee, Give me drink, thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."

2. The human body cannot go without water for more than a week or it will die. Drinking water brings and sustains life.

2. The spiritual water Jesus gives is taken in by faith. It continually gives life and salvation. It is eternal and is always accessible.

Again, speaking to the Samaritan Woman in **John 4:13-14**

"Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whosoever 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."

3. The human body's alarm system for needing water is "thirst". Thirst says, "I need water and I must have it now! Following a drink of water, it leaves the stomach within five minutes. It then travels to where it is needed in the body to maintain the cells and keep the body working properly. That is how water refreshes the body.

3. Spiritual thirst is God's gracious and loving way of letting the spirit know how much He is needed. A thirsty soul knows, "I need the Lord, and I need him now! By faith, we accept Jesus' living water. This becomes a spring of living water with the gift of the Holy Spirit. He provides what is needed spiritually, forever refreshing.

Ezekial 36:25-27

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

4. The human body requires clean water. Polluted water gives the body germs and disease. Clean water removes wastes and impurities from the human body. It cleans the inside and it is also used to clean the outside of the body. Clean water is required for good physical health.

4. We receive living water once, but it continues to clean and purify. When sin pollutes a believer, he becomes unhappy and its consequences are realized. Repentance removes the sin and restores the joy and peace that is needed for good spiritual health.

Isaiah, in a song of praise given from the outcasts of Israel after returning from their long captivity, writes in **Isaiah 12:3**

"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

This verse can also be applied to the peace and joy of a new believer, or repentant believer who is once again enjoying the peace and joy of their salvation.

Isaiah tells Israel that God was tired of their vain sacrifices, feasts and incense. He would not hear their prayers until they repented.

Isaiah 1:16

"Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;"

Hebrews 10:22

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

5. Water regulates the body temperature and helps reduce fever. Fever is usually a response to the body trying to fight off an infection.

5. When sin is detected, the Holy Spirit regulates the human spirit through conviction. He offers guidance and hope in sin prevention.

Isaiah spoke of the lives of future believers in **Isaiah 49:10**.

"They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sin smite them; for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them."

6. Water is not the first choice to drink today. However, knowing how important it is to our quality of life, we should make sure we get plenty of water each day to stay hydrated. An adult should drink 2 liters of water per day.

6. The spiritual man can choose carnal substitutes to the living water of God. However, he will become spiritually dehydrated. He has to consciously choose to seek the wisdom and will of God through His Word. Just as there is no true substitute for water in the natural world, there is none for the living water of the spiritual world.

David loved the Lord so much. He longed to be acceptable to God. His life revealed that he became spiritually thirsty many times when he chose carnal substitutes for the living water.

Psalm 42:1

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

Psalm 63:1

"O God, thou art my God; Early will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is."

7. Sometimes, people have to help others secure life giving water. Water can be given personally. It can be provided socially to people who do not have a clean water source.

7. The Bible tells us that when the Holy Spirit was given on the Day of Pentecost, he was "poured" out. This is a watery image of him being poured from a pitcher. We should not "bottle up" this living water. The Holy Spirit poured into each believer should be flowing out of them, a river of living water, a life-giving message to those who are spiritually thirsty and dying.

Believers are instructed to be sensitive to the physical needs of others. By helping them physically, they are providing for them spiritually by being a witness of God's love.

Jesus said in **Matthew 10:42**

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

Matthew 25:44-45

"Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison and did not minister unto thee?

Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

Jesus tells us in **Revelation 21:6** that he wants to give everyone his living water.

"And he (Jesus) said unto me (John), It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Jesus tells us that in our future life, we will never be thirsty again.

Revelation 7:16a:

"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, ..."

-- Amen!