

## WHERE DOES LIVING WATER COME FROM?

John 4:10-11

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** What is "living water?" Where does it come from? What is it used for? Who can get it? Jesus raised these questions and more when He told a woman at a well that God had some "living water." Like the woman at the well, there are others who might ask that same question "Whence then hast thou that living water?" Jesus never tried to impress people with great speaking skills, using big sounding words and such. He always spoke clearly, using stories and other illustrations to get across His points. He spoke straight to hearts in plain, simple terms. Jesus was telling the woman at the well that there was a different kind of water available and she wanted to know where He would get it.

### I. "LIVING WATER" IS A GIFT OF GRACE, SALVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE

1. "Water" is often described in God's Word as the way of salvation.
  - *John 7:37-38; Revelation 21:6; 22:17; Isaiah 12:3; 44:3; Zechariah 13:1*
2. Water is a gift of God.
  - It is something that nobody can create. If one needs water, God must give it, as with salvation.
    - *Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8*
3. Water is vital.
  - Water is not an optional, add on luxury. It is necessary for life and no person can do without it.
    - Without God's grace, God's salvation, God's Holy Spirit, one will perish forever under the wrath of God.
4. Water satisfies a world-wide need.
  - Water is required of all people, no matter how rich or poor they are, or how learned or illiterate, it matters not whether one is male, female, black, brown, white, yellow, water is something every living person must have.
  - Thus it is so with God's salvation. All without it (the Lord Jesus Christ) are lost, all who have the Lord Jesus Christ are saved.
5. Water comes down from heaven.
  - Water is not of the earth, but from heaven, as is God's grace and salvation through the Lord Jesus.
6. Salvation is like "water" because it is also a gift with many benefits:
  - It cleanses the filthy.
  - It cools the sweaty brow.
  - It quenches the thirsty.
  - It refreshes the weary.
  - It satisfies the soul of a person.
7. One never tires of water.
  - One may tire of certain kinds of water (city water, etc.), bottled water but one will never tire of a cool, spring of fresh water gushing out of a hillside on a hot summer day....
    - Born again sinners never tire of God's love.
    - Redeemed sinners never tire of Jesus' blood atonement.
    - Forgiven sinners never tire of being divinely pardoned.
    - Saved Sinners never tire of God's saving grace.

## II. "LIVING WATER" COMES ONLY WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

1. Grace, salvation and eternal life come only in the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Not the Church, but the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Not through sacraments, but the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Not some religious ritual, but the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Not some moral reformation, but the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Not some decision, but the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Not through some experience, but the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Not some feeling, but the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - ***John 1:16-17; Colossians 1:19; 2:9-10; 1 Corinthians 1:30-31***
  - One must have the Lord Jesus Christ and only the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Salvation is the Gift of God.
  - It cannot be bought.
  - It cannot be earned.
  - It cannot be given by someone else.
  - It cannot be inherited from relatives.
  - It is the gift of God.

## III. WHY IS IT THAT ONLY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HAS THIS GIFT OF LIVING WATER?

1. Salvation is the work of God the Father who chooses, the Son who redeems, and the Holy Spirit who converts and indwells. Why through Jesus Christ only comes the living water?
2. Jesus Christ is the only fit person to have the living water.
  - ***1 Timothy 2:5; Acts 4:12; Galatians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 16:22***
  - Jesus is Lord and He should have it.
  - Jesus is the One who came into this world to save mankind from his/her sins. (***Matthew 1:21***)
  - Jesus is the "Christ" of God and therefore has salvation within Himself to give to others.
  - Jesus is the "Anointed One" sent from God to be mankind's Savior.
    - ***Luke 4:16-21***
  - Jesus is the "living water" of salvation, grace, and eternal life because He is the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Jesus is the "living" water because of divine appointment/purpose.
  - ***Romans 3:24-26; 1 Peter 1:18-20***
  - Jesus is "authorized" by God to be man's Savior, coming to earth by divine appointment for the purpose to bestow on lost mankind blessings of grace, assigned before the world even began.
4. Jesus is the "living" water because He gave His blood to obtain it.
  - Jesus, by His obedience to God's will, earned the right to be "living water" as He paid for it with His blood.
    - ***John 19:30; Hebrews 9:12; Isaiah 53:10-12; John 17:2***
  - There on the throne of God sits that "person, that Man" who died in the place of lost sinners over two thousand years ago, then ascending on high to intercede for those who believe in Him.
5. Jesus is the "living" water for poor, needy sinners who need God's grace, salvation and eternal life.
  - ***Hebrews 7:25-27; 1 John 2:1-2***

## IV. THE "LIVING WATER" IS ANYBODY'S FOR THE ASKING

1. Jesus told the woman at the well to simply "ask for it and you shall receive it" (***John 4:10***)
2. Jesus does not have grace, salvation, eternal life, peace, pardon, atonement, forgiveness and righteousness for Himself. He doesn't need any of these things, but He has grace, in all its fulness that He may

give it away.

- Jesus Christ has living water, the living water of salvation and grace for thirsty sinners.
- Jesus has the living water in unending fulness.
- Jesus promises to give it to all who ask Him for it.
- Jesus needs nothing from any person.
- Everyone is invited to "come to the fountain and drink."

## CONCLUSION:

1. *"...And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst Come. and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely..." (Revelation 22:17)*
2. "Living Water" are God's Words for salvation, grace and eternal life given ONLY through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. The woman at the well received "living water" from the Lord Jesus Christ that day, then she hurried off to tell others about what had happened to her and to come back with her to meet the ONE who gave her the "living water."
4. If YOU have the "living water," then you need to hurry, as did the woman at the well, and go tell others about it.