

Living Water

Sermon in a Sentence: Christ has invited all those who are thirsty for God's power in their lives to come and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Purpose: To see people filled with the Holy Spirit.

Text: John 7:37-39

Introduction:

1. Many people are longing for a spiritual experience that is real.
2. Jesus offers the Holy Spirit to satisfy the longing of the soul and make us effective witnesses for him.

I. THE GIFT OF LIVING WATER: What it is and who it's for.

- A. Jesus gives an invitation to come and drink "living water". Living water = Baptism in Holy Spirit. John 7:39
- B. This gift was promised in Joel 2:28-29 *"I will pour out my spirit."*
- C. Jesus came to bring the promise to fulfillment. His death and resurrection opened the door for the gift to be given. Jn 7:39b
- D. John 7:39a *"the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive."* Is a reference to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost
- E. Just before Jesus ascended to heaven he again promised the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:4-5
- F. On the day of Pentecost the living water was poured out just as Joel prophesied and Jesus promised. Acts 2:1-4
- G. This Gift of the Holy Spirit is for all people everywhere.
 1. Jesus said ANYONE and WHOEVER. Jn 7:37 & 38
 2. Joel's prophecy was that the Spirit would be poured out on all people. Joel 2:28
 3. On the day of Pentecost Peter said this gift was *"for all whom the Lord our God will call."* Acts 2:39
 4. Any person, man, woman, boy or girl, can receive the Spirit.

II. THE RESULT OF RECEIVING LIVING WATER

- A. The baptism in the Holy Spirit brings life and energy to the Christian. *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink"* John 7:37 It will result in:
 1. Power to overcome sin. Rom 8:13, Gal 5:16

2. Assurance that you are a child of God (Rom 8:15-16)
3. A guarantee of our future redemption (Eph 1:13-14)
4. The fruit of the Spirit. (Gal 5:22-23)

- B. It will also result in power to witness for Christ, Jn 7:38
 1. It is not just for you alone to be satisfied. Jesus said that when you receive the living water it will result in streams of living water flowing from within you.
 2. The purpose of God in filling you is so that the power of the Spirit will overflow out of your life. Streams of living water that will bring life to others as you witness for Christ
 3. This is what Jesus was referring to in Acts 1:8 when you said *"You will receive power, when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses."*
 4. The book of Acts tells the story of the powerful outflowing of the Spirit through the lives of believers who once filled with the living water then went and spread the Gospel to the world.
 5. Christ wants your life to also be a channel through which the Spirit can flow to bring life to those who are dead in sin.

III. THE SOURCE OF LIVING WATER

- A. Jesus is the source of the stream of living water. Jn 7:37
 1. Just as every river has a source, the stream of living water has a source, Jesus Christ.
 2. He is the source because the Holy Spirit is his Spirit.
- B. Since Jesus is the source of the Spirit you must go to him to receive it. He is the only one who can give the gift.
- C. We come to Jesus by putting our faith in him. Jesus said *"Whoever BELIEVES IN ME"* Jn 7:38.
 1. Faith in Jesus Christ is the key to receiving the Gift.
 2. You must put your faith in him as your Lord and savior
 3. You must believe that he wants to fill you with the Holy Spirit.
- D. If you believe and ask him for the gift he will give it to you.
 1. In our text Jesus openly invites us to come to him and drink.
 2. If you believe and ask you will receive. Matt 21:22

CONCLUSION: If you are thirsty to be filled with the presence and power of God the invitation to come and drink is for you. If you are longing to be used God for his purpose for your life the invitation to come and drink is for you. If you want to have the power of God in your life to be a witness for Christ and see the lost saved the invitation to come and drink is for you.