

SPRINGS AND STREAMS OF LIVING WATER:
Two Powerful Works of the Spirit in John

Sermon in a Sentence: The Holy Spirit wants to work in and through you imparting eternal life and dispensing life to others.

Sermon Purpose: That sinners may be born again and believers may be empowered by the Holy Spirit

Texts: John 4:10-14; John 7:37-38

Introduction

1. In our texts Jesus used two pictures to describe the work of the Spirit in people's lives:
 - a. In John 4: The Spirit becomes "a spring of water" working "in" a person resulting in "eternal life."
 - b. In John 7: The Spirit becomes "rivers of living water" flowing out "from within" a person giving life to others.
2. The two pictures represent two works of the Spirit in a believer's life:
 - a. The Spirit working **in** a person to bring eternal life:
 - 1) i.e., the new birth
 - 2) Jesus spoke of this in John 3:1-7
 - b. The Spirit working **through** a believer's life to bring life and blessing to others
 - 1) The baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - 2) Spoken of in John 1:33.
3. Let's look more closely at each of these two essential experiences as presented by John:

I. A Spring of Living Water: The New Birth (John 4:10-14)

- A. Our Text Reveals How the Gift is Received:
 1. Realize that it comes from God (v. 10 "the gift of God")
 2. Know that it is for everyone (v. 13 "everyone who drinks")
 2. Ask Christ for the gift (v. 10 "you would have asked him")
 3. Drink deeply from the well (v.14 "whoever drinks")
- B. Our Text Speaks of the Results of Receiving the Gift:
 1. Receive eternal life (v. 14 "welling up to eternal life")
 2. Will never thirst again (v. 13)

II. Rivers of Living Water: the Baptism in the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-38)

- A. Jesus Tells How the Gift Is Received
 1. Must thirst (v. 37 "If anyone is thirsty")
 2. Must come to Jesus and drink (v. 37 "must come to me and drink")
 3. Must exercise faith (v. 38 "whoever believes")
- B. Jesus Tells the Result of Receiving the Gift
 1. v. 38 "streams of living water will flow from within him"
 2. Our lives will be a source of life and blessing to others.
 3. The Spirit will empower us
 - a. To be Christ's witnesses (Acts 1:8: 4:8, 31)
 - b. To advance God's kingdom and set people free from demonic bondage (Matt. 12:28)
 - c. To work the works of Christ (John 14:12, 16)

Conclusion

- A. You ask, How can I receive eternal life?
 1. Repent of your sins/
 2. Put your faith in Christ.
- B. Others ask, How can I receive the power of the Holy Spirit?
 1. Ask in faith (Luke 11:9, 13).
 2. Receive by faith (Mark 11:24).
 3. Speak in faith (Acts 2:4).

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