

## Fueling Station 8:

### The Keys to living water



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John 4:10 NASB1995

\*We want to reflect on the many ways in which water is used in the scriptures to the church and the meanings behind them. Water as we know is essential to life on earth, and as we will demonstrate, essential to life in the race to the kingdom. We want to show that while physical water has many benefits to our bodies, only “living” water can nourish our soul and equip us for eternal life.

“The next day he \*saw Jesus coming to him and \*said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.” I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.’”  
John 1:29, 31, 33 NASB1995

\*We will show that this “living water” opposed to physical water is the Holy Spirit and the work He came to do.

“Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. Jesus \*said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” So they filled them up to the brim.”  
John 2:6-7 NASB1995

\*Enjoy the symbolism here: “six” is the number of man in the Bible, “stone” represent the old covenant tablets of stone and the hardened heart of man, the “water” is the purification that must

take place “to the brim” which is to say “all the way”, the “wine” that it was turned into is the influence of the Holy Spirit’s work of Christ’s blood of the new covenant. This wine that came last was the best wine!

“Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

John 3:3, 5 NASB1995

\*This is further truth of the combination between the Spirit and water for purification.

“Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” She \*said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

John 4:10-14 NASB1995

\*The “living water” Jesus offered was about to be given to the woman if she asked for it.

“The woman \*said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw.” He \*said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.””

John 4:15-16 NASB1995

\*key to understanding living water is the revealing of sin so one may repent! This was the reason the Holy Spirit as our “helper” was given: “He will convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement”. Repentance is a cleansing of the soul, a key to the process of sanctification.

“At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?” Jesus \*said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.”

John 4:27, 34 NASB1995

What work is this?

“From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.”

Matthew 4:17, 23 NASB1995

\*Repentance is the key to the kingdom! To “change” our minds and follow Jesus as our Master and His teaching, is truly “living water”.

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while— I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.”

2 Corinthians 7:1, 8-9 NASB1995

“But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.”

Revelation 2:4-5 NASB1995

\*A continual “renewing” of our minds through “repentance” is essential in the maturation process of sanctification and not being cut off from future inheritance!

King David knew a thing or two about repentance:

“Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”

Psalms 51:2, 10, 17 ESV

\*It is important to understand that though David had a broken heart, He still had to endure the consequences of His sin.

Water is the word:

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.”

Ephesians 5:25-27 NASB1995

\*Water is an analogy for God's words that cleanse us from the inside and prepare us as a chaste virgin for Christ.

If we wash ourselves daily with Gods words, He won't have to send a flood:

“For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.

Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,”

1 Peter 3:18, 20-21 NASB1995

\*Noah had a “good conscience” before God so as a result did not have to be destroyed by the flood but could safely go through it.

“Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”

1 Peter 4:1-2 NASB1995

\*This verse is the key to the Noah's flood verse. We have been cleansed with the blood of Jesus and we can cleanse our minds in His words so that we are armed against the flesh to live a life pleasing to God and have a “good conscience” on the Judgement Day of the Lord.

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. “

Revelation 1:15

“His voice like the sound of many waters”

\*Again the voice or “words” of God are many waters!

Jeremiah 2:13 “For my people have committed 2 evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns-broken cisterns that can hold no water!”

\*Gods people have always struggled with maintaining an unbroken fellowship with God. If we maintain our relationship with Him by “walking in the Spirit” and not the flesh, we will be like the solid stone water jars without cracks, filled with new wine!

What does it mean that Jesus “takes away” the sins of the world:?

“The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29 ESV

## Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

to take up, take away

A primary root; to lift up; by implication, to take up or away; figuratively, to raise (the voice), keep in suspense (the mind), specially, to sail away (i.e. Weigh anchor); by Hebraism (compare nasa') to expiate sin -- away with, bear (up), carry, lift up, loose, make to doubt, put away, remove, take (away, up).

\*To “take away” sin is written in the present active tense which declares it to be a continual act. Remember this is not just a one time act on the cross given by Christ but a continuation of the Spirit to prepare us for a coming wedding. Our job is not to be deceived as Eve was and continue “walking in the Spirit”.

“Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah 1:16, 18-20 ESV

\*It is extremely important to understand that when Jesus washed us clean by His blood sacrifice, that we now have continuous access to the work of our High Priest on our behalf that we must maintain. We cannot continue to live in sin that grace may abound. The Apostle Paul understood the need to maintain this cleanliness through participation in the Spirit.

“Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.”

2 Corinthians 7:1 ESV

\*Notice that holiness is not complete yet! This race must be run!! The key to understanding this race of “being reconciled” back to God and the “taking away” of sins is Gods promise to completely restore everything destroyed by sin. This is a process throughout the “ages” that God is committed to finishing, the way in which He does this is the key!

“but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.””

John 4:14 ESV

“On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in

him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

John 7:37-39 ESV

“John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Luke 3:16 ESV

\*Notice the two part baptism promised. The Holy Spirit whom Jesus sent “in His name” will do the work of cleansing: washing and refining. The internal power of conviction is a fire that should lead us to the “good works” God prepared for us to walk in. The internal conviction of living in sin and walking in the flesh should lead us to repentance, confessing our sins and cleansing us from all unrighteousness. It is also important to note what the external methods God uses to wash and refine. The “washing of water with the word” is the spoken word of God that renews or washes our minds in order to live pure lives. The external method of refining are the trials of life that we endure for the maturing of our faith and dependence on God.

#### The Ultimate Cleansing:

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Revelation 7:9, 13-14 ESV

““On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.”

Zechariah 13:1 ESV

““At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.”

Daniel 12:1, 10 ESV

\*the ultimate cleansing is “the great tribulation”! The harvest cycles of the earth presented in the book of Revelation is one big “cleansing race” until it is finished!

Questions for reflection:

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9 NASB1995

1. How does 1John 1:9 make sense now understanding “living water”?
2. How can “living water” become “dead”? What makes the Dead Sea, “dead”?
3. What is the value of “repentance”? Do you believe this is an ongoing practice or a one time event? Why?
4. Maintaining internal purity is not easy! Take an assessment of your walk in the Spirit, has His influence become in you a “spring” welling up or does it feel more like a stagnant puddle? Practice “repentance” and see what happens!

\*Remember be a good Berean and be diligent in studying the scriptures to show yourself approved and encourage others to do the same!