

4 June 2017 - Pentecost

Readings: Numbers 11:24–30; Acts 2:1–21; John 7:37–39.

Theme: *Rivers of living water* – **John 7:38**, “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow **rivers of living water.**’”

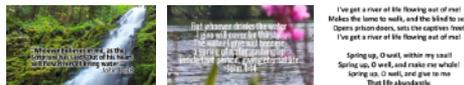


I. Are ALL INCLUSIVE.

Numbers 11:29, “But Moses said to him, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that **all the LORD's people** were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!’” God’s heart, original intention.

John 7:37-38, “If **anyone** thirsts... **Whoever** believes in me...”

Cf. Acts 2:1-4, “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were **all** together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled **the entire house** where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested **on each one of them**. And they were **all** filled with the Holy Spirit...” **Acts 2:17-18**, “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit **on all flesh**, and **your sons** and **your daughters** shall prophesy, and **your young men** shall see visions, and your **old men** shall dream dreams; **even on my male servants** and **female servants** in those days I will pour out my Spirit...”



II. Find their origin WITHIN OUR HEARTS.

John 7:38, “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘**Out of his heart** will flow rivers of living water.’”

The change from OT to the NT. Cf. **John 14:17**, “the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be **in** you.”

John 4:13-15, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the

water I give them will become **in them** a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.’” Wouldn’t you love that?! You’ve got it, baby! Illus. Blue ribbon.



III. Will OVERFLOW.

John 7:38, “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart **will flow rivers of living water.**’”

NOTE: “will flow.” Continuously.

Cf. **Numbers 11:25**, “And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. **But they did not continue** doing it.” It continues w/us!

Ephesians 5:18, “**be filled** with the Spirit.”

NOTE: “rivers” (plural). This means overflow. **Luke 11:13**, “**how much more** will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” **Ephesians 3:20**, “Now to him who is able to do **immeasurably more** than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

NOTE: Overflow makes a sound. **Lenski:** “Our spirit is ever to be filled so that it **overflows** with spiritual expression.” **Ephesians 5:19**, “speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.”

Acts 2:4, 11, “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them... telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God (God’s deeds of power).”



CONCLUSION: Why is this all so important? **Revelation 22:1-2**, “Then the angel showed me **the river of the water of life**, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”

Illus. *Smiltene* water tap. God help us to keep and turn our taps on!

