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Living Water

John 7:37-53 ³⁷On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and called out in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said: 'Streams of living water will flow from within him.'" ³⁹He was speaking about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. For the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. ⁴⁰On hearing these words, some of the people said, "This is truly the Prophet." ⁴¹Others declared, "This is the Christ." But still others asked, "How can the Christ come from Galilee? ⁴²Doesn't the Scripture say that the Christ will come from the line of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" ⁴³So there was division in the crowd because of Jesus. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid a hand on Him. ⁴⁵Then the officers returned to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring Him in?" ⁴⁶"Never has anyone spoken like this man!" the officers answered. ⁴⁷"Have you also been deceived?" replied the Pharisees. ⁴⁸"Have any of the rulers or Pharisees believed in Him? ⁴⁹But this crowd that does not know the law, they are under a curse." ⁵⁰Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier, and who himself was one of them, asked, ⁵¹"Does our law convict a man without first hearing from him to determine what he has done?" ⁵²"Aren't you also from Galilee?" they replied. "Look into it, and you will see that no prophet comes out of Galilee." ⁵³Then each went to his own home. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. Jesus gives an invitation to the crowd to **receive** Him as savior. V.37
- B. Jesus uses aspects of the feast to **illustrate** His relationship to us as believers. V.38
- C. The living water He gives is the **permanent** indwelling of the Holy Spirit. V.39
(We have the Holy Spirit at salvation but there needs to be times in our life of surrender to the full control of the Holy Spirit.)
Acts 4:31 After they had prayed, their meeting place was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. (BSB)
Ephesians 5:18
- D. Some claimed that Jesus was the **prophet** like Moses that was to come. V.40
- E. Others claimed that Jesus was the **Messiah**. V.41
- F. Some **dismissed** Jesus as Messiah because he lived in Galilee and not Bethlehem. V.41-43
- G. They wanted to arrest Him, **again**. V.44
- H. Those sent to arrest Him came back **impressed** by Him. V.45-46
- I. The Pharisees **cursed** those who believed in Jesus and used Scripture to justify it. V.47-49, 52

J. Nicodemus defended Jesus's right to defend Himself. V.50-51

K. The Pharisees gave up their quest for the moment. V.53

II. How can we apply this passage?

A. Only Jesus can satisfy the longing of a human soul.

B. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a continual thing. It begins with your salvation but fresh infillings are essential to grow in the Lord. Ask for a fresh infilling today!

C. Just believing that Jesus was a great teacher is not enough.

D. Address areas that you are confused about regarding Jesus Christ.

E. Live curse free in your life.

Romans 12:14 Bless those who persecute you. Bless and do not curse. (BSB)