

Rivers of Living Waters represents God's life-giving presence as He never leaves us and is always with us unless we disregard His offer for eternal life after our physical death. That was how He designed mankind and our lives after He established each of us at Creation and predestined each of us for our destiny and end-of-life. God's life comes to us like a **river of water** in the form of the **Holy Spirit**:

Rivers of Living Waters life is for all,
The Garden of Eden waters flowed.
Man was created for a curtain call,
Woman to follow her face showed.

Rivers of Living Waters at the end,
If they believed in Him for eternity,
Were called to Jesus to transcend,
Hell on earth for peace a certainty.

Where will you be is the question,
Serving Him or the world's evil one.
A gate is narrow for your ascension,
Many the wide gate will be undone.

I referenced the **Rivers of Living Waters** in the **Book of Genesis** (Chapter 2) and concluded with the **Rivers of Living Waters** in the **Book of Revelation** (Chapter 22) in my study of the **Nine Temples of God** in the Post of January 15, 2022. Why is this so important to each of us? Your **Life Experiences** will probably be like mine when you reach a maturity of your last years and find so many regrets of life unfulfilled. Serving Him was important but not the highest priority as life consumed us in worldly ways as we attended to family and their provisions that the world provides. Our biggest enemy was probably the Satan who was always present to steal our progress in serving God, who really is our most important priority. Water in the Bible has the power to purify and to provide deliverance as it symbolizes troublesome times in our lives that come to God's children. In Jeremiah 2:13 and 17:13, the prophet describes God as "the spring of living water", who has been forsaken by his chosen people Israel. ... "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water" (John 4:10). Ask Him now!!!!

Last week I was rebaptized at my church during worship services by a servant of God who is bringing the Gospel and salvation to particularly the young people of particularly Tennessee and West Virginia. He is given access in the schools and has had school days shutdown in preference to worship and leading kids to Christ in the gymnasiums and stadiums. His two questions to me were 'how many years have you known Jesus' and 'what do you ask for out of rebaptism'? My answer confirmed by Psalms 84 after the number of years was 'to obtain a new assignment from Jesus'. Previously I was baptized by water when I gave my life to Him but as always, the World gets in the way of truly serving Him. Being fully immersed in water symbolizes giving up the old life and upon coming out of the water to be putting on the new life with God at the center of that life – laying aside the old and putting on the new. But we forget this meaning and usually continue with our old ways common in the World in which we live. I face the trials and tribulations experienced by each of you but with a new energy to listen to His guidance and conduct

my life in following Him in the path to my destiny which He established for me at Creation – **getting right with Him**. Please take heed and join me with your personal walk with Him.

Although many Christians do not recognize the power of being baptized by fire in the Holy Spirit, most see it as an important step in serving God. Many of us may not be provided by the **Holy Spirit** with speaking in tongues, that does not mean we have not been endowed with the **Holy Spirit**. I was anointed with the **Holy Spirit** in a prayer service in April 2020 but as in everything in God's empowerment we must wait on Him to provide all of the gifts He intends for us. Service is the key and living the life He intends for us. Above all realize that we must **love others as He loves us**.

Galatians 6:9 indicates, *"And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary"*. The secret is belief in Him and serving Him, setting aside the World as a priority. John 7:38 a third place in the Bible addresses **Rivers of Living Waters** as *"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow Rivers of Living Waters* (emphasis mine)' ". Although "water" when used in the Bible may take on various meanings based on the passages of Scripture it is nearly always meant to refer to salvation and eternal life which God offers mankind through faith in His Son Jesus. Often references are made to **springs of living water** even as flowed forth from the rock as the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. It refers often to cleansing as required to offer oneself to God in His service. Ironically, we use water for satisfying human physical thirst and is required to sustain our physical bodies, and in another form to wash the dirt from our bodies as a way of purification. The reception of the **Holy Spirit** is clearly the special reception that was going to come after Jesus had been glorified at the Father's right hand and happened on the Day of Pentecost as described in Acts 2. **Waters** can be calm and unmenacing but yet they can be raging and fearful. To try to harness water in its flowing course is to try to harness the wind. It comes in forms of gentleness to unleashed wickedness as with tsunamis and flooding. But in Gods application it brings hope, comfort, peace, love, and most of all His presence.

Consider the water that flowed as **Rivers of Living Waters** from the Garden of Eden where life began for mankind and flowed to divide into four rivers which provided water for sustaining life of all mankind in the first beginning of life. Dwell on the fact that those rivers and known others continue to flow and nourish our lives to this day as not only our wellbeing but for everything God promises us. Jesus said if you know the gift of God who says to Him to give you a drink, you will ask Him, and He would give you "**living water**" for which you would never thirst – do not forsake Him who offers "**living waters**" as He will wipe out every tear from your past experiences in your life. We must forget those things that are behind and press on for what lies ahead which is an upward call of God in Christ Jesus. You cannot change the past so why dwell on it, but you can guide your future from learning from the past. The word I have from God, and you could have, is to forget those things which are behind and reach for those things that are out in front of your future – which can be the higher calling of the Lord Jesus the Christ.