

Message on John 7:37-39

Living Waters

- Living Waters is a name for the Holy Spirit.

He comes as a gift to indwell the spirit of every one who believes in Jesus and asks Him to come. He waters our inner person. He gives us an overflowing life that waters our life in this world and those around us.

- He gives supernatural gifts.

- He gives us an inner life of joy, peace, love and self-control. Galatians 5:23

- *JOHN 7:37-39 "On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, 'If you are thirsty, come to me! If you believe in me, come and drink! For the Scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow out from within.' When he said, "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory."*

- **Festival of Shelters** (Tabernacles).

This festival reenacted the days when Israel lived in tents as they pilgrimaged from Egypt, the land of slavery, to the land of Israel, which God was giving to them. For 7 days they camped out in tents made of branches. On the 8th day the High Priest of Israel would bring water from the pool of Siloam in a golden pitcher and pour it out on an altar set before the 100s of thousands of Israelites. The people would sing, "*With joy you will drink from fountains of salvation.*" Isaiah 12:3

- This was a reenactment of water coming from the rock when Moses struck it to give water in the desert to the millions of Israelites and their herds. Exodus 17:6 It became a spiritual event – that God would water the thirst of human souls by His Spirit indwelling people.

- **Jesus stands up** after this water is poured out and tells people that the fulfillment of the great hope of this festival reenacted is now **present in Him**. He is the rock from which the River to fill the souls of people would flow. "*They all drank from the miraculous rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ.*" I Corinthians 10:4 It was available to those who thirsted for more, who believed in Him and asked the Holy Spirit to come.

- *Ask - Seek-Knock. "If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."* Luke 11:9-