

# Living Water!

John 4:1-15; 7:37-39  
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## Introduction

- Water is essential for life!
- Not just the proper quantity of water, but good quality too!
- Setting the Scene—John 4:1-6
  - Jesus' return to Galilee from Judea
  - Region of Samaria between Judea and Galilee
  - What's wrong with the Samaritans?—2 Kings 17:23-24, 33
  - Jesus "needed" to go through Samaria—John 4:34
  - Jacob's real estate purchase—Genesis 33:18-19; 48:22

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### A. The Source of Living Water—John 4:7-15

1. The Shock of Jesus request, "Give me a drink!" 4:7-10
2. The Greater Shock: Jesus offers her "living water"
3. The Confusion as to the source of this "living water." 4:11-12
4. The Superior Qualities of "Living Water" 4:13-14
  - a. Totally quenches the thirst—"never thirst"
  - b. Constant source of spiritual refreshment—"a fountain"
  - c. Self-perpetuating spring—"springing up into everlasting life"

### B. The Spirit as Living Water—John 7:37-39

1. The Setting: The Feast of Tabernacles
  - a. Living in "booths"—reminder of the wilderness wanderings
  - b. Water ceremony
    - 1) The ritual explained
    - 2) The Meaning
      - a) Past: God's miraculous provision of water
      - b) Future: Kingdom blessings—Isaiah 35: 6-7; Joel 3:18
2. The Invitation—John 7:37-38
3. The Explanation: The "Spirit of God" is the "living water"—Jn. 7:39
  - a. Old Testament Support—Isaiah 4:3; Jeremiah 2:13; 17:13
  - b. New Covenant Promise—Ezekiel 36:25-27
  - c. The Spirit of God outpoured at salvation—Titus 3:4-6
    - 1) Satisfies our spiritual thirst—John 6:35
    - 2) Constant source of spiritual refreshment and renewal
    - 3) Impossible to contain or cap.
    - 4) Springs up to everlasting life—Ephesians 1:14
  - d. The Spirit of God and Pentecost—John 14:17-18; Joel 2:28-29
4. The Invitation? Still offered!!—Isaiah 55:1; Revelation 21:6; 22:17