

John 7:32-39

Rivers of Living Water

1) Jesus Creates Thirst – v. 32-36

a) The Setting – v. 32

b) Statement of Human Inability – v. 33-34

c) Demonstration of Human Inability – v. 35-36

2) Jesus Quenches Thirst – v. 37-39

a) Setting – Feast of Tabernacles – Leviticus 23:34-44

1. Procedure

2. Purpose

- Remember
- Give Thanks
- Hope for Next Year's Provision (Zech 14:16-19)
- Hope for Ultimate Provision (Zech 14:8, Ezek 47:1-12)

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b) Prophetic Announcement – v. 37-38

c) Promise of God's Spirit – v. 39 (Ezek 36:25-27)

1. Forgiveness of Sin

2. A New Heart

3. The Holy Spirit within

- Gives wisdom (mind of God) – 1 Cor 2:11-16
- Gives assurance – Rom 8:16
- Bears Fruit in us – Gal 5:22-23
- Fights for us – Gal 5:16-17
- Intercedes for us – Rom 8:26
- Gives life – John 3:6, 6:63, Rom 8:11
- Fills / Leads you to walk in Christ – Eph 5:18, Rom 8:14, Gal 5:25
- Gifts you for service in Christ's Kingdom – 1 Cor 12:4-11, 1 Pet 4:10-11

Praxis

1. Why is recognizing one's own human ability necessary for an unbeliever's initial salvation?
2. What passages in Scripture might help an unbeliever see his inability to ever get to God on his own?
3. How does a believer's recognizing his own inability relate to his ongoing life of "walking in the Spirit"?
4. In a reverse image of John 7:38, Paul instructs in 1 Thes 5:19 "not to quench (the fire) of the Spirit" – what are actions, attitudes that might serve to reduce the Spirit's life-giving influence within you?