

relationship with God through Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit was one of the evidences of that new relationship.

But while Australians have to worry about water conservation because of drought, no such shortage occurs with the Holy Spirit. Jesus said streams would flow from within us! The Holy Spirit resides within, providing a never-ending "well" of spiritual direction and insight.

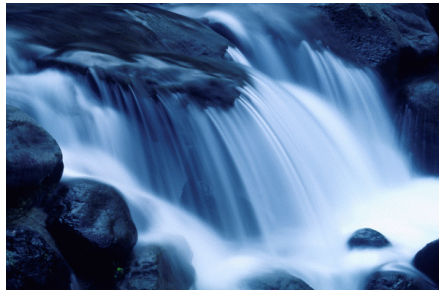
The Holy Spirit is not an extra blessing reserved for certain believers. He is there to help each of us live the Christian life more fully. How do we make that practical? By wanting Him to direct our lives.

That is what Jesus was talking about in the Sermon on the Mount when He said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

Are you going through a spiritually dry time right now? Then let Jesus unleash those rivers of living water from within you. And if you have never accepted Christ, take that step now. It's the key to ending spiritual drought! --JC

REFLECTION

- How is the Holy Spirit like water to me?
- What can I do to make sure those streams of living water keep flowing through my life?
- *Lord, thank You for Your Holy Spirit. He gives me the strength I need to live the Christian life, even though I don't always depend on Him.*



Let Christ's refreshing streams flow through you.

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Let It Flow

Water is a tough issue in much of Australia. Often years of drought are followed by heavy downpours that cause flooding and death. .. Ironically, at one time, the government was announcing cutbacks in water allocations to farmers at the same time they were getting 12 inches of rain in one week!

Water is the foundation of life. Biologists concur that without water, life couldn't be sustained. The same is true for Christians: Without the Holy Spirit (the "living water" Jesus was referring to in John 7, we couldn't make it either.

The Holy Spirit resides in every Christian. When we began our personal





Refreshing

3 simultaneous events are involved in refreshing from the Lord:

1. We _____, Acts 3:1-21, 4:4, 2:36-37

(Jeremiah 25:5) *""They said, 'Repent now everyone of his evil way and his evil doings,'"*

(Acts 17:30) *""Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,"*

(Matthew 21:28-31) *""But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' {29} 'He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. {30} 'Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. {31} 'Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said to Him, 'The first.'"*



Jesus said to them, *"Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you."*

(Matthew 9:22) *"But Jesus turned around, ..."*

(1 John 5:12) *"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."*

(1 Peter 2:25) *"For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."*



2. God _____, Acts 3:19

(Acts 3:19) *""Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away...;"* [paraphrase]

(Psalms 51:1-3) *"Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. {2} Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. {3} For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me."*

(Psalms 32:1-2) *"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. {2} Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit."*



3. God _____, Acts 3:19-21

(Ephesians 2:1) *"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,"*

(2 Chronicles 7:14) *""if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*



Men's service, Melbourne Exhibition Building, 1909.