

John 7:37-39, Daily Devotions

☐ Monday - Jesus, The Spring of Salvation

John 7:37

It was the last day of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:2, 37). On each of the seven days of this feast a priest would fill a golden pitcher with water and lead a procession to the tabernacle where the water was poured out on the bronze altar. As the procession made its way to the tabernacle, they would chant the Hallel (Psalms 113-118) and sing with loud jubilation the words of Isaiah 12:3, "Therefore you will joyously draw water from the springs of salvation." It was said that so joyful was this procession that until you had experienced it you had never known true joy. Yet sometime during this celebration, "Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to ME and drink'" (John 7:37).

Read Psalm 16:11; Isaiah 35:10

☐ Tuesday - Symbols of the Holy Spirit.

John 7:38-39

There are a number of pictures or symbols used in the Bible to describe the Holy Spirit: [1] a river of living water (John 7:37-39); [2] oil (Ex. 29:7); [3] a dove (Lk. 3:21-22); [4] the wind (Acts 2:2-4; John 3:8); [5] fire (Mt. 3:11; Acts 2:3-4); [6] the breath of God (Gen. 2:7; John 20:22); and [7] a seal (Eph. 1:13-14). And each of these symbols conveys one or more aspects of the Holy Spirit's ministry and character. For example, water, used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, teaches us at least two things. First, water is an essential element of life. A person can live a few weeks without food, but only a few days without water. Likewise the Holy Spirit is necessary for spiritual and eternal life (John 6:63). Second, water is used for washing. So also, it is the Holy Spirit who washes/sanctifies the true child of God (Titus 3:5). Christian, your sanctification is one of the surest evidences of your salvation, for "everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him" (1 John 2:29).

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

☐ Wednesday - One Baptism?

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The Bible talks about water baptism (Acts 2:41, 8:36; Matt. 28:19), and baptism in the Holy Spirit (John 4:10, 7:38-39, 1 Cor. 12:13). How then can Scripture say there is only one baptism? (Eph. 4:5). Water baptism is an outward visible sign of the inward spiritual grace of baptism of the Holy Spirit resulting in regeneration, conversion. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the one true baptism of which water baptism is a symbol. Read Titus 3:5

☐ Thursday - Spirit Baptism.

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Jesus said, "He who *believes* in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke of the Spirit" (Jn. 7:38-39). Jesus, who baptizes His people with the Holy Spirit (Mt. 3:11), states here that the *only* condition for the baptism of the Holy Spirit is *belief* in Jesus. That means every truly born-again believer is baptized in the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13). Christian, the Holy Spirit is the seal of your salvation and the pledge of your spiritual inheritance (Eph. 1:13-14), which is beyond all comprehension (1 Cor. 2:9).

Read Romans 8:9

☐ Friday - Show Me the River!

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Elisha asked for a double portion of the Spirit that was given to his predecessor Elijah (2 Kings 2:9). However under the New Covenant the Holy Spirit is not portioned, but *poured out* (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17-18). "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke of the Spirit" (John 7:38-39). Don't just go around telling people you're a Christian, show them the river! "I've got a river of life flowing out of me" (Song). Read Psalm 36:7-9