

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Blessed are in the ones who find God's peace and comfort in Christ unending river of water. May he or she always refresh themselves when times get out of control. May God's living water never run dry.

Matthew 7:38 The Lord says: Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.

JESUS CHRIST IS OUR LIVING WATER *By Dennis Palma*

When this month's theme came to me, I was out in the back of my yard looking at my dying tomato plants. The first thing that came to my mind as the hot sun was beating down on my head, was that it was real hot and humid out. I began to get real thirsty. It was at that time that I realized that my plants were suffering from not enough water. I was only watering my plants once a day at that time. Well that was fine when the temperature wasn't so humid. But now that the temperature had changed, I needed to change the watering from once a day, to twice a day.

I changed the watering to twice a day, and I could see a great improvement in the plants. They went from almost dead, to fresh and healthy again.

At that moment I started to realize that not only do those plants rely on a constant daily flow of water, just about everything on this entire planet totally relies on water. The lack of water is the means to the end of any and all living creatures on this earth.

We all from time to time, never take the time to realize how important water really is.

When I say that Jesus Christ is our living water, I mean just that. Without His living water following inside of us spiritually, we would dry up and die, just as my tomato plants were going to do. We need to always be aware of the spiritual water necessary to survive the constant pressures of this world. There was an article in my devotional Bible that was titled *The Sheltered Man*, it went along to say. In contrast to the frustrated man who would like to run away from his responsibilities stands the redeemed man who feels safe and secure. He can be a shelter to others because he himself is sheltered. He is not afraid even if at times he should lose or suffer defeat. He simply gets up again and keeps on keeping on. He is a man who has accepted himself not only with his strength but also with his weaknesses. His secret: he knows he has been accepted by the heavenly Father. He has a roof over his head. He knows where his home is. He has a place where he can put his feet under the table. He can say with the psalmist, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies" Psalms 23:5. He can also say, "You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings" Psalm 61:3-4.

This is the longing of all mankind—to have security, to know where one's place is. God created man then He created a place for him, the Garden of Eden. When man lost God, he lost at the same time his place. Since then, the longing for a place where he belongs, where he feels at home, is in the heart of every human being. Those who have not found a place, the uprooted, the eternal Gypsies will find a place nowhere, not even in marriage. On the other hand, those who have found a place, married or unmarried, will be able to become a place where others feel at home, thus filling one of the deepest needs of our time. In light of this, Jesus' promised "to prepare a place" for us is filled with new meaning John 14:2. Those who have found Him, have found this place, the living waters of Jesus Christ.

The redeemed man.... Is a whole man. He is whole first of all because he belongs to a family, the family of God. God his Father, makes him one with His sons.

He is a whole man because he feels worthy. Christ died to give him birth and therefore he can take as his own the worthiness of Christ.

He is a whole man because he feels competent. This competence comes from the Holy Spirit. "God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline" 2 Timothy 1:7

By understanding these important principles of life, we can start to have a greater appreciation and respect for our higher power. We can also begin to feel safe and protected in times of trouble. When it comes to our future, we can now trust in our Lord to bring us to the Heavenly place He has prepared for all His children.

I believe in my heart that there is no greater gifts we can receive, then the ones that are available for all who believe in the words of the Lord.

For in His words we can find love, hope, and meaning for our life always. Without His words, life is really meaningless!

So my friends in Christ, take a minute to reflect on "God's Living Water".

Let us pray: Heavenly Father may Your living waters flow throughout our lands and empower us all with Your words of encouragement. May Your Spirit of living water come upon all your children and flow throughout this evil world. May Your living water always be a place for all mankind to be restored a new in You Father. Also Father thanks for giving us Your Son Jesus, "The King of All Living Water. " I asked this request and thanks in Jesus name, Amen.

Give Thanks And Praise Always For The Living Waters Of Jesus Christ ,The Savior Of The World!

HOPE FOR TOMORROW FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

God Is Our Strength *By Billy Graham*

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

It is a fact that the Lord is my light and my salvation. So why should I be afraid? Since the Lord fears nothing, why should we fear?

The scripture also declares that god is a “ very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1). If we can’t trust the all powerful, all knowing, all loving God of the universe to help us, where can we turn? But we can trust Him!

God is able, indeed He is anxious, to deliver us from all sorts of trouble. He wants to give us strength to overcome the temptation to sin that separates Him from those He loves. He wants to give us the courage to confront our problems (instead of avoiding them or denying them), and then to find the practical wisdom and help we need to deal with them.

What do you fear today? Failure? Rejection? An illness or physical danger? The uncertainty of the future? Whatever it is, ask God to help you turn it over to Him. “ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?”

(Special Prayer)

Going On To Maturity

Intercession

Lord, You have invited me to pray for the needs of others; and since You desire what is best for them, I take this opportunity to bring these request to You.

TAKE A MOMENT TO LIFT UP THE NEEDS OF YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND TO OFFER UP ANY OTHER BURDEN FOR OTHERS THAT THE LORD BRINGS TO MIND.

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