



CHRISTMAS PRESENCE • Part 3

THE IMMANUEL OF LIVING WATER

THE MEANING OF LIVING WATER

John 7:39

³⁹ **By this [living water] he meant the Spirit**, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

God's provision – Feast of Tabernacles - Leviticus 23:41-43

⁴¹ Celebrate this as a festival to the Lord for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month. ⁴² Live in temporary shelters for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in such shelters ⁴³ **so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in temporary shelters when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.**

Salvation and Grace – Pool of Siloam – Wine & Water - Isaiah 12:3

³ With joy you shall draw water out of **the wells of salvation.**

Messianic Promise – Psalms & Promise - Psalm 118:22-23

²² **The stone the builders rejected** has become the cornerstone; ²³ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

John 4:10, 25-26

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - - - ²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ **Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."**

What does Jesus mean to you?

Do you look to him for provision and salvation?

Do you see in him the blending of grace and effort?

Do you see in him the fulfillment of promise and hope for renewal?

THE THIRST FOR LIVING WATER

John 7:37

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, **"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."**

Universal and Individual Invitation – "Anyone" - Isaiah 55:1, 3b, 5

¹ **"Come, all you who are thirsty**, come to the waters... ^{3b} I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to **David**... ⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not, and **nations you do not know will come running** to you...

Need and Desire – Thirst for God - Psalm 63:1

¹ You, God, are my God, **earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you**, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

Psalm 42:1-2

¹ As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. ² **My soul thirsts for God**, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

For what do you thirst?

For what are others in your life thirsting?

THE IMMANUEL OF LIVING WATER

John 7:37

³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, **rivers of living water will flow from within them.**"

Giving provision, help, and sustenance. Giving what cannot be earned.

Giving beyond effort. Giving to empower effort.

Satisfying thirst for God's goodness and love in a dry land.

Overflowing to all with God's blessing. Living out an example of hope and renewal.