

Cold Waters to a Thirsty Soul

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I. To the thirsty — There is nothing like cold water

Pro 25:25 *As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.*

2Sa 23:14 And David *was* then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then *in* Bethlehem.

2Sa 23:15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which *is* by the gate!

2Sa 23:16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD.

2Sa 23:17 And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: *is not this* the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

Psa 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Psa 42:2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

Joh 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

Isa 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Isa 55:2 Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Rev 22:17 ... the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

II. God's plan for eternal salvation

A. God's sovereign purpose to save began before creation

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace ...

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

B. God gave His elect people to Christ in the Covenant of Grace before time began

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of **all which he hath given me** I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, **which gave them me**, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

Joh 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to **as many as thou hast given him**.

Joh 17:6 ... thine they were, and **thou gavest them me** ...

Joh 17:9 ... I pray not for the world, but for **them which thou hast given me**; for they are thine.

Joh 17:24 Father, I will that they also, **whom thou hast given me**, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory ...

Heb 2:13 ... Behold I and the children **which God hath given me**.

C. Christ successfully attained salvation for each one whom God had given to Him

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

Rev 1:5 ... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Rom 5:9 ... being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied ...

Mat 1:21 ... thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

—Jesus accomplished salvation for each and every one for whom He died

—If each one is—Paid for—Cleansed—Reconciled—Justified—Saved

—What can keep a one for whom Jesus died out of heaven?

- The point is that each and every person for whom Jesus died has been saved
- And each and every person for whom Jesus died must finally get to heaven
- The Bible's Jesus is the Successful Savior**

D. God does 'born-again' independent of means and without assistance

1. Man is hostile to recovering himself by his own will

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

2. Man is powerless to recover himself by his own ability

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

3. Bible statements as to how 'born-again' occurs

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth ... so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called ...

2Ti 1:8 ... the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling ...

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

E. The final preservation of God's children from a state of grace to a state of glory

Joh 10:28 ... I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish ...

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Php 1:6 ... he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus...

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

III. So, why preach the gospel? —It is good news from a far country

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A. The gospel is not part of God's eternal salvation plan —The dead are not thirsty

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

B. The gospel is cold water to a living, yet thirsty, soul

Isa 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters ...

Rev 22:17 ...the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

B. The gospel is manna from heaven (*cold water from a far country*) for hungry sheep

Joh 21:15 Jesus saith to Simon Peter ... Feed my lambs.

Joh 21:16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon ... Feed my sheep.

Joh 21:17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon ... Feed my sheep.

1Pe 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

C. For those who are alive & can see —The gospel enlightens the darkness of the way

Joh 3:3 ... Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

2Ti 1:8 ... the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Psa 119:105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Luk 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.