

Faith



LOVE



Living Water



The Feet of the Cross



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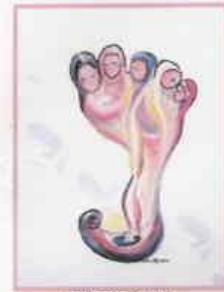
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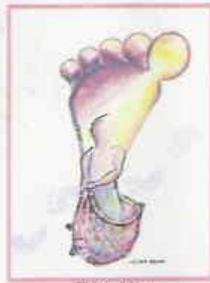


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Widow's Offering



Fishers of Men



Come Follow Me



Prayer & Care

"I WILL GIVE YOU LIVING WATER!"

***It's beginning to rain...I will pour my Spirit out on your sons and daughters,
If you're thirsty and dry, lift your hands to the sky...It's beginning to rain" (a
praise song) Connie Rhodes***



Living Water

John 4

***The Butterflies are symbolic of change...from our earthly sins to beautiful,
graceful butterflies flitting about on His Grace. This Footprint is the story of
the Samaritan Woman at the Well in John 4.- Connie Rhodes***

THE LIVING WATER

Scripture Reading: John 4:5-42(NKJV)

"So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there, Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her "Give me a drink". For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan Woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you, 'Give me a drink' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here". The woman answered and said, " I have no husband," Jesus said to her, "You have well said, I have no husband. For you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband in that you spoke truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (who is called Christ). "When He comes, " He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He.' And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men. "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" Then they went out of the city and came to Him." skip to verse 39: And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified: "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word, then they said to the woman, "now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world!"

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DAY TWENTY-FIVE-----CHAPTER FOUR
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HIS MISSION STATEMENT

John 16:8-15

Jesus tells His disciples that there are six things that the Holy Spirit was to do:

1. The Holy Spirit will convict people of their sin - the sin of unbelief in Jesus.
2. The Holy Spirit will teach that there is righteousness available because Jesus has gone to be with the Father.
3. The Holy Spirit will teach that there is deliverance from judgment because the prince of this world (satan) has already been judged.
4. He will guide us into all truth, for He is Truth. He will not be presenting His own ideas , but will be passing on to you what He has heard.
5. He will tell us about the future.
6. He will praise Jesus Christ and bring Him great honor by showing us Christ's Glory, which is all of the Father's glory and it is His (Jesus)!

Romans 8:6-11 tells us even more: "Following after the Holy Spirit leads to Life and Peace. But following after the old nature leads to death; because the old sinful nature within us is against God... But you are not like that. You are controlled by your New Nature: If you have the Spirit of God living in you.(And remember that if anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ living in him, he is not a Christian at all!) Eph. 4:30: And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the Day of Redemption!" Also, remember that He is the one who grows the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.(Rom. 8:26 tells us another one of His Missions: "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses, for we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.")"

The Holy Spirit was being introduced to the disciples in a way that they had never understood before. After Jesus' Resurrection, as He first appeared to His disciples, He did a very "mysterious" thing: He Breathed On Them and said 'Receive the Holy Spirit'! On Day Two of this study, we learned that man was given the breath of the Spirit of Life, now he was to be given the breath of the Spirit of Christ. (Rom.8:10-11)"And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Prayer

Holy Father, How I praise You today, for Your glorious gift has been given to each one of us who has put our faith and trust in Jesus to save us. We have received the Awesome Holy Spirit who is doing all of the above things in our lives! Thank You so much for the Holy Spirit! Amen

DAY TWENTY-SEVEN-----CHAPTER FOUR
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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH - THE KINGDOM HAS COME

Scripture Reading: Matt. 6:8-10; Acts 2:41-47; 4:23-35; 9:31; 11:19-24(NIV)

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name; Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!" "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." "And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said, "Lord, You are God! Who made the heavens and the earth and the sea! And all that is in them, who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: "Why did the nations rage? And the people plot vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ!" "For truly against Your Holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. Now Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your Word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your Holy Servant Jesus." And when they prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness." "Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace, and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied." "Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen, traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. Then news of these things came to the ears of the Church in Jerusalem and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord....and the disciples were first called "Christian" in Antioch."

Prayer

Oh Lord How Marvelous are Your Works of the Holy Spirit! He brought to Life - the Church of Jesus Christ! In Jesus I praise You, Amen

DAY TWENTY-EIGHT-----CHAPTER FOUR
Fourth Month.....Fourth Week
(Devotional)------(Bible Study)



PROPHECY BECOMES PREACHING

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:40-41; 3:17-26; 4:4; 5:19-25; 6:2-4(Living)

"Then Peter preached a long sermon, telling about Jesus and strongly urging all his listeners to save themselves from the evils of their nation. And those who believed Peter were baptized - about 3,000 in all!" "Dear

brothers, I realize that what you did to Jesus was done in ignorance, and the same can be said of your leaders. But God was fulfilling the prophecies that the Messiah must suffer all these things. Now change your mind and attitude to God and turn to Him so He can cleanse away your sins and send you wonderful times of refreshment from the presence of the Lord and send Jesus your Messiah back to you again. For He must remain in heaven until the final recovery of all things from sin, as prophesied from ancient times.

Moses, for instance, said long ago, "The Lord God will raise up a Prophet among you, who will resemble me! Listen carefully to everything He tells you. Anyone who will not listen to Him shall be utterly destroyed." Samuel and every prophet since have all spoken about what is going on today. You are the children of those prophets; and you are included in God's promise to your ancestors to bless the entire world

through the Jewish race-that is the promise God gave to Abraham. And as soon as God had brought His servant to life again, He sent Him first of all to you men of Israel, to bless you by turning you back from your sins." (they were imprisoned for this message) "But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so that the number of believers now reached a new high of about 5,000 men!" "But an angel of the Lord came at night, opened the gates of the jail and brought them out. Then he told them, "Go over to the Temple and preach about this Life!" They arrived at the Temple about daybreak, and immediately began preaching! Later that morning the High Priest and his courtiers arrived at the Temple, and, convening the Jewish Council and the entire Senate, they sent for the apostles to be brought for trial. But when the police arrived at the jail, the men weren't there, so they returned to the Council and reported, "The jail doors were locked, and the guards were standing outside, but when we opened the gates, no one was there!" When the police captain and the chief priests heard this, they were frantic, wondering what would happen next and where all this would end! Then someone arrived with the news that the men they had jailed were out in the Temple, preaching to the people!" "So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. "We should spend our time preaching, not administering a feeding program," they said. "Now look around among yourselves, dear brothers, and select seven men, wise and full of the Holy Spirit, who are well thought of by everyone and we will put them in charge of this business. Then we can spend our time in prayer, preaching, and teaching."

The first martyr of the Church was Stephen, who preached an awesome sermon in Acts 7 and as the angry mob stoned him to death he saw Jesus in Heaven standing at the right hand of God!

Prayer

Oh, Lord in Heaven, that I may have that kind of boldness! Amen

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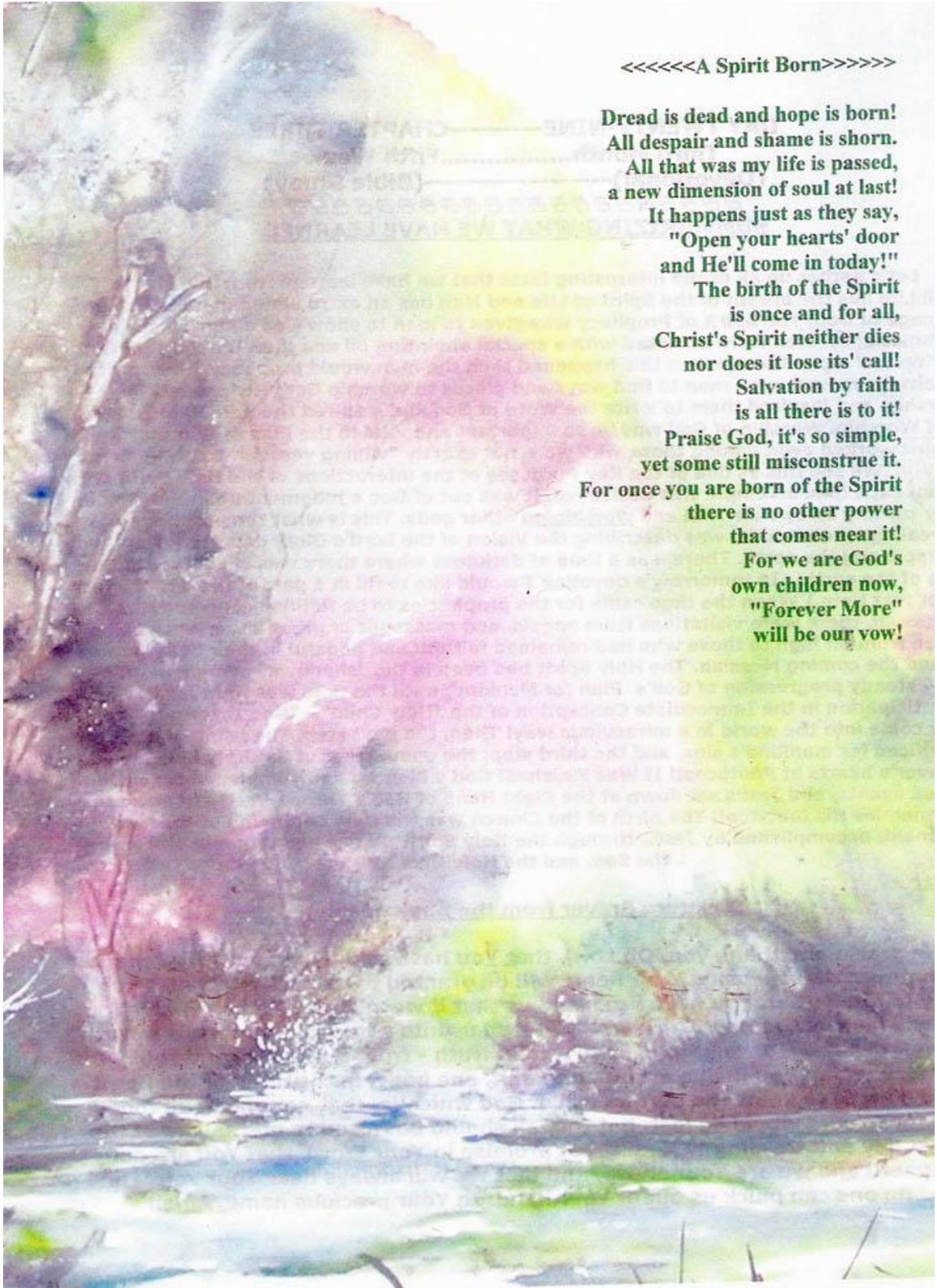
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"HOLY SPIRIT"

APRIL Devotional

Week FIVE

"SUMMARY AND SURPRISE"



<<<<<<A Spirit Born>>>>>>

**Dread is dead and hope is born!
All despair and shame is shorn.
All that was my life is passed,
a new dimension of soul at last!
It happens just as they say,
"Open your hearts' door
and He'll come in today!"
The birth of the Spirit
is once and for all,
Christ's Spirit neither dies
nor does it lose its' call!
Salvation by faith
is all there is to it!
Praise God, it's so simple,
yet some still misconstrue it.
For once you are born of the Spirit
there is no other power
that comes near it!
For we are God's
own children now,
"Forever More"
will be our vow!**

DAY THIRTY-----CHAPTER FOUR
Fourth Month.....Fifth Week
(Devotional)------(Bible Study)



PART ONE-IN CONCLUSION

A LITTLE HISTORY OF HEROD'S TEMPLE

There was silence in the scriptures, between what we call the Old Testament and the New Testament, for some 400 years. Why should there be such an historical interlude? One can only speculate, but perhaps it is to dramatize the most important event in the history of mankind. The Israelites were by now being called "Jews" . About a century before Herod's birth in 70 B.C. the Jews won a war of independence from Greek rulers who were trying to impose their religion on others, forcing the Edomites to convert--Herod's aristocratic forefathers among them. Herod's grandfather and father were both military commanders under the liberated Jews. But in a cunning move, Herod's father - Antipater - switched loyalties after Roman legions invaded Judea, which is now the general region of Israel. He started fighting alongside the Romans because he believed them to be unstoppable. As a reward, Rome appointed him military governor of Judea. Antipater named his twenty five year old son, Herod, governor of Galilee, and when Antipater died in 43 B.C. descendants of the former Jewish rulers and freedom fighters staged a comeback and the Roman Senate retaliated by naming Herod "King of the Jews" and sending an army to wipe out the rebels. Once in control of Jerusalem, Herod moved quickly to silence dissension by bribing or else killing those who did not go along. He appointed an old friend as the Jewish High Priest, although Jewish law called for this to be a lifetime office passed down from family to family. Herod had a long history of evil dealings, even murdering his own wife and son. Yet he was the one who rebuilt the Jerusalem Temple; many scholars say Herod's ambitious building program was all about himself, and that the temple was more practical than religious--a way to seduce the Jews. But Jews throughout the country celebrated the end of Herod's violent rule. And Oh! how there needed to be a New Temple! One that was not built by an evil, violent man who did not have a heart for God. And now came the Light into the world, and as Jesus walked through the Temple courtyard, he saw the merchants and merchandise and became angry! He said, "This shall be a House of Prayer, not a den of thieves!" It was the righteous indignation of One who knew how desolate this temple had become! Just like those whose hearts were just as desolate. They did not know how to worship!They had no heart for worship.

Scripture Prayer from the Book of Romans

Thank You Lord, for the gift of the sweet Holy Spirit, which is our guarantee that there is no condemnation to we who are in Christ. We now walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit, because we have not received the spirit of bondage and fear, but we have received the Spirit of Adoption. We are now free to call out, "Abba - Father!" All praise and thanksgiving for adopting us into Your family, for You have grafted us as branches into Your Divine Tree. Keep us ever mindful of our Jewish brothers, who were cut off from the Vine because of unbelief. Praise You for Your wisdom in this so that we could be given the chance for salvation and when the fullness of the Gentiles has been fulfilled then all Israel will be saved! We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for the time to come when Israel will come to realize that Jesus is their Messiah! Amen

DAY THIRTY-----CHAPTER FOUR
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PART TWO - IN CONCLUSION

A NEW TEMPLE - NOT MADE WITH HANDS

Scripture Reading: Acts 7:46-50; 1 Cor. 3:16; 11 Cor. 6:16

"(Living) God blessed David greatly, and David asked for the privilege of building a permanent Temple for God, but it was Solomon who actually built it. However, God doesn't live in temples made by human hands. "The heavens are My Throne," says the Lord through His prophets, "and Earth is My footstool. What kind of home could you build?" asks the Lord, "Would I stay in it? Didn't I make both Heaven and Earth?" **"Do you not know that you are the Temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the Temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is Holy, which Temple you are!"** **"And what agreement has the Temple of God with idols? For you are the Temple of the Living God. As God has said: (Ez.37:26-27) "I will dwell in them, and walk among them, I will be their God and they shall be My people."**

Now, the Holy Spirit has come! The Church has been born! The Kingdom has been established! The New Temple has been built! Halleluiah!~ We are God's Temple! ~

We are the body of Christ and He is the Head! The Temple not made with hands is our hearts! Let us Worship Him in Spirit and Truth! In Jesus' words to the Samaritan Woman at the well, He talks about how in a short while, worshippers will worship in a different place and in a different way! The Living Water is now poured out upon all who were thirsty and dry! It was the time of the Latter Rain! The Holy Spirit was raining down upon all of those who put their trust in Jesus as their Messiah, their Savior! As the Anointing Oil was poured upon the head of those being consecrated, in the Old Testament, now all of those who were being consecrated, or sanctified, were anointed with the Living Water of the Holy Spirit! And this time, He wasn't just resting upon them and there was only oil upon the head, but we are to be "Immersed" with Him! There seemed to be a transfer, from the oil to the water. Col.2:11-12 "When you came to Christ He set you free from your evil desires, not by a bodily operation of circumcision, but by a spiritual operation, the Baptism of your Souls! For in baptism you see how your old evil nature died with Him and was buried with Him; and then you came up out of death with Him into a new life; because you trusted the Word of the mighty God who raised Christ from the dead."

Let Us Worship Him

The Lord is in His Holy Temple! Let all the earth keep silence..keep silence..before Him.We Exalt Thee, we exalt Thee, we exalt Thee, Oh Lord! We worship You, we worship You...the reason we live, is to worship You! **A.ah.men...A.a.a.ah.men..A.ah.men.**