

Rivers of Living Water

John the Baptist, in two wonderful proclamations, declared the entire scope of Christ's work when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," and "He that sent me to baptize in water, the same is he that baptizeth in the Holy Ghost." Christ's twofold work was to take away sin and to baptize in the Spirit. Part of Christ's work was to bring every Christian into as definite a relationship to the Holy Spirit as he has to Himself, although it was to be a different one.

Christ corroborated John's statement in two invitations which He gave to sinners to come unto Him and drink of the Water of life.

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst: *but the water that I shall give him shall BECOME IN HIM a well of water springing up unto eternal life*" (John 4:14, R.V.).

"Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, FROM WITHIN HIM shall flow rivers of living water*" (John 7:37-38, R.V.).

Christ promised to bestow a gift upon the one who received Him as Saviour, which would bring perfect satisfaction and sufficiency to him