



Clean water is important to life. It is important to drink water that is free from the organisms and poisons or toxins that have bad effects on health. Studies show that drinking plenty of clean water helps prevent heart attacks and cancer. Humans depend on clean water to live and to live well. We cannot survive without water for more than a few days. Without this vital essential to life, we all die!

Another Kind of "Water"



God's Word, the Bible, has much to say about water. It speaks of its power to cleanse, cure, and save life. However,

there is another type of water that Jesus, the Son of God, talked about in the Bible. He offered something called "the water of life." This means: "the water that gives life." Not merely physical life, but spiritual life -- eternal life, never-ending life.

One day, Jesus Christ met a woman as He was sitting by a well in Samaria, Israel. He told her that He had water that she knew nothing about. Jesus changed the topic of literal water (H₂O) to spiritual "living" water. He also said that if she would drink of the water He offered she would never thirst again! Jesus said to her "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (Bible, John 4:14).

Before the woman would desire this water, she would have to see her desperate need for it. Her life was dry, frustrated and filled with sin against God. She needed God's forgiveness. She needed a relationship with the true and living God. God's Word teaches us that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). There is only one person who lived a perfect life. There is only one who was not contaminated by sin. His name is Jesus Christ. He was the pure "Living Water" that she needed in her life!



The "Water of Life" is Promised

In the final book of the Bible, the Lord Jesus Christ made this promise: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely" (Revelation 21:6).

Who is this One who promises life-giving water? He is the eternal God! He is the everlasting Creator of all things. Just as the "Alpha and Omega" are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Jesus is the beginning and conclusion of all things. He gave us physical life (for now, on earth) and He offers us never-ending spiritual life (forever, in Heaven).

Jesus Christ is the only one who gives the water of life. He said it this way: "He that believeth ON ME, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). Jesus also made this exclusive claim: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

The "Water of Life" is a Costly Gift

The Lord Jesus Christ said "I will give...the water of life freely"! Christ's "water of life" is free, but it is not cheap.

Eternal Life comes as a gift to us, but it cost the Lord everything. Christ came into the world to save sinners by giving His life for us on the cross. Even though we deserve to pay for our own sins, Christ paid the penalty we owed when He suffered and died. "... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..." (1 Timothy 1:15). "...Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). While on that cross, He experienced a great thirst so that our spiritual thirst might be quenched (John 19:28). After our Lord died to pay the penalty for our sins, He was buried and rose again three days later! (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Jesus Christ is alive today and desires to freely give to you His gift of everlasting life! He is the only source of that "Living Water."



The "Water of Life" is FREE



God's salvation is not earned, neither is it deserved. It is a gift. This gift does not come to us by means of religion nor is it based upon the good things we do for God. Rather, God's gift of life to us is based upon what God did for us. He paid sin's penalty.

He took the judgment we deserved to suffer upon Himself so that we could drink freely from His well of salvation. The Bible teaches: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). The water of life is offered free of charge. The full charges were paid by Jesus Christ. "Ho (listen) everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy...without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1).