

The Gospel According to John

“The Gracious Gift of God”

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John 4:11-14

She said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?”

Jesus answered and said to her,
“Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

John 4:15-18

The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw.” He 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 correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.”

John 4:19-22

The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

John 4:23-26

But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 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 (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

Main Idea

The gracious gift of God is offered to the world without distinction and when received by faith results in eternal salvation and in enduring satisfaction.

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Water is a recurring theme throughout John's Gospel, and it is closely connected to *the gift of God*.

A Look at Water in John's Gospel

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But Jesus is not just the giver of better water, ***He is*** the better water.

He is the gift of God!

John 3:16

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Jesus, the living Word,
was offering *Himself*, the better
baptism, the better purification,
the better birth, the better well
to this Samaritan woman.

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What is this living water?

It is the words that Jesus speaks!

John 6:63

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Jesus the living Word came with the gift of God's words, and these words are the means of grace that generate life in His people!

John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life...”

Romans 10:17

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John 6:68

Simon Peter answered Him,
“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have words of eternal life.”

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His Spirit

John 14:16-17

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth...”

The Spirit is the gift of God!

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There is an inseparable connection
between the Spirit of God and
the words or truth of God.

Not only did He breathe them,
but they are His primary tool for
spiritual transformation.

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2 Samuel 23:2

The **Spirit** of the LORD spoke by me,
And His **word** was on my tongue.

Isaiah 59:21

My **Spirit** which is upon you, and My **words** which I have
put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth...

Zechariah 7:12

They made their hearts like flint so that they could not
hear the law and the **words** which the LORD of hosts
had sent **by His Spirit** through the former prophets.

Acts 4:31

...and they were all filled with the Holy **Spirit**
and began to speak the **word** of God with boldness.

Ephesians 6:17

And take...the sword of the **Spirit**,
which is the **word** of God.

You cannot separate the power of the Spirit from the gift of God's word.

You cannot expect the Spirit to transform you apart from the instrument He uses for your transformation!

God's Gracious Gift

The content of God's gift

The scope of God's offer



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From Jerusalem to Sychar
to Cana to Kearney

John 4:3-6

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John 4:46

Therefore **He came again to Cana** of Galilee
where He had made the water wine.

But where does Kearney come in?

Acts 1:8

“...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Here is Kearney!

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The scope of God's offer is worldwide:

It began in Judea and traveled to
Samaria and extended to Cana and
has come to Kearney!

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From Jerusalem to Sychar to Cana to Kearney!

From Nicodemus
to a Samaritan woman to you!

John 3:1-2

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Jesus offered Himself to a well-placed,
cultured man among the religious elite...

...but also offered Himself to an outcast
adulterous woman from a culture
of pagan mixed-breeds...

...and He offers Himself to you, too!

John 4:42

“We have heard for ourselves and know
that **this One is indeed the
Savior of the world.**”

God's salvation is without distinction!

God's Gracious Gift

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The scope of God's offer

The results of God's grace



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Eternal salvation

John 4:14

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The gift of God's grace is salvation,
that is, the restoration of lasting life!

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Enduring satisfaction

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Your soul will never be satisfied
by the waters of this world!

Only the water of life given by the
Word of life will satisfy your soul!

Conclusion

Have you come to know the gift of God,
and have you received Him?

Are you seeking satisfaction from
the waters of this world or are you
drinking deeply of the living waters
given as a gift for you?