

## “ April Showers Bring May Flowers ”

By William Sutton, April 2013

*Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4: 13 – 14) (NIV)*

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “*If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from him.*” (John 7: 37 – 38) (NIV)

Jesus replied, “*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.*” (John 12: 23 – 26) (NIV)

Then Jesus cried out, “*When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.*”  
(John 12: 44 – 46) (NIV)

The Apostle Paul wrote: “*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*” (Ephesians 5: 25 – 27) (NIV)

In April, we celebrated in remembering Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. We cried at the brutal treatment of God’s only begotten Son at the hands of the government and the people. We cheered at the empty tomb and were reminded that God fulfilled His promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Shouldn’t we live our lives drinking in the water of Jesus and walking in the light so that we produce fruit that is reflective of our hope in being resurrected and spending eternity in God’s glory ?

Pray that God will give us the power to overcome all obstacles and be one of those that loves God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind and with all our strength (Mark 12: 29 – 30), and live our lives as if we mean it – **God Does !**

## Comments

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It is comforting to know that when obstacles come into our daily life we can turn to God in order to quench our thirst. Living our lives as we mean it means to me that we should always turn to God first rather it be for praising Him or seeking comfort and direction.

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