

Handout December 1, 2023

## **Peace Like A River!** *Ezekiel*

Welcome back and here we go.

Tonight, we will talk about peace --- peace with God --- peace with self --- peace with life.

Two weeks ago, I talked about gratitude. Last week, about giving thanks in all situations. Tonight, peace, that is active --- moving --- a *river of life!*

1) \_\_\_\_\_ is available today!

### ***Ezekiel 47:1-12***

This is a story of what many believe will be the millennial Temple. During the reign of Christ, it is interesting, because the Dead Sea will become alive! This water is full of power --- to heal, restore, renew and resurrect --- LIFE. For us it is representative of all the dead things in our lives --- sinful thoughts, actions, words. God can heal us all and restore peace to our lives.

Do you believe this?

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ represents the Holy Spirit.

*Ezekiel, chapters 40-48*, is all about restoration after destruction. It is the turning point! After *chapters 38 and 39*, the war on Gog and Magog, we see a new beginning. But, what is the application for us today?

3) You must \_\_\_\_\_ the water!

You know, most water, when we get in over our head, becomes a dangerous place --- a place where we must work to stay above, lest we drown. This river is different. This river is a *River of Life!*

This river in *Ezekiel* represents the Holy Spirit in three ways:

- It's source is God's Throne
- It's from the altar --- the place of sacrifice
- It's force --- the power of God!

### ***Verse 8***

4) This water can \_\_\_\_\_!

God's Spirit can heal you!

### ***Verse 9***

5) This water \_\_\_\_\_!

God's Spirit can revive you from your dead thinking and actions.

6) This water brings forth \_\_\_\_\_!

God's Spirit will allow you to produce Spiritual fruit!

But the question is --- will you get in? In *Ezekiel*, the first thing he does is observe the water!

Many of us may just be observers, looking at the water, knowing it's there, within us, but not daring to break free of the past or even our present issues of personal sin, unbelief and poor mental attitudes!

**Verse 3**

7) At your \_\_\_\_\_, you just started!

When we make a decision for Christ, we step into the Holy Spirit River! No longer observers, but now in the water as a believer. People who stay ankle deep are Sunday believers. They don't read their bibles and are usually graceless and judgmental!

**Verse 4**

8) Knees speak of \_\_\_\_\_!

This is the person who has waded out into the Christian way of life --- someone who studies and serves. This is a person who know God's power now and is trying to learn more. A person who hungers and thirsts for the WORD.

No person stands taller than a person who is on their knee!

9) A person up to their waist is a \_\_\_\_\_!

This is the type of person who, when you see them, you actually see God more than the person. You are always aware that you are with a Christian. This person's life is fully immerse in God's Word and ways! They are deep enough that now the river will actually pick them up and move them to be of service, to follow His commands.

**Verse 5**

10) We must \_\_\_\_\_ to the river!

This is the highest Spiritual level you can reach. You are no longer in control, and you go where the Spirit takes you! How I love and how I long to be in this place!

- You have moved beyond your ability!
- You have given yourself over to God's will!
- You cease supporting yourself!

**Isaiah 66:5-13**

***<sup>12</sup>...For thus says the Lord : "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; On her sides shall you be carried, And be dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."***

**TRUST IN GOD'S WORD.**

God restored Israel. God is fulfilling prophecy today.

I challenge you tonight to invite the Holy Spirit to lead you deeper!

Let's pray.

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