Elemental – Living Water for the Thirsty

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2 Tim. 3:16-17 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

John 4:10-14

John 4:15

Could there really be something as wonderful as Jesus is offering her...living water that won't run dry...water that becomes in a person a spring of water that wells up to eternal life? Jesus says, "whoever drinks of the water I give him," but isn't such a promise only for those godly, spiritual, and devout followers of Jesus? No. It's for everyone.

John 7:45-46

John 7:37-39

- 1. Anyone can come to receive His living water.
- 2. The only qualification is that we be thirsty.

More elemental than physical thirst for every person on this planet is a thirst from deep within us, a longing to be quenched. And if we don't drink from the source of all life, then our souls will die for all eternity.

3. The only way to get the thirst quenched is to come to Jesus.

John 7:37b (ESV) "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."

Isaiah 55:1-3

What Jesus offers us is free. It's for everyone. We only need to come to Him because we thirst. We must acknowledge our need. The best news of all is what Jesus offers us is all-satisfying.

4. The only right response to His invitation is to believe in Jesus.

John 7:38

To come to Jesus and drink means that we turn to Jesus. The Bible refers to this as repentance. It means "to change." We must change how we see Jesus. He is more than just a historical figure and a person talked about in sermons, Sunday school, and in the Bible. We are to come to believe that because of who Jesus is—the Son of God and our Savior who died for our sins and rose from the dead—that He alone is worthy of our trust. He is the source of life. Jesus takes on a new value for us. He becomes the very satisfaction of our souls.

Jeremiah 2:13

We must repent of seeking our ultimate fulfillment in everything else but Jesus.

5. The Holy Spirit is the living water that flows from the heart of all who come to Jesus to drink.

John 7:38-39

What Jesus is saying is that for those who have believed in Him, He has put a river-maker inside, an eternal spring. This is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Jesus Christ, who resides in the heart of every thirsty soul who comes to Jesus to drink.