

THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY SALVATION

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John 4:27-42

1. Jesus had to go through Samaria, and if we are being led by the Holy Spirit there will be things we will have to do as well.
2. Like the Apostle Paul the love of Christ will control (compel) us, and the Holy Spirit will lead us. (See 2 Corinthians 5:11-15)
3. In reaching out to the Samaritan woman Jesus demonstrated that His ministry was universal in nature.
4. Last week we looked at the Samaritan woman, how Jesus dealt with her, and what He declared to be true.
5. Before we leave this passage I want to look at four things that accompany salvation.

I. A new dynamic. 10-14

A. Jesus promised the Samaritan woman living (life-giving) water.

1. Water that eternally satisfies.

2. Water that becomes a spring of water leading to, or producing, eternal life.

B. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the day when people would, "...joyously draw water from the springs of salvation." Isaiah 12:3

C. The Bible closes with the risen, ascended, glorified Lord Jesus Christ extending the same invitation to all who are thirsty to come and drink. Revelation 22:16-17

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." 17 The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost."

D. Jesus promised, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. John 6:35

E. In John 7:37-39 Jesus made it clear that those who drink of the water of life (embrace Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord) will experience a new spiritual dynamic that will fill, transform and overflow their lives.

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

NOTE: The fruit of the Spirit will be an evident reality in the lives of those who have drunk of the water of life. (See Galatians 5:22-23)

II. A new priority.

A. The woman found more at the well than she had expected.

B. Jesus announced to her that He was in fact the Messiah that she and many of her people had been looking for.

C. In verses 28-29 we find the woman forgetting about her original task, leaving her waterpot behind, and hurrying into the city to share what she had discovered.

D. A profession of salvation that does not change our priorities has got to be suspect as to whether it is genuine or not. 2 Cor 5:17-21

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

III. A new source of nourishment.

A. When the disciples returned to the well they were amazed to find Jesus actually conversing with a person who was both a Samaritan and a woman.

B. After she left they tried to get Him to eat some of the food they had gotten.

C. They had left the Lord at the well tired and hungry, and when they returned they found Him refreshed and not thinking about food.

D. Jesus explained:

1. That He had food to eat that they were not yet familiar with.

2. That His food was to do the will of Him who sent Him, and to accomplish God's work.

E. Those who are committed to doing the will of God and accomplishing His work will find that God is always strengthening and renewing them for the task.

IV. A new source of joy.

A. Sowing and harvesting are ongoing in the Kingdom of God.

B. The disciples would not have viewed Samaria as a harvest field ready to be harvested.

C. Jesus directed their attention to the Samaritan woman and the crowd she had gathered coming out of the city. 30

D. The Lord spoke of the joy or rejoicing that is shared by those are fully invested in the ongoing work that God is doing in the world.

APPLICATION

1. In the final verses of this passage we find many of the citizens of Sychar coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

2. They came to understand and believe what He had set out to demonstrate—that He was indeed the Savior of the whole world.

3. Whenever we are exposed to the Word of God we should examine our lives in the light of that Word.

4. What questions might we ask ourselves in the light of this message?

a. Is there a new dynamic, a new power, at work in my life?

b. Are my priorities God's priorities?

c. Am I being strengthened and energized by the food Jesus spoke of?

(1) Doing the will of God?

(2) Accomplishing His work?

d. Am I a part of the ongoing sowing and reaping that is taking place in the world?

e. Who am I currently praying for and cultivating?