

"Thirst Quenching Life"

John 7:25-39

Introduction: The power of images . . . The power of misinformation . . .

John 7:25-31 - First Group - Impressed but still looking for more evidence.

John 7:28-29 - "He who sent me is true, and him you do not know" (28b).
"Offended"

John 7:32-36 - Second Group - Determined to resist

Precept: Jesus is in full control of what will happen to him; they don't have any say in it (7:33-34). (Acts 4:25-28)

John 7:37-39 - There are at least three important things/ideas:

First - "Thirsty"

Second - "Come"

Concept: Coming is believing in Jesus; believing in Jesus is drinking Jesus; and drinking Jesus is coming to Jesus.

Third - "Living"

Concept: When we drink Jesus; we ooze life; we walk by faith; we profit from suffering; we submit to authority; we choose wise influences; we don't struggle with accountability; we have a heart that is like God's; we live by God's power and pray accordingly; we have courage to stand in the face of a deteriorating culture of death and evil; we can hear God call us to lead at times; we resist temptation. Our lives manifest the fruit of the Spirit; we say things that only God could craft with our mouths and we live what we say. We are fixed on the eternal with a light grip on things temporal. We are coming to see God's eternal purpose in our life and joyfully live it out. We love the souls of lost people and find ways to share Christ and be Christ to them. We continue to drink Christ from the Word. We know what it means to live because we have drunk.

Conclusion: We are born thirsty; we grow up thirsty and in that process we try things that we think will quench our thirst. Hear Jesus say 'come' and believe!

None of this is possible without the Holy Spirit (7:39)