

I want to start off by asking a question. If you could summarize the debate about the Holy Spirit in a single sentence, what would that be?

For me it would be this. Is Jesus personally present with us or not. Let me put it another way

Is the Lord among us or not?

And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Mat 4:6-7

This is essentially the same question that Satan was asking
If thou be the Son of God
Is the Lord among us or not.

What was Jesus response?

Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.....where is that from?

And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us, or not?
Ex 17:5

Was the Lord among them? yes he was right there on top of the rock!
But did the people recognize that he was among us? no they were debating.

Is he among us or not?

Had he given plenty of evidence that he personally was with them? yes
And so today the debate rages on Is Christ truly with us today or not?

Has he given us any evidence in His word and in the Spirit of Prophecy?
Among the Israelites in the wilderness who was it that doubted? unbelievers
In the wilderness temptation who was it that doubted? Satan

Today, who is it that says, well the Lord Jesus Christ isn't really among us....

Is the Lord among us or not?

Who is represented by that rock in the wilderness?

And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 1 Cor 10:4

That rock in the wilderness was at a place called Horeb... changed to..meribah
Horeb is also referred to in Deuteronomy as mountain....ten commandments

In Horeb You have a mountain...the mountain of God
Rock from which water flows.

Daniel 2— Stone cut out of the mountain— without hands
Represents the Father and Son
That stone or rock — water comes forth
christ and the Spirit

Fast forward to John 7.

Jesus was at the feast of tabernacles vs 2

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried... John 7:37

Before we go any further, its important to know what happened that very morning.
because I believe that Jesus' words are drawing upon an event that took place that very morning.

"The priest had that morning performed the ceremony which commemorated the smiting of the rock in the wilderness." DA 453

That morning their minds were drawn to the smitten rock in the wilderness, then some time after that Jesus stands up and says

If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) jn 7:37-39

What does the water represent? Spirit

Why does John 7:39 say that the HS was not yet given?because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Something had to occur first before the holy Spirit was poured out.

".....for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" John 7:39

What was His glorification?

The smiting of the rock pointed forward to Jesus Christ
It is that smiting that caused the water to come gushing forth

Was Christ Smitten?

**"Surely he hath borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows:
yet we did esteem him stricken,
smitten of God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities:
the chastisement of our peace was upon him;
and with his stripes we are healed." Isa 53:4-5**

The cross of Christ and Subsequent glorification as our High Priest, released the "water" of the Holy Spirit from the spiritual Rock (Christ).

The Smitten rock and the water that flows from it gives us a beautiful picture of the relationship of the Jesus Christ to the Holy Spirit.

1. Water is different then rock. The water and the rock are Separate. rock is not flowing from rock and water is not flowing from water.

1. In the same way the Holy Spirit is another. Separate. Third Person. Third is not exactly the same as the second or first.

2. The Rock is the Source of the Water

2. In the same way We se that the Holy Spirit is Christ Himself because Christ is the very source from which the Spirit flows.

The spirit does not flow out of nothing, does not flow in and of itself, It is not a source in and of itself, Water is not rock.

Could God have cause it to rain abundantly? yes

Could God have cause water to come up out of the earth? yes

but he didn't. he told mozes to hit a rock so that water could flow out. It is clearly illustrating something very important.

3. How Water comes out of a Rock is a mystery

a. in the same way The nature of the Spirit, is a mystery.

4. Water was "released" from the rock when it was smitten

a. In the same way Christ had to be smitten in order that the Holy Spirit could be released or divested from humanity

Is that water still flowing today? will it ever dry up?

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. Rev 22:1

According to John 7:38-39 what does a river of living water represent?

The Holy Spirit

Let's think about this water. What are some characteristics of this water?

- **What is the main attribute of this water**—————**living**————— **life**
- **what does a river do?**—————- **it flows**
- **Will this river ever stop flowing**—————- **no, thy throne o God is forever**
- **What is another attribute or characteristic of this water?**—————**pure** -

Can I drink? Can i have a drink of this water?

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. John 4:10

What is the gift of God?..... living water or Holy Spirit Is that living water available now?....yes...

This is incredible...you have to see this.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom 6:23

Why is it pictured as flowing from the throne??????? not from Christ?

Shows us what type of life it is from a different perspective... It is the life of Christ..yes but...

Ark of the covenant..

What was in the ark of the covenant? ten commandments

The ten commandments are the foundation of His throne or government....heaven.

The pure water of life is flowing from the throne

the only type of life that is acceptable in His kingdom

it is a pure life...life that is in harmony with all the commandments

Asked the question, is this life available now. You better believe it.

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. Eph 1:13-14

earnest=pledge

part of the full price of something paid in advance.

The Holy Spirit is given to us a a partial reward or a pledge given as a guarantee that we will receive the full reward at a later date

I think of a down payment. a down payment is a part of the full payment given in advance as a guarantee

that the seller will receive at a later date the full amount.

How much life...how much water does he desire to give?

and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

How much of his life does he want to give us?

περισσός perissós, per-is-sos'; from G4012 (in the sense of beyond); superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality); by implication, excessive;

it kind of gives a whole new meaning to Rev 14:12

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

How do we keep the commandments of God....receiving His life If its his life....whose faith do we receive?

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either

side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Rev 22:1-2

Do we have an example in the scriptures where a believer is symbolized as a tree that is planted by a river and bears fruit?

Psalm 1: 1-6

Blessed is the man

that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord;

and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;

his leaf also shall not wither;

and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Ez 47:7-9