**The Power of Water**

 Week One

Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkly, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Introduction: Water plays a significant role in the natural world as well as in the spiritual world, without it, life would be miserable, an or impossible. 70-80% of the earth surface is covered with water, 70% of the adult body is made up of water, and 85% of the adult brain is made up of water.

As we will discover in the exploration of this lesson mankind must have a natural relationship with water as well as a spiritual relationship . Without it, there will be blemishes and deficiencies both naturally and spiritually that could ultimately cause one’s demise. Water is metaphor in scripture used for the Word of God Example Water of the Word. A metaphor is a thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else.

The Word of God have a water in Him that have supernatural power, the ability to create, save, heal, deliver, restore. renew, revive, cleanse, protect, provide. think, discern, and make holy. The bible teaches in Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edges sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. The water of the Word have no limitations and no equals; He is the ultimate authority in three worlds; heaven, earth, and in hell. The Word that we read can also read the reader, and He judges and exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. By now as a reader you may have raised the question – why the word in this lesson is referred to as He. Jesus Christ and the Word is synonymous-one in the same. The Bible declares John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In John 3:5 Jesus dialogued with Nicodemus: Verily ,Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Here Jesus used the term “ Born of the water “, as being imperative for the new birth. The term water here is a metaphor for the Word. The Word is the creative agent of God, and is God. Before an infant can be born from his mother’s womb-the mother’s water must break-water precedes life. The Word of God is the water that creates new life and then the Holy Ghost indwells the life. ( 2 Corinthians 5:17 , Acts 2:38 )

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In John 19:34 while Jesus was being crucified on the cross; and when the soldier pierced Him in the side-two substances came out, immediately, there came out blood and water. The things of divine life are deep and mysterious so John used picture throughout his gospel to reveal them.

For instance, in John 1:29 records John the Baptist saying of Jesus, “ Behold, the Lamb of God. We know the Lord Jesus isn’t a literal lamb with four legs and fluffy coat, but the picture of Jesus as the Lamb of God shows something beyond words alone. In it we immediately recognize the meekness, gentleness, and guiltlessness of the Lord who sacrifice Himself for us. Other illustrations in John’s gospel refer to Him as the living bread, the living water, and the branches with the vine. These pictures help communicate deep spiritual realities more adequately.

What spiritual reality, then, does the blood and water from the Lord’s pierce side convey? The picture of blood and water. Two substances came out of the Lord’s pierced side: Blood and water. Blood is for redemption, to deals with sins ( John 1:29; Hebrew 9:22 ) and for the purchasing of the church ( Acts 20:28 ) The law requires that everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Life exist in the blood and life must be saved by Jesus blood. Leviticus 17:11

Water is for imparting life to deal with death. Jesus death was life unto us, and the producing of the church. In John 12 Jesus referred to Himself as the grain of wheat that would fall into the ground and die. A grain of wheat is a seed. Within the shell of a seed is life force, a life element; but as long as the seed remains whole, the life within stays confined to that one seed. For the life to be released, the seed must fall into the ground and ‘die” The falling into the ground may seem wholly negative, but actually this is the only way the life confined within the seed can come forth and bear much fruit.

In the same way, the Lord Jesus is the Son of God who became a man in time and space. Within this wonderful God-man was the divine life, confined within a human shell. So Jesus fell into the ground and died, and through His death, life was released! The water that issued out of the Lord’s pierced side is a picture of the released divine life that have been imparted unto us. Praise God!

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Man needs water in the natural to survive as well as the Water of the Word in the spiritual to live. With out it, life is devastated in both worlds. In 1 King 17:1 after Israel had lapsed into idolatry, Elijah the Tishbite , said to Ahab, “AS surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, I stand before Him, and in these three years there will be neither dew nor rain except at my word!’ A spiritual pestilence will cause a natural pestilence. God answers a pestilence with a pestilence. Absence of water in the land brought on a famine, shut down crops, physical bodies were deprived of daily hygiene, and created an absolute stench in the land.

Just as a lack of water in the natural can give place to disease, sicknesses, and famine; so it is in the Spiritual. The bibles says in John 15:3 Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you. The Word of God creates new life and it is the Word of God that sustains life. Absence of the Word of God in our lives or a famine of the Word give place to sin, disease, thoughts that come against the knowledge of Christ, reoccurring habits, and a carnal life style dominated by the flesh, and a mind-set that give pre-eminence to the world’s system. Christians are to daily bath in the water of the Word. Without the Word of God Spiritual pestilence will occur if the life of the believer. A pestilence begins on the inside of people and is breathed in the atmosphere of which we live, affecting those in our surrounding. There can never be a pestilence in our land before there is a pestilence in our hearts-an absence from the obedience of the water of the Word. 2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land

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 Week Four

Lesson four will focus on the various ways water have been use in the bible to heal, deliver, perform miracles, and even to bring judgment upon the un-Godly, This lesson is intended to be interactive. The believers will read the scripture below and use them in class discussions.

**Discuss the main focus of the following passages**

**Healing**: Naaman 2 King 5:1-9

Healing: Pool of Bethesda Matthew 5:1-9

WAR WITH THE WORD EPHESIANS 6:16-1

Miracle: Peter Walks on the water Matthew 14:28-31

Deliverance / Judgment Exodus 14:13-31