

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Do You Have a Drinking Problem?
John 7.31-44

Festival of Tabernacles background:

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink." John 7.37

4 USES FOR WATER AND...

...HOW JESUS' OFFER OF LIVING WATER BENEFITS US:

1. REFRESHMENT

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..." Isaiah 55.1

*The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. **You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.** Isaiah 58.11*

2. GROWTH

*Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. **That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither — whatever they do prospers.** Psalm 1.1-3*

3. CLEANSING

*...and that is what some of you were. **But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** 1 Corinthians 6.11*

*At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. **He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior...** Titus 3.3-6*

4. RECREATION

I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of. John 10.10 MSG

Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. John 7.43

Some of the people had a drinking problem. Do you?

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?