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"Then He (Jesus) came to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus on the well; and it was about the sixth hour. And There came a woman of Samaria to draw water; and Jesus said unto her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away unto the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said unto Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask drink of me, who is a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." Jesus answered and said unto her, "If you knew **the Gift of God**, **and who 'it is'** that says to you, "Give me to drink;" you would have asked of Him, and He would have given you **Living Water**." The woman said unto Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; from where then have You that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from there himself, and his children, and his cattle?" Jesus answered and said unto her, "Whoever drinks of this water shall thirst again; **but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**" (JOHN 4:5-14)

Gift: from the Greek word: dorea which means: "a gift, freely given and hence not acquired by merit, entitlement, or payment. Thus expressing a brand of giving that highlights the kind desire of the giver." Related to the Greek word didomi which means: "to give" (in various senses lit. or fig.).

The Giver of the Gift is, as stated, God Himself. The Gift is Jesus! Jesus describes the **Gift** of **God**, <u>Himself</u>, as the source of **Living Water**. Jesus says that whoever drinks of this **Living Water** shall never thirst! Jesus also said that the **Living Water** shall be in us a <u>well of water springing up into everlasting life</u>!

Living: from the Greek word *zao* which means: to live; living, life, alive; to experience God's gift of life!

Water: from the Greek word hudor which means: water!

Living Water: the gift of the Holy Spirit

Consider these verses:

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he who comes to Me shall never hunger; and **he who believes on Me <u>shall never thirst</u>**." (John 6:35)

"Now on the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "<u>If</u> <u>any man thirst</u>, let him come unto Me, and drink. He who believes on Me, as the <u>scripture (Isaiah 44:3) has said, 'out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water</u>." **But of this He spoke of the Spirit**, whom they who believe on Him (Jesus) should receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified." (John 7:37-39)

"If you love me, keep My commandments. And I will pray to the Father, and **He shall** give you another Comforter-Helper, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knows Him. But you know Him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you. ... These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter-Helper, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, all that I have said unto you." (John 14:15-17; 25-26)

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"<u>When He, **the Spirit of Truth**, comes</u>, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come. **He shall glorify Me (Jesus)**; for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He (the Holy Spirit) shall take of Mine, and shall show it unto you." (John 16:13-15)

"Now if any man does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, (the Holy Spirit) he does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin; yet **the Spirit is life** because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also make alive your mortal bodies by His Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:9-11)

"Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, <u>and you shall receive **the Gift of the Holy**</u> <u>Spirit</u>. For the Promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all who are far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. (Acts 2:39-39)

Consider also these passages:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He who sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write, for these words are true and faithful. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him who is thirsty of the fountain of the Water of Life freely. He who overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, **and he shall be My son**." (Revelation 21:1-7)

"And the Spirit and the bride (the church of believers) say, Come. And let him who hears say, Come. And let him who is thirsty come. And whoever is willing, <u>let him take</u> <u>the Water of Life freely</u>." (Revelation 22:17)

JESUS IS ...

the Gift of God ...

who gives <u>us</u> the Living Water – the Gift of His Holy Spirit;

For God loved <u>us</u> so very much that He sent to <u>us</u> His dearly Beloved Son, so that if <u>we</u> would believe in Jesus, and come to Him; then <u>we</u> should be saved, and inherit everlasting Life!

Jesus is <u>Our</u> Gift from God!

Amen! All Praise to You Father in heaven from whom all <u>our</u> blessings flow! Thank You Jesus – Always and always!