LIVING WATER
We all know how important it is to have access to clean drinking water. If we have no access to clean water, we have to drink the kind of water that can make us sick. Even if we know that it is dirty and will make us sick, we still have to drink it. We need to drink something. If we do not drink we die. Water is so important for our body. Every human on the earth should have access to clean drinking water.

On one occasion in the Bible (Gospel of John, chapter 4) Jesus asked a woman to get him some water from a well. This well surely must have been a very good one.

The woman, however, was surprised that he asked her because she was from a different nation. The nation Jesus was from did not have good relations with the one she belonged to. So she asked him why he would still ask her for water. Here is what Jesus replied to her:

“If you would know who is talking to you, you would ask him and he would give you living water”

The woman was surprised about that statement and did not quite understand it yet. Jesus had no bucket. Where would he get this water from? So she asked him saying:

“Sir, you have no bucket and this well is deep, where do you get this living water from?”

Jesus replied to her:

“Everyone who drinks from this water (the water of the well) will become thirsty again. But he who will drink from the water I give, will not thirst again.”

Slowly she understood that he was not talking about liquid water we drink with our mouth to keep our body working, but that he was talking about something spiritual. This water he talked about was not physical water one could drink by mouth. The Bible makes clear that this water Jesus was talking about can only be received by faith. It is invisible and non-physical. It gives joy, spiritual life and peace to our soul. It blesses our spirit and makes our life fruitful to God. It nourishes us with eternal life. This water is very important, even more than clean drinking water, because it gives life to our soul.
If we have no water for our soul we have no access to eternal life and our soul is lost once we die. Why? Because there are only two places we can go once we reach the end of our life. Either we go to God or we are cast into outer darkness.

We all sinned and so we all became separated from our Creator. God does not accept sinners to enter into His holy presence without them being cleansed and purified. Giving in to evil thoughts, selfishness and other sinful desires of our heart, we became enemies of God. We became unclean and unfit to Him. God is good and God is love. God hates all evil and He hates sin. Sin is destructive to humanity. It is so bad. This is why God does not accept it.

But why is God not punishing all of us right away with death and eternal destruction? Because He loves us so much. He made us and we are His creatures and He knows our misery, suffering and pain.

He wants us to change and to come back to Him. This is why He sent Jesus, His only Son. Jesus came to save us. He taught us how to be reconciled with God. He sacrificed his life for ours. He suffered for our transgressions and was killed on our behalf. He offered up his life so that we can go unpunished. He did everything so that our sins can be forgiven. He not only taught us what is right but also demonstrated how to live a life pleasing to God: living for others and dying to selfishness. This is what "living water" stands for. It is the source of eternal life and blessing. The soul of man is desperate for eternal life and desires to be connected with God again. This is why there are so many religions and cults in this world. But none of them can get you reconciled to God. Only Jesus has the "living water".

You can go to a stream, a lake or a waterhole and get your drinking water there. But inside you may find very bad stuff. Bacteria, worms or dirt, for example. They can contaminate your body and make you very sick. Maybe they even kill you.

In spiritual matters it is similar. Man-made religions and spiritual traditions are like contaminated water sources. They make your
soul sick and finally kill it. For your soul to live and to prosper you will need the “living water”. Only Jesus can give you this kind of nourishment for your soul. When Jesus walked on this earth he went around preaching:

_Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!_

The word “repent” describes a total change of mind. Jesus made clear that one day he will return to this world for judgment. That blessed day he will be exalted high king over the entire earth and everything will be subjected to him.

He wants you to become a part of his kingdom. But you need to change your mind and give all allegiance to him. Not just when he comes – no, that would be way too late! You need to change before then! Change right now and here. You do not know the day when Jesus returns nor the day you die. But both would be too late to turn! Change while you can! Jesus died so that you can have life and remain unpunished. Jesus was buried in a tomb but he rose from the dead the third day! He ascended to glory into the heavens. And he will return as a king and a judge.

Where will you go when you die? Where will you be when he returns? If you decide to follow and obey the King Jesus Christ you will receive the “living water” and become a part of his kingdom.

All the dead will be resurrected one day and everyone will be judged.

There will be eternal life and blessing in Jesus’ kingdom for those who got the “living water” and surrendered to Jesus with their whole life.

But there will be a hell of torment for those who remain in their sins, refusing to serve the Lord Jesus – the Son of God.

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