

“DRINK”

2 Peter 3:18

Intro: Welcome to our last week of the “Living Water” section of 2013’s series that we’ve entitled “BE-Come-Ing”

Let’s take a minute to revisit where we’ve been...

- A. Introduction & Invitation
- B. Polluted
- C. Source
- D. Pure
- E. Mirage
- F. Drown

And... that brings us to this morning...

DRINK... this LIVING WATER!

T/S: Connect DRINKING with God’s goodness & grace...

VIDEO: Mark Driscoll

2 Peter 3:16-18 =

Paul writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these (eternal) matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. ***18*** But ***grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.***

GRACE...

GRACE IS a MIRACLE.....

GRACE is OF the MESSIAH.....

GRACE is Always ON MISSION.....

T/S: Let's see the Miracle, Messiah, & Mission of GRACE throughout the entire Bible... literally cover to cover (with Genesis 1:1 & Revelation 22:21 included)

CREATED

Genesis 1:1...

Ps. 19 = *"the heavens declare the glory of God"*

Adam & Eve...

MIRACLE...

MESSIAH...

MISSION...

CHARACTERACHURED

Genesis 1:27 =

*So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.*

MIRACLE...

MESSIAH...

MISSION...

CRUSHED

Job – an instrument of instruction for all time...

“Our misery becomes our ministry!”

“Our mess becomes our message...”

MIRACLE...

MESSIAH...

MISSION...

CHERISHED

Noah & Family

Romans 5:8

MIRACLE...

MESSIAH...

MISSION...

CHOSEN

Abraham & Sarah

EVERY born-again believer...

MIRACLE...

MESSIAH...

MISSION...

CHAMPIONED

David & Goliath

“...the full amour OF GOD...”

MIRACLE...

MESSIAH...

MISSION...

COACHED

Proverbs 3:5-7 = *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.*

MIRACLE...

MESSIAH...

MISSION...

COUNSELED

ALL of God’s Word... 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Psalms... (in particular)

#23: *“The Lord is my Shepherd...”*

#141: 1-5 =

I cry out to you, Lord: Come to me—quickly! Listen to my voice when I cry out to you!

2 *Let my prayer stand before you like incense; let my uplifted hands be like the evening offering.*

3 *Set a guard over my mouth, Lord keep close watch over the door that is my lips.*

4 *Don't let my heart turn aside to evil things so that I don't do wicked things with evildoers, so I don't taste their delicacies.*

5 *Instead, let the righteous discipline me; let the faithful correct me!*

Isaiah 9:6 = (CHRIST)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CONFRONTED

Esther by Mordecai...

Peter confronted by Paul...

Paul by Jesus!

You & Me... in the very same way – Amen!

(Truth in Love)

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CALLED

Disciples... (“follow Me”)

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CONVICTED

John 6:44 = “...no one comes to Me unless the Father draws him...”

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CAPTURED

Paul on the Damascus Road... & Straight St.

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

VIDEO: C.J. Mahaney

CHANGED

Paul’s transformation (*killer to champion*)

Acts 9:20... “*immediately he preached Christ...*”

Qt: “God knew Saul needed to hit rock bottom before he would be willing to let go of his own interpretations of the law and recognize and absorb God’s grace. When has stubbornness kept you from enjoying all the benefits of grace?” - Max Lucado

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CHALLENGED

Prophets (generic)

Titus 2:11-14 =

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. **12** It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, **13** while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CHARGED

2 Timothy 4:1-5 =

*In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **2** Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **3** For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CONDEMNED

Roman Christians/road

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

(Romans 10:9)

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CLEARED

Barnabas

VIDEO: SACRIFICE

2 Corinthians 5:17 & 21...

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CELEBRATED

John 3:16

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CLEANSED

Psalms 51:1-5 =

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

2 *Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.*

3 *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.*

4 *Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.*

5 *Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

1 John 1:9 =

*"If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and **cleanse** from **all unrighteousness.**"*

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MIRACLE...

MESSIAH...

MISSION...

COMMANDED

Great Commandments:

Love the Lord God with ALL your heart, soul, mind, & strength...

The second is like it... love your neighbor as yourself.

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CORRECTED

Corinthians... (God disciplines those He loves...)

Hebrews 12:4-6 =

*In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. **5** And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, **6** because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."*

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CHURCHED

Revelation 2 & 3 ("7 churches")

MIRACLE...

MESSIAH...

MISSION...

CRUCIFIED

Galatians 2:20.....

Beatitudes... *"...blessed are those who are persecuted...."*

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

COMMISSIONED

Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

Acts 1:8

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CERTIFIED

Fruit...

MIRACLE... MESSIAH... MISSION...

CHAMPIONED

(a.k.a. "Adopted")

Romans 8:1-17 =

*"...if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" **16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

Revelation 22:21 = *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.*

1 John 2:1 (Jesus is in heaven right now actively advocating on behalf of the Christians)...

MIRACLE...

MESSIAH...

MISSION...

CARRIED

Cripple & 4 friends

Paul's thorn... (**2 Corinthians 12:7-10**)

Ephesians 3:16-19 =

*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18** may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

VIDEO: Francis Chan

COVERED

(by the blood of Jesus)

Romans 4:7-8 =

*"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; **8** blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."*

Revelation 22:21 = *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.*

CLOSE:

Miracle.... Messiah.... Mission!

PRAY...