

## *Living Water - Study Notes*

*READ John 4:7-15 (Discuss the following points)*

This principle of forgiveness and salvation is what Jesus is trying to teach this sinful woman. There is something that is unique and beautiful in this passage. Jesus didn't say, "*And if you knew all the doctrines, and if you knew all this, and if you knew all that....*" He said, "*If you knew the gift of God.*" What is necessary? It is to learn to know Christ.

Just like the Samaritan woman, in order to understand forgiveness and salvation in Christ you have to: (*Ask Why? For each bold statement*)

**Recognize your need for cleansing.**

**Ask to receive living water.**

**Get alone with Jesus and find out who He is.**

**Get over your unbelief.** - People's first reaction to salvation is unbelief. The missing element is that our heart is not properly humble, so that we're willing to use a beggar's language.

**Ask Lord to give you a right attitude, and a new heart.** so that we are renewed in the spirit of our minds. This alienation must be removed before we will come to understand "how" this can be: that we're reconciled with Him.

Until Christ is evidently set before our eye of faith, our poor, unbelieving heart will always turn to human reasoning. Our human heart will never be able to lay hold of Christ by faith. Faith is a gift of God. Our blessed Savior is ever ready to give when we are ready to take the beggar's station. That's the missing element: that our heart is not properly humble, so that we're willing to use a beggar's language. (*if you would just ask me!*)

He says that when you have gotten your eye fixed on Christ and learned to see the blessedness of the grace of Christ, then you would ask, "and he would have given thee." It is the ability to come into that beggar's station that is needed for grace to operate. Jesus had condescended to take the beggar's place. "Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink," but what we need is. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (PHI 2:5) What was that? It was that He humbled Himself; He condescended to ask a favor of a Samaritan. By nature we are too proud to ask to be refreshed by the King of kings. What separates us from Christ is that alienation of our minds. We have to beg the Lord to give us a right attitude, a new heart, so that we are renewed in the spirit of our minds. This alienation must be removed before we will come to understand "how" this can be: that we're reconciled with Him.

**Have faith in Him and believe.**

*Ask Him and He will give you living water.*