



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM
7:00 PM

www.collinsvillecoc.org

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

Vol. 45, No. 8

Collinsville Church of Christ

February 22, 2017

Water Flowing from the Temple

The prophet Ezekiel was privileged to see several visions from Jehovah. One such vision took place at the doors of temple. Ezekiel saw water flowing from under the threshold of temple. A man brought Ezekiel out of the gate toward the north and the water came up to their ankles. They continued further and the water was up to their knees. The water then rose so high that the waters were unpassable. The man took Ezekiel to the brink of the waters and then told him the following, *“And it shall come topass, that everything the liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh”* (Ezek. 47:9). The waters which flowed from the House of God was life giving and life sustaining.

The words of the vision bring to mind the words of Jesus as He spoke to the woman at the well. Jesus told her, *“But whosoever drinketh 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 4:14).

It is evident that this life giving water must flow from a divine source. During Ezekiel’s day, the temple of God was the source, but in the last days, Jesus is the divine source of this living water. His words are like water on a scorching day providing life and revitalization to the thirsty soul. Jesus tells his disciples, *“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life”* (John 6:63).

Today, we all have access to those healing waters that will quench the thirst of the dehydrated soul. If

we want to live and be spiritually sustained in this life, the inward man must drink from the flowing fountain of the words of Jesus. The waters flow freely and are accessible to all. Only the waters of Jesus will spring up into everlasting life. How often are we partaking of the life giving water from the Lord?

-K.A. Pugh

Though my father was in business, my family was not rich by any means. We always had food on the table, and we never wanted, yet there were many luxuries we did not have. There is one luxury, however, that was in our home that was not found in most. In 1954, when I was nine years old, we moved into an apartment over the store front building my father had purchased for his business. He had remodeled three small apartments into one and installed whole house AC. You see, my dad was in the refrigeration business. Most people did not even know what air conditioning was at that time. Yet, I took it for granted because of the power, so to speak, of my dad.

Most of us would have to admit that we are blessed richly in this life, both spiritually and physically. Let us not take for granted the blessings our heavenly Father provides for us through His providential care.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 ESV

Take time today to pause and reflect upon what God has blessed you with. Then humbly bow before Him and give thanks. Live today for Him and to His glory. Assemble Sunday to worship Him.

TLM

Collinsville Church of Christ
1400 Troy Road
Collinsville, IL 62234
Phone: (618) 667-6708
Email: collinsvillecoc@att.net