

## Rivers of Living Water

*As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'*  
John 7.38

It was on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles in which water was such an important symbol that Jesus said, '*Let anyone who is thirsty come to \_\_\_\_\_ and drink; and the one who believes in me — just as the scripture says — from that one's innermost being will flow rivers of living water*' (7.37-38).

The Spirit! This is the reason this text is included as an alternate reading in the lectionary for Pentecost Sunday. It's interesting to note that "water \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit" are dual companions in the Gospel of John.

The "water and Spirit" motif includes what \_\_\_\_\_ do, **repent**, and what the Spirit does, **regenerate**.

We need to reclaim the "water and Spirit" motif, for Kingdom living comes through our repentance and the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_.

The Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ so that the reconciliation between God and ourselves accomplished by Christ on the Cross can be effectuated in our own hearts through repentance.

I've learned how sin \_\_\_\_\_ the channels of my spiritual heart even as plague clogs the arteries of my physical heart, preventing the Holy Spirit from freely flowing. As believers, however, even when we sin we still have the Spirit, but the Spirit doesn't have us!

\_\_\_\_\_ also obstructs the Spirit. During my formative years I embraced beliefs and belief systems that were at odds with God's Kingdom.

Life in the Spirit is truncated without water, that is, life in Christ tends to be \_\_\_\_\_ without repentance.

What is obstructing *rivers of living water* from flowing in me and through me? Coming to terms with those obstructions has been a big part of my walk with Christ. The greatest life is the \_\_\_\_\_ life, allowing the Holy Spirit to flow in us and through us bringing new life to the world around us.