

Sermon Series: Pentecost

Sermon Text: Ezekiel 47:1-12

Sermon Title: Pentecost: Living Waters

The Holy Spirit flows from Christ as the final Temple to and through His people to bless them and renew the whole creation.

1) The Spirit flows from Christ as the final Temple (47:1).

- a) Gospel of John Temple Christology (John 1:14; 2:21; 4:10-14; 7:37-39; 14:26; 15:26; 19:34; cf. Rev. 22:1; 1 Cor. 10:4)
- b) The source of the River speaks of the nature and character of the River.
 - i) The Spirit of Christ
 - ii) Another *Parakletos*—Helper, Advocate, Intercessor
 - iii) The Divine Gift
 - (1) The Spirit is from God the Father and God the Son
 - (2) The Spirit is God

2) The Spirit progressively increases extending the blessing of Christ to His people (47:2-6).

- a) Seeing=understanding the meaning
- b) Linear measurement (1000 cubits)=geographical and historical progress of Spirit's work
 - i) From Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8)
 - ii) Global Christianity attests to the Spirit's almighty advance
- c) Depth measurement relative to man= Spirit's work in the believer and the Church corporately to mature/deepen
 - i) Increase inner vitality (2 Cor. 4:16)
 - ii) Increase in love/unity/fellowship—bond of peace (Eph. 4:3)
 - iii) Increase in purity (moral and doctrinal)
 - (1) Progressive deepening of Church through history (Heb. 5 11-6:2)
 - (2) Progressive deepening of Christians throughout life (Eph. 4:11-16)
- d) **Application:** Pursue peace and purity together.

3) The Spirit flows through Christ's people to renew the whole creation (47:7-12).

- a) Transformation of the Dead Sea—fisherman's paradise foresees Spirit's gathering the nations
- b) Flourishing Trees—Christ's fruitful people
 - i) Bearing fruit for God
 - ii) Bringing healing to the nations
- c) **Application:** Galatians 6:7-10 Sow to the Spirit. Do not grow weary. Do all the good you can to all the people you can for as long as you can. In due season you will reap if you do not faint.

Doxology: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46:4-7)