

"WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE - WHY?"

By Dr. Hoyt W. Allen, Jr.

Water is a common element to us earthly creatures. That which scientists call, "Two parts Hydrogen and one part oxygen" comes in three basic forms (liquid = water; solid = ice, and vapor = steam).

One cubic foot of water weighs pounds, depending on its temperature. 7/10 of the human body is water, as well as the earth's surface. Blood is 90% water. Muscles are 80-90% water. If a human loses 20% of one's water (dehydration) a person will experience a painful death. One can only live ten days without water. The average human will absorb a ton of water in their drink and food, in a year. Every living thing depends on water.

Water shapes the surface of the earth. Each year water erosion takes three billion tons of top soil from fields and pastures. This mass of topsoil would fill the cars of a freight train 475,000 miles long (enough to encircle the globe nineteen times at the equator). Water erosion has destroyed approximately 1/4 of our fertile croplands. Thus, water like fire can be good, but can also be bad. Water to quench the thirst, to cook with, bathe, and use for recreation is a blessing. However, uncontrolled water (flooding) can be a curse to a community, as it was to those not on Noah's Ark (Genesis 6-8).

God said that water would be used to serve as a "Dividing Line" between the lost and the saved, as it was in Noah's day. A student of the Bible discovers that it is the blood of Jesus Christ that covers the sins of mankind. However, that blood is contacted by the repentant believer when he/she is immersed in the watery grave of baptism (Romans 6:3). Jesus said, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved..." (Mark 16:16). Peter, on the birthday of the church told the Jews to "Repent and be baptized ... for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 2:38).

May we praise our Lord for putting water everywhere so that the sinner desiring to be saved from his/her sins can obey the gospel by showing God he/she means business by repenting and being baptized. If YOU (reader) have not been scripturally baptized, why not accept Christ today and follow His plan of salvation. Thus, the aged song is still true, "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!" It is the blood that saves us, but Jesus said to use water to contact it.

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