

## You Are My Witnesses Series

Part 1

### “Living In The Overflow”

January 6, 2019

Scripture Text: John 7:38-39 (NKJV)

**38** *He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”*  
**39** *But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

There have been people that have come and gone in our lives who have had great potential. Their potential may have been noticeable. The sad reality is that they couldn't see it and they choose to live a life of poverty rather than **Living Life in the Overflow of God's Blessings.**

An impoverish person may not be jobless or homeless and living on the streets. Never the less, there is a poverty of soul and spirit within. No matter their accomplishments they are left with the feelings of **Emptiness** and **Failure**.

You and I have a **Far Greater Purpose in Life** than to just simply get by or aimlessly go through life attempting to avoid the least amount of conflict. Some of us may want more out of life than what we are willing to invest. The very Law of Reaping and Sowing is consistently at work and we can't escape its results.

Each day we are confronted with the decision to believe or to not believe. To disbelieve can become dangerous and deadly. John 3:16-18 NKJV **16** *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17* *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18* *“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.*

Belief requires us to trust in the reliability of the object or person making the commitment to fulfill a need. **The question is do you believe the record that God has given to us?**

The key to receiving anything from God is **BELIEVING** in Him! Hebrews 11:6 NKJV *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must **BELIEVE** that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Jeremiah 29:13* *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. **Are you seeking Him or others to do what only God can do?***

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The person who believes in Christ is afforded reservoirs of Life Giving Water to give to the thirsty and dehydrated souls of man. There are individuals all around us who are dying of thirst because there is no one to give them Living Water. Jesus promises to fill everyone who believes in Him and who hungers and thirst after God.

A true spring is ever supplied with water from the great deep in order for our souls to be endowed with light, life, love, liberty, and all the other graces of the indwelling Holy Spirit. As believers we are made Christ witnesses to disperse Living Waters from the River of Life. The River of Life is ever flowing from the heart of God continually refreshing us to [Live in The Overflow](#).

The Holy Spirit has been sent to empower us with the Eternal Water of Life (the **Word**). The presence of the Holy Spirit will give us words of Life and not Death. Jesus said, *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”* John 10:10 NKJV. The most important series of events in the history of the world was the Birth, Death, Burial and the Resurrection of Jesus. **By means of His BIRTH**, *Jesus* was conceived by the Holy Spirit. **By means of His DEATH**, *Jesus* fulfilled prophecy and bought man’s freedom from the salary of sin. **By means of His BURIAL**, *Jesus* removed any doubt that He had really died. **By means of His RESURRECTION**, *Jesus* proved He had power over death. This assures us that if we truly trust and obey *Jesus*, He will one day raise us from the dead also. **JESUS CHRIST is the GREATEST PROOF** that He is indeed the Christ, the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16-18; Romans 1:4).

**VERSE 39** *But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those [believing in Him](#) would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

Jesus is committed to giving the Holy Spirit to **ALL Who BELIEVE** in His *Birth, Death, Burial* and *Resurrection* and I might add His *Return*. We [can’t be a recipient of the Holy Spirit](#) without a **Confession of Faith** in the work of Jesus Christ. Romans 10:9 NKJV *“that is you confess with your mouth an believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

When you and I humble ourselves by repenting, then and only then can we be filled and sealed with the **HOLY SPIRIT!** Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV **13** *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”*

You and I are called to **Live In The Overflow from the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives**. We have life within us and every now and then we should feel something! Women who have had children can relate to feeling life within (a kick, a stretch or a jab because life lives within). Every now and then we should feel the life of the Holy Spirit within. Don’t be guilty of quenching the Holy Spirit’s movement in your heart. Someone needs to drink from your fountain of Living Waters.

#### APPLICATION:

*In order to be a witness for Christ you must be in relationship with Him to be a conduit of the work of grace from the Holy Spirit.*