

“Obey Your Spiritual Thirst”
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Introduction.

Every person thirsts both _____ and _____.

I. Divine Confrontation (4:1-8).

A. A Reason for Evacuation (4:1-3). I believe there are 3 reasons why Jesus didn't want to debate with the Pharisees at this time...

1. He wasn't seeking to be involved in a _____ ministry with John the Baptist (3:25-26).
2. He wasn't seeking to have a _____ debate with anyone, but rather was looking to develop a _____ connection with people who were thirsty (3:16).
3. He wasn't going to argue with people who were not willing to _____ to His message of grace (2:24).

B. A Right for Recuperation (4:4-8).

Identifier #1: Spiritually thirsty people are in the _____ and not found in the _____ (4:4).

Identifier #2: Spiritually thirsty people are trying to do as many good _____ as they can for God's _____ for salvation (4:6).

II. A Divine Conversation (4:9-14).

A. A Reason for Division (4:9-10). There were 3 reasons for this division between them...

1. _____ separation (4:9).
2. _____ separation (4:9).
3. _____ separation (4:9).

B. A Right for Investigation (4:11-14).

III. A Divine Connection (4:15-26).

A. A Reason for Confession (4:15-18).

Identifier #3: Spiritually thirsty people _____ like a _____ because of sin and past mistakes (4:18).

B. A Right for Confirmation (4:19-26).

Identifier #4: Spiritually thirsty people are capable of _____ and have a true desire to understand the deeper _____ of God (4:19-20).

Identifier #5: Spiritually thirsty people have heard _____ of truth enabling them to _____ and choose their own religious lifestyle (4:21-26).

IV. A Divine Conversion (4:27-30).

A. A Reason for Confusion (4:27).

Identifier #6: Spiritually thirsty people are _____ answers even though their lifestyle _____ reveal something completely different (4:27).

B. A Right for Proclamation (4:28-30).

Identifier #7: Spiritually thirsty people experience a new _____ and a life _____ the moment they decide to receive Jesus as their source of spiritual living water (4:28-30).

Conclusion/Application.

1. Drinking from the world will leave you _____, and drinking from Jesus will leave you _____ (Mt. 11:28-30).
2. Revealing sin normally leads to _____, but Jesus desires it to be revealed so that He can work toward _____ (Rom. 3:23, 6:23, 8:1, 10:9-10).
3. Jesus reached out to the _____, _____, and socially rejected—we must do the same (I Cor. 1:27-31).
4. We need to be reminded that not everyone who is _____ alive is _____ satisfied (Eph. 2:1-3).
5. Read John 4:1-30, and answer the following questions....
 - A. What does grace **look** like? Grace **gives, approves, expresses, and releases**.
 - B. What does grace **sound** like? Grace **encourages and forgives**.
 - C. What does grace **feel** like? Grace feels **free**.

*Notice the Giver of grace, the receiver of grace, and how grace is revealed!