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By the grace of God and through faith in Jesus, we confess and forsake our sins daily, turning away from our unholy ways and turning to God with contrite hearts. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we pursue a life of holiness, seeking to honor God and reflect Christ in all we do.

Jesus at the Feast of Booths

<u>John 7</u>:

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Metalepsis:

A reference to one part as a tool to reference the whole

(describes Jesus and Gospel writers' methods)

Survey in Isaiah

Chapters 54-58, Key Ideas:

- God faithfully loves His people despite their sin
- God offers revival to those who seek Him
- For those who have received this gift, God calls to righteousness and justice
- God's light, living water, and abundance will be given to and seen in those who seek Him with their lives

Look to Jesus

Jn 7:37-38 "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

Jn 4:13-14 "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life"

Look to Jesus

Mark 1:14-15

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near.

Repent and believe the good news!"

God is the Source of Life

Jeremiah 2:13

My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

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Jeremiah 31

I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble... They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord... They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.

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Revelation 22:1-2

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

The Final Thirst-Quench

Isaiah 55:12-13

12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

In the meantime...

We are not buckets, but pipes!
Jesus makes us into people like him

What does it look like to draw from the fountain of living waters?

What does it look like to live "wettly"?

Gospel Response

Drink from the Fountain of Living Waters

Encourage one another to drink from the same

Fountain

Be a pipe, not a bucket!