"A Well of Water Springing Up to Eternal Life"

Intro: We have read the testimonies of several of those who upon meeting and interacting with the Jesus of Nazareth, bore witness that He is the Christ. Up to this point though, we have not heard it directly from the lips of Jesus. Among the reasons today's text is so moving is that here in the narrative of chapter 4, we will read as Himself clearly announces that

John 4:1-26

I. By the _________ and providential _________ of God:
   A. _________ “left Judea, and departed again into Galilee.”
   B. Jesus “_________ _________ go through Samaria.”
   C. Jesus “_________ ___ ___ _________ of ... Sychar.
   D. Jesus was _______________ from His journey and _______________ by Jacob’s well.
   E. A _____________ Samaritan _____________ came to draw water from the well while Jesus was there and the disciples weren’t.
   F. Jesus _____________ the woman to draw Him a _____________.
      1. Of all that is unusual in Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman, it was His _________ to use her utensils that most ________________ her for Jews have “no dealings with Samaritans”.

II. Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman to _______________ ___ _____ need.
   A. Jesus did not ________________ her in kind, but in ________________.
      1. Jesus turned the conversation from His physical need and her earthly concern to her greater ________________ ________.
   B. _____________ told her that God has a gift and that He was the One who could _________ her that ________.
   C. She challenged the Lord for she heard in the natural when Christ was ________________ words of spirit and ________.
      1. She wanted to know if ________________ thought He was than their father Jacob who gave them the well.
      2. Commentator Carson wrote, “Misunderstanding combines with irony to make the woman twice wrong; the ‘living water’ Jesus offers does not come from an ordinary well, and ________________ in fact far ________________ than the patriarch Jacob.”
D. Jesus answered her challenge by explaining to her that who drinks the living water from Jacob’s well gets ______________ ________.

1. In contrast to the water that comes from Jacob’s well, explained that whoever drinks the water that He “shall _____________ him shall ______________ ________.”

2. Christ specifically said, “whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; ...” “I” is an emphatic personal pronoun, so when we read this it would be right to emphasize “I”. The word translated “shall give” means “to give of one’s own accord and with good will, to bestow upon, and here is spoken of Christ as the one from whom ‘the living water’ is received with _____________ Himself being the source, author and ______________ of the favor and benefit. Therefore, such “water” is a ______________ ___ _______ given by Christ!
   a. This emphasizes the fact that whoever drinks must give all praise and glory to _____________ for He is the source, the ________- ______________ of this water, the One who is the cause of the favor and benefit bestowed upon the one who drinks!

3. The picture here is not that this _____________ heavenly satisfies the soul once and for all, but that it flows and __________ and flows within oneself so that the desires are continually met.

E. The living water that Christ gives results in ______________ life.

1. The gift of God is eternal
   Christ our Lord!

Closing: According to Hebrews 10, sins debt is satisfied by the sacrifice of Christ, once and for all. He paid the debt in full. We are saved not by our own effort to fulfill the law, but as a free gift of God by grace through __________ ___ Christ __________. So it is, “That whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:15). Therefore, it is right that Jesus cried out saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water'" (John 7:37-38). His invitation goes out to all! The gift of God is ______________ ________ through Jesus Christ our Lord! Drink of Him and never thirst again!

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