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--The Cross - Lesson 3
"I Thirst"

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John 19:28 *After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.*

We are very excited to teach this lesson on the cross, and we know that by the time we have completed this lesson, you will be excited also. There is no grander story in the word of God than the sacrificial offering of the Lord Jesus Christ on our behalf. Let's begin with building our foundation so that you will understand the blessings you are about to receive from the Bible.

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.* If you believe that verse, you will believe everything else in the Bible. That is the foundation of all things.

The evolutionist wants to rid himself of all traces of God as being the point of origin. How ridiculous is it to believe that something is formed out of nothing without an original creator? Why is it easier to believe we came from a dust cloud, or slime, or a big bang, or just by chance? If I told you my car came from a pile of iron and plastic just laying around on the ground you would say I was crazy. Yet you are going to let some college professor tell you that we came from Africa through the evolution of apes. Well then Mr. Professor "where did the apes come from?"

The Bible takes you to a starting point, then tells you who the Creator is. Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.* Earth, our planet, hangs upon nothing. Job 26:7 *He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.*

Notice the emphasis in the first nine verses of Genesis 1: The first three days of creation, all have something to say about water and waters. The reason is quite simple. If you have dirt, air, and no water, you do not have life. You cannot live without water. All living things that God brought forth in Genesis 1 depend upon water. That is a fact in the Bible and science. (2 Peter 3:5b)

Most of the time, scientists with their hypothesis about the earth and its creation are incorrect; however, they do bring out some interesting facts.

The axis of the earth is tilted at an angle of 23.5 degrees from vertical, perpendicular to the plane of the earth's orbit around the sun. The tilt of the earth axis is important for it governs the warming strength of the sun's energy. (taken from www.e-education.psu.edu) If God had not placed the earth in the exact position that it is, we would experience severe summers and winters, which would make living on earth unbearable. The earth rotates at 67,000

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m.p.h. according to stardate.org. At that speed, it is a wonder what holds us down, why don't we just fly off into space?

The Bible says that Jesus Christ (God) created all things (Colossians 1:14-16). Verse 17 tells us why we stay on earth and do not fly off as it rotates. Colossians 1:17 *And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.* Jesus Christ made us, gravity, the earth, heaven and the heavens, the ozone, the clouds. He made it all and He holds all of it together until He decides He no longer has need for it. (Hebrews 1:3)

The earth and the heavens were formed out of water and water plays a significant role in the life of all things. (2 Peter 3:5-6)

Turn to Isaiah 40:6-8 *The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.* More permanent than an individual, or a collection of individuals, even more than the entire race of mankind from beginning to end, is the word of God. When our lives have all run their course, and we are dead and gone, the word of God will abide.

Read Isaiah 40:12-15. This is the arm that God says will shelter you, hold you, protect you, and keep you. You say, "How can I trust an arm like that, the arm of God that will be the ruling power of all the earth in a day soon to come. How can I trust that arm?" Well, at the end of the arm is a hand. That hand is so great and powerful that the waters that you read about in Genesis 1 were measured in the hollow (palm) of that hand. The heavens that God created on the earth that God created, they were stretched out by the hands of God. Whatever you could weigh on a scale, whether it is one speck of dust or great mountain ranges, God measured them out by His power.

Who are the world-wide powers on the earth? They are nothing more than a drop in a bucket as compared to our Great God and Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ.

Exodus 17 is a true account in history. God, by His power and might, delivered 2 million people from slavery in Egypt. He led them out of Egypt, across the Red Sea, and into the Sinai Peninsula. Along the way, there were no restaurants, motels, or plumbing facilities. Exodus 17:1 *And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.* No water? Two million plus people, along with livestock. What were they going to do? Exodus 17:2-3 *Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD? And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said,*

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Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? They complained to Moses; they murmured against God. There is a lesson here for all of us to learn. God has already done some miraculous things in our lives. The next time a challenge, trial or tribulation comes into our life, don't complain. Pray and ask for God's help. We all know that sin is sin, but the sin of complaining is a touchy subject for the Lord. He does not appreciate unappreciative people. ***Give us water that we may drink.*** Not even a please?

Exodus 17:4-6 ***And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me. The Lord said Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.*** (The right thing to do, but for the wrong reason. Moses, you have bigger concerns than that the people aren't happy with you. There is no water in this place and you are about to die of thirst.) The God who measured the oceans in the hollow of His hand, directed Moses to hit the rock with his rod, and water came out, enough to satisfy the needs of 2 million people and their livestock. Praise the Lord! God is greater in power than all the water in God's creation. God has provided water to sustain your life, my life, our lives, as long as we have been alive. Hallelujah!

Now, in the New Testament John chapter four, the God who created the Heaven and the earth is going to use the water that He created to illustrate a deeper need than physical life. Read John 4:1-10 then read verse 9 again ***Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.*** Jesus responds to her question with something other than wet water. "Let's talk about your soul." John 4:10 ***Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.*** Without that living water, you will be thirsty for the rest of your life.

Jesus knows that she has come to get water to sustain her physical life, but Jesus is trying to get her attention redirected towards her spiritual life. Jesus finally tells her straight out John 4:14 ***But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.***

Here is another scripture that confirms what Jesus just told the woman at the well. John 6:35 ***And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.***

Churches are filled with people who said a prayer consented to some facts, then had an emotional experience. Here is a question I would like each of

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you to answer. When you go to church and then go home, are you just as empty as you were before you went? When you experience a worship service, sing the songs, hear the preaching, say your hellos, shake the hands, do you leave desiring the drugs, the alcohol, the pornography, the sexual sins, the immorality? Is it possible that you have been banqueting at God's table, but you've never taken what the Lord has for you to drink?

A great church service will never satisfy you. It will never quench your thirst in life. There is only one thing that will give you more than you could ever want, and that is receiving the Living Water of Jesus Christ. Have you ever had a drink of the Living Water that creates *a well of water springing up into everlasting life*? inside of you so satisfying that your thirst is quenched?

Let's turn to John 19 I want you to observe the marvel of what happened at Calvary. - The Creator of the waters, who measured the oceans in the hollow of his hand, who brought sufficient water from a rock to take care of a nation for four decades in a wilderness, and who is still the Creator became man. He was nailed to a cross to die in our place John 19:28-29 *After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.* Some Bible commentators teach that the vinegar with gall was a means of dulling the pain. That is not true. The vinegar was a mockery, an insult. If you were being crucified your torturers would not give you something for pain; they would want you to suffer. Vinegar with bitter gall would make you thirstier. (Matthew 27:34)

The last thing John records is Jesus Christ saying *I thirst*, The scripture says they brought Him no water and He died. Remember Psalm 22:15 *My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.*

Read Luke 16:19-31, Death is going to come for you eventually. You are going to die. Lazarus was poor, and now he is safe in Abrahams bosom. Being poor does not secure a place for you in heaven. Nor does being rich determine that you are going to Hell. Death does not care how much your portfolio is worth. Lazarus went to Abraham's bosom safe secure forever, the rich man went to Hell. (Just a quick note: the reason why we know this is a true story and not a parable is because Lazarus is named.) Luke 16:23-26 *And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us,* The

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rich man is looking across a great gulf of water and seeing Lazarus. he is begging Abraham to send Lazarus to bring him one drop of water because he is tormented in this flame.

The only man in the Bible that spoke from Hell is saying "Send me water."
Jesus hangs on the cross, and His last words are *I thirst*.

1 John 5:7 *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*

Revelation 22:17-20

The last thing God (the Father) says to man in Revelation 22:18-19 *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

The last thing Jesus Christ (the Word) says to man is Revelation 22:20 *He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*

The last thing the Holy Spirit of God (the Holy Ghost) says to the entire human race Revelation 22:17 *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

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Name _____

(*) if asterisk is shown in question, scripture is required along with an answer in your own words.

1. What was the name of the rock that Moses struck in the wilderness? *

2. How do we know that Luke 16:19-31 is not a parable?

3. Why is the doctrine of the evolutionists ridiculous?

4. Who is the point of origin? *

5. What was Jesus trying to tell the woman at the well? *

6. What happens to a person when they have *a well of water springing up into everlasting life*?

7. What sin aggravates God more than other sins?

8. What were the last words said by Jesus on the cross before His death? *

9. Explain Revelation 19:20 as it relates to the rich man in Luke 16.

10. What events happened in the palm of God's hand? *

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11. How were the earth and heavens formed? *

12. How important is water to life?

13. What were the rich man's concerns when he first opened his eyes in Hell?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

14. Using 1 John 5:7 as a guideline, explain their last words as indicated in Revelation 22. *

True/false

- The theory of evolution is a sad joke.
- God is the Creator and sustainer of all things in earth and in heaven.
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- When a crisis arrives in our life, complaining is best to relieve tension.

**Scripture memorization**

Colossians 1:17; Acts 17:28; Genesis 1:1.

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

any questions?