



*Some of the Christians saved at Tony Alamo Christian Ministries in front of the oak tree next to the church
photo taken 1972*

SPIRIT OR WATER

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The WORD of GOD tells us there are two kinds of water. One kind of water is SPIRIT, which is water from Heaven for the soul.¹ The other kind of water is the water on earth that we drink to refresh our bodies and sustain human life. The spiritual water is from Heaven, which strengthens, waters, and refreshes our eternal souls, and the earthly water is what maintains our human bodies while here on earth.

JESUS was begotten by the HOLY SPIRIT.² JESUS said, “The words I have spoken to you are SPIRIT, and they are life [water for your souls]” (John 6:63). JESUS is the WORD of GOD who came to earth as a man.³

In the book of Genesis, on the second of the six days of creation, “GOD [JESUS] said, Let there be a firmament [a separation, the expanse of the sky] in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And GOD made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And GOD called the firmament Heaven” (Genesis 1:6-8).

It is mandatory that we drink of both waters. The one above the firmament strengthens our spiritual life so that we don't fall away from JESUS our LORD and spiritually die,⁴ and the one beneath the firmament keeps our physical bodies functioning.

JESUS appeared to me in a vision (I was wide awake). I believe that I was around thirty-four years old at the time. HE appeared before my eyes, which were wide open in a very dark room. I thought HE had come to take me to Heaven. I didn't realize that I would be so happy to see my LORD, or so happy at the prospect of leaving this world to be with HIM, but I was. With a smile on my face, I exclaimed, “LORD!!” HE put HIS hand out and said, “Not yet.” That was the greatest disappointment I've ever had in my whole life.

JESUS began talking to me, but HIS words were breaking up. I couldn't understand what HE was saying. It was like a radio being turned off and on, over and over. JESUS was

letting me know that I wasn't studying HIS WORD enough. At that time I thought that Susie, my late wife, was to do the preaching and teaching, and I was to make money to support the ministry. I never dreamed GOD would ever use me the way HE has used me to spread the Gospel. HE looked really concerned about me. I could tell that HE really liked me, but HE communicated that it was of the utmost importance that I really study HIS WORD continuously so I could know what HE was saying for my benefit and the benefit of the people of the world that I would reach.

I loved and respected my wife Susie more than anything or anybody in the

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¹ Ezek. 36:24-27, John 4:7-14, 7:37-39, Eph. 5:25-27, Rev. 21:6, 22:17 ² Matt. 1:18, Luke 1:35 ³ John 1:1-3, 10-14, 1 John 1:1-3, Rev. 19:11-16 ⁴ Deut. 17:18-20, Josh. 1:8, Matt. 4:4, John 8:31-32, 15:3-7, Acts 20:32, Eph. 5:24-27, 6:11-17, Col. 3:16, 2 Thes. 2:15, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17, James 1:21, 1 Pet. 2:2

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world, but when I thought JESUS was going to take me to Heaven, she didn't even enter my mind. JESUS and Heaven are so magnificent that you can't think of anything else when you see HIM (that is, if you're saved). If I die or am martyred before the LORD comes back, don't mourn my death. It's hard for me to wait for that glorious day!

After GOD took Susie, I realized that the church was my responsibility, and I really felt bad that I hadn't studied the WORD more. The persecution and tribulations became more intense, like the vision I once had of climbing a very difficult mountain.

One evening before our church service began, the LORD told me that I had to be hundreds of millions of times stronger than the gigantic oak tree which grew next to our Los Angeles church (pictured on the front page). Just minutes after the LORD had told me this, it was almost time for the service to begin. I started the service and began by telling the congregation what the LORD had just told me regarding the big oak tree, and how I had to be hundreds of millions of times stronger than that massive tree. We all started laughing together. I said, "I don't see how I could ever even be as strong as that tree." All of a sudden, we felt the earth shake like an earthquake. I said, "Wouldn't that be something if that was the tree?" They looked out the windows, then looked at

me in great amazement and said, "It is the tree!" That enormous tree was actually dead, and fell over to the ground. This was frightening to everybody, and it actually made my entire spirit, soul, and body quake. I was warned by the LORD that I wasn't drinking HIS spiritual waters enough. At that time, I had so many distractions. Now I must drink the spiritual water both day and night. We are so close to the time of Jacob's trouble, the time of great tribulation that will come upon the entire earth.⁵ GOD'S people will perish if they don't understand that wading in the spiritual waters above the firmament is not enough. Wading only up to the ankles is not enough, to the knees is not enough, or even wading up to the loins is not enough. We (everybody) must swim in the spiritual waters above the firmament, since these spiritual waters (the WORD of GOD) are SPIRIT and life for us (Ezekiel chapter 47:1-12, John 6:63).

You have to be totally immersed in the HOLY SPIRIT, and be zealously seeking the LORD and serving HIM with all your heart, mind, and body.⁶ Anything less is being lukewarm. JESUS said, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of MY mouth" (Revelation 3:15-16). HE promises to cast the lukewarm out of the body of believers in CHRIST, the Church of GOD.

5 Jer. 30:7, Matt. 24:4-31, 36-44, Mark 13:24-27, 1 Thes. 4:13-18, Rev. 6:9-11, 7:13-17 6 Deut. 4:29, 6:5, 10:12, 13:3-4, 26:16, 30:6, Josh. 22:5, Mark 12:29-31

Kenya

Amen, hallelujah! Thank you! May the Almighty God bless you, the Church, and all brothers and sisters who support this ministry. I am really blessed with this powerful, God-given ministry of the Lord Jesus. Your messages are very true! Many people are only church-goers. They don't care about divine salvation. Many people go to church so that when they die, their funeral service will be good. Many think that there shall be forgiveness once they die and go to Heaven. But then it is too late! People need to be taught good doctrine. Good doctrine is found in Alamo Ministries. If a person wants to know the truth, visit the website of Alamo Ministries.

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Kitale, Kenya, Africa

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I love your ministry because you are sharing end time messages with supported scriptures! Thank you very much for offering to send me more literature. I am so happy that you have these books available to send to me. God bless and thank you for saving my people in bad times by bringing Christ to us.

We appreciate your actions,

H.O.

Papua, New Guinea

Nicodemus Visits JESUS

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to JESUS by night, and said unto HIM, Rabbi, we know that THOU art a teacher come from GOD: for no man can do these miracles that THOU doest, except GOD be with him. JESUS answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of GOD. Nicodemus saith unto HIM, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? JESUS answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the SPIRIT, he cannot enter into the kingdom of GOD. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the SPIRIT is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the SPIRIT. Nicodemus answered and said unto HIM, How can these things be?

"JESUS answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe



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not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to Heaven, but HE that came down from Heaven, even the SON of man which is in Heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the SON of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish, but have eternal life.

“For GOD so loved the world, that HE gave HIS only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life. For GOD sent not HIS SON into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through HIM might be saved. He that believeth on HIM is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten SON of GOD. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in GOD” (John 3:1-21).

JESUS Talks to the Samaritan Woman at the Well

“Then cometh HE to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. JESUS therefore,

being wearied with HIS journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: JESUS saith unto her, Give ME to drink. (For HIS disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

“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 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. The woman saith unto HIM, Sir, THOU hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast THOU that living water? Art THOU greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? JESUS answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 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” (John 4:5-14).

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the FATHER in SPIRIT and in truth: for the FATHER seeketh such to worship HIM. GOD is SPIRIT:

and they that worship HIM must worship HIM in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto HIM, I know that MESSIAH cometh, which is called CHRIST: when HE is come, HE will tell us all things. JESUS saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am HE” (John 4:23-26).

“In the last day, that great day of the feast, JESUS stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto ME, and drink. He that believeth on ME, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake HE of the SPIRIT, which they that believe on HIM should receive: for the HOLY SPIRIT was not yet given; because that JESUS was not yet glorified.)” (John 7:37-39)⁷

If we stay completely immersed, swimming in the living, spiritual, holy Waters, we will easily endure the tribulations that are quickly approaching. If we don't swim in the heavenly Water which is the WORD, the SPIRIT, we will die spiritually, fall away from faith in JESUS, and become members of the Antichrist. We will not have the spiritual strength to overcome and will take the Mark of the Beast, which will damn our souls to Hell forever.⁸

We're in a war, a spiritual war of words. This is GOD'S war to fight the devil and his slander. We fight because we have no other choice. But the victory will be ours because GOD will fight for us when we walk in HIS ways. Paul said, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7). He won! You will win too if you swim in the waters above the firmament. Keep the faith. When the LORD returns, that is what HE will be looking for (Luke 18:8). “For whatsoever is born of GOD overcometh

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⁷ Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8, 2:1-18, 38-39, 19:1-6 ⁸ Rev. 13:11-18, 14:9-11, 16:1-2, 19:20, 20:4

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the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).⁹

Get your soul saved now! JESUS shed HIS sinless blood so your sins could be forgiven and you could have communion with your heavenly FATHER. Repent of your past sins and start your new spiritual life now! Pray this prayer to GOD in the name of JESUS:

My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.¹⁰ I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.¹¹ I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.¹² I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT,¹³ and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.¹⁴ I open up the door of my heart, and I invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.¹⁵ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.¹⁶ YOU will not turn me away, LORD JESUS; YOU will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because YOUR WORD,

the Bible, says so.¹⁷ YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that includes me.¹⁸ Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me, and I know that YOU have answered me, and I know that I am saved.¹⁹ And I thank YOU, LORD JESUS, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as YOU command and sin no more.²⁰

After salvation, JESUS said we are to be baptized, fully submerged in water, in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT.²¹ Then study the King James Version Bible, and, for your benefit and the benefit of others, do what it says.²²

CHRIST and GOD the FATHER now live in you through the HOLY SPIRIT. There is a way you can receive a fuller portion of the divine nature of GOD in you. The more the divine nature of GOD lives in you, the more you will be able to stand against the temptations that have so easily moved so many millions of Christians away from salvation. Pray for the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT.²³ For instructions on how to receive the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT and to receive more of GOD'S holy nature, ask for our literature or call us. For without holiness, no man shall see GOD (Hebrews 12:14).

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If you want the world saved, as JESUS commands, then don't rob GOD of HIS tithes and offerings. GOD said, "Will a man rob GOD? Yet ye have robbed ME. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed THEE? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed ME, even this whole nation [and this whole world]. Bring ye all the tithes [a 'tithe' is 10% of your gross income] into the storehouse, that there may be meat [Spiritual food] in MINE house [souls saved], and prove ME now herewith, saith the LORD of HOSTS, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of HOSTS. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the LORD of HOSTS" (Malachi 3:8-12).

9 1 John 4:4, 5:5-8 10 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 11 Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 12 Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 13 Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, 12, 14, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, 1 Cor. 15:3-7 14 Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 15 1 Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 16 Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 17 Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 18 Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 19 Heb. 11:6 20 John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, 1 Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14 21 Matt. 28:18-20, John 3:5, Acts 2:38, 19:3-5 22 Deut. 4:29, 13:4, 26:16, Josh. 1:8, 22:5, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17, James 1:22-25, Rev. 3:18 23 Isa. 28:11-12, Joel 2:28-29, Luke 3:16, 11:9-13, John 1:29-34, 7:37-39, 14:15-29, 15:26, 16:7-14, Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-18, 32-39, 5:29-32, 19:1-7, Rom. 5:3-5, 15:13

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