

## C & C: I'm Going to Dance in the Rain

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

### **Philippians 4:4**

**4 Rejoice in the Lord** **always**; and again I say, **Rejoice**.

Whew Praise God!! Rejoice in the Lord **always!!!!** Not sometimes. Not here and there. Not only when things are going good. Not only when things are going bad. But Rejoice in the Lord **always!!!!** Let the joy of the Lord be your strength!! Let the joy that is set before you in the world to come be your strength and joy!!!! Let the songs of Praise and Worship be put forth out of your lips unto the most High God continually!!!

### **John 7:37-39**

37 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.**

**38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

39 (But this spake he **of the Spirit**, which they that believe on him **should receive**: for **the Holy Ghost was not yet given**; because that Jesus **was not yet glorified**.)

Is anyone thirsty? Is anyone ready to allow “**rivers of living water**” to flow “**out of his belly**”? Is anyone ready to Dance in the Rain!!!!

### **Acts 2:1-7**

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And **suddenly** there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them **cloven tongues like as of fire**, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were **all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when **this was noised abroad**, the multitude came together, and **were confounded**, because that every man **heard them speak in his own language.**

7 And they were all **amazed and marvelled**, saying one to another, **Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?**

The “**rivers of living water**” have now fallen “when the day of Pentecost was fully come”. “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” They just received the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus!!!! And they could not forbear!!!! Anybody ready to have a Holy Ghost experience in your life? I'm Going to Dance in the Rain!!!! Anybody going to Dance in the Rain with me?

### **Acts 2:14-19**

14 **But Peter**, standing up **with the eleven**, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, **be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:**

15 **For these are not drunken, as ye suppose**, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But **this is that** which was spoken **by the prophet Joel**;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, **I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh**: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens **I will pour out in those days of my Spirit**; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

For these are not drunken, as ye suppose!!!! THIS IS THAT!!!! “which was spoken by the prophet Joel”!! THIS IS THAT!!!! Which Jesus spoke “**out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water**”!! Does anybody want some of THIS IS THAT!!!! Does anybody want the Lord Jesus to “pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh”? Let the Holy Ghost Rain fall upon us!!!! It’s time to desire to Dance in the Rain!!!!

### **Acts 8:14-17**

14 **Now when the apostles** which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had **received the word of God**, they sent unto them **Peter and John**:

15 Who, when they were come down, **prayed for them**, that they might **receive the Holy Ghost**:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 **Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

The Holy Spirit is not automatically given to you upon repentance of your sins and even being “baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” as we have just read!! Be not deceived!!!! The Apostles “prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.” However, they desired THIS IS THAT!!!! They needed THIS IS THAT!!!! You can’t make heaven your home without THIS IS THAT!!!! Jesus said, “**out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water**”!! Are rivers of living water flowing out of you as the Holy Spirit gives the utterance? Are you speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance!! BECAUSE THIS IS THAT!! AND WITHOUT THIS IS THAT YOU CAN’T SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD!!!!

### **Acts 19:1-6**

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, **Unto what then were ye baptized?** And they said, Unto **John's baptism**.

4 Then said **Paul**, John verily baptized with **the baptism of repentance**, saying unto the people, that they should **believe on him** which should come **after him**, that is, **on Christ Jesus**.

5 When they **heard this**, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**.

6 And when **Paul had laid his hands** upon them, **the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied**.

“Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?” Have you been “baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” for the remission of your sins? Again, we see that the Holy Ghost is not automatically given to you upon repentance of your sins and even being “baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” as we have just read!!

### **Acts 10:1-8**

1 There was a certain man **in Caesarea** called Cornelius, **a centurion** of the band called the Italian band,

2 **A devout man**, and one that **feared God** with all his house, which gave **much alms** to the people, **and prayed** to God alway.

3 He saw **in a vision** evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, **Thy prayers and thine alms** are come up for **a memorial** before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname **is Peter**:

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: **he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do**.

7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, **he sent them to Joppa**.

The Apostle Peter **also has a vision**.

### **Acts 10:9-16**

9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, **he fell into a trance**,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, **Rise, Peter; kill, and eat**.

14 But Peter said, **Not so, Lord**; for I have never eaten any thing **that is common or unclean**.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, **What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common**.

16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

### **Acts 10:17-22**

17 Now while **Peter doubted** in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, **doubting nothing: for I have sent them.**

**The Lord sent these men** on behalf of Cornelius and **the Lord** told Peter to go with them **doubting nothing.** Peter was going to tell them **all things commanded of him by God.**

21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, **I am he** whom ye seek: **what is the cause** wherefore ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, **a just man,** and **one that feareth God,** and **of good report** among all the nation of the Jews, **was warned** from God by an holy angel **to send for thee** into his house, and **to hear words of thee.**

#### **Acts 10:25-28**

25 And as Peter was coming in, **Cornelius** met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

26 But **Peter** took him up, saying, Stand up; **I myself also am a man.**

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and **found many** that were come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; **but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.**

The understanding of the vision was revealed to the Apostle Peter. But God hath showed me that I should not call **any man common or unclean.**

#### **Acts 10:29-48**

29 Therefore came I unto you **without gainsaying,** as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for **what intent** ye have sent for me?

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: **who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.**

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast **well done** that thou art come. Now therefore **are we all here present** before God, **to hear all things** that are **commanded thee of God.**

**All things THAT ARE COMMANDED thee of God.**

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, **Of a truth** I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons:**

**So what he done for the Jews He will do for the Gentiles.**

- 35 But in **every nation** he that **feareth him**, and **worketh righteousness**, is accepted with him.  
36 **The word which God sent unto the children of Israel**, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)  
37 **That word**, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and **began** from Galilee, **after the baptism** which John preached;  
38 How **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power**: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.  
39 And we are witnesses of **all things** which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; **whom they slew and hanged on a tree**:  
40 Him **God raised up the third day**, and showed him openly;  
41 Not to all the people, but unto **witnesses chosen before of God**, even to us, who did eat and drink with him **after he rose from the dead**.

The Apostle Peter preached **the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ** to Cornelius and to his company.

- 42 And **he commanded us to preach** unto the people, **and to testify** that it is he which was **ordained of God** to be the Judge of quick and dead.  
43 To him give all the prophets witness, that **through his name** whosoever believeth in him **shall receive remission of sins**.

The Apostle Peter preached that they **were commanded to preach and to testify** that Jesus was **ordained of God** to be the Judge of quick and dead, and **Jesus was He** whom the prophets gave witness, that **through his name** whosoever believeth in him **shall receive remission of sins**.

**Cornelius and his company were believers.**

- 44 While Peter yet spake these words, **the Holy Ghost fell on all them** which heard the word.  
45 And they of the circumcision which believed **were astonished**, as many as came with Peter, because that **on the Gentiles** also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.  
46 **For they heard them speak with tongues**, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,  
47 **Can any man forbid water**, that these should not be **baptized**, which **have received** the Holy Ghost as well as we?  
48 **And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord**. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

**This is so very important to understand.**

Remember, an **Angel of the Lord** appeared before Cornelius and told him, “And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: **he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.**” Then God showed the Apostle Peter a vision. “While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, **doubting nothing: for I have sent them.**”

Cornelius then tells Peter what the Angel told him and then says to the Apostle Peter, “Now therefore **are we all here present** before God, to hear all things **that are commanded thee of God.**” When Peter heard these words he said, “**Of a truth** I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons:**”

So the Apostle Peter was telling Cornelius and all **present what they must do as commanded by God.** While they heard the Word of God from the Apostle Peter **the Holy Ghost** fell upon all of them, “**For they heard them speak with tongues,** and magnify God.”

“Then answered Peter, **Can any man forbid water,** that these should not be **baptized,** which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?”

**Baptism was not an option** but clearly **a commandment.** Even as it was **for the Jews** when the day of Pentecost had fully come. The people present asked Peter and the rest of the Apostles **what they must do,** even as Cornelius has asked the Apostle Peter **what they must do.**

And what they **MUST DO WAS THE SAME THING:**

#### **Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you** in the name of Jesus Christ **for the** remission of sins, and **ye shall** receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 **For the promise** is unto **you,** and to **your children,** and to **all that are afar off,** even as many as **the Lord our God shall call.**

This included **the Gentiles,** though it was not yet known. For God is **no respecter of persons.**

#### **Acts 10:34-35**

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35 But in **every nation** he that **feareth him,** and **worketh righteousness,** is accepted with him.

“**For the promise** is unto **you,** and to **your children,** and to **all that are afar off,** even as many as **the Lord our God shall call.**”