

The Third Most Important Verse in the Bible

John 7:37-39a

New King James Version (Recommended for memorization).

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive . . .

Amplified Bible

Now on the final and most important day of the Feast, Jesus stood, and He cried in a loud voice, If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink! He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water. But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive.

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Then, on the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If any man is thirsty, he can come to me and drink! The man who believes in me, as the scripture says, will have rivers of living water flowing from his inmost heart." (Here he was speaking about the Spirit which those who believe in him would receive.)

The Speaking of Christ [paraphrase by Daniel Yordy]

As we drink of Christ, the river of life from the throne of God flows out of our bellies, out of our hearts, out of our innermost beings. God Himself limiting Himself to that sending forth that comes entirely out of you and me. God Himself going out from us to touch, to heal, to set free, to bring life and joy to all. – That river of God Himself flowing entirely out of us is the only thing that will subdue all creation, bringing all things into the love and joy of God. God and us together make all things good.