

Rivers of Living Water

itual Presence; that there would be a divine inflow of Life supernatural in quality and a divine outflow of Life supernatural in power. They were to live as He lived and to work as He worked. To provide power for such a life He promised that "another Comforter" would come to take up His permanent abode in them.

When Christ returned to glory, then He fulfilled His promise and sent back the Spirit. On the day of Pentecost the disciples in the upper room were baptized in the Spirit. From that day every one who has been organically and vitally united by faith with the living Lord has received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

"And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Forasmuch then as God gave *them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ*; what was I, that I could withstand God?" (Acts 11:15, 17).

The moment one receives the Sin-bearer as his Saviour he is in the Spirit and the Spirit is in him. It is impossible to accept the Son and to refuse the Spirit.

"But ye are not in the flesh, but *in the Spirit*, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not *the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his*" (Rom. 8:9).