

An aerial photograph of a river with turbulent, white-water rapids. The water is a deep blue-green color. In the center of the river, there is a large, dark, jagged rock formation that appears to be a natural barrier or a narrow passage. The surrounding landscape is rocky and rugged.

# The River of God

## Part 2 - The Flow of the River



***37 "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'...***

***John 7:37-39 (ESV)***

***...39 Now this he said about the Spirit,  
whom those who believed in him  
were to receive, for as yet the Spirit  
had not been given, because Jesus was  
not yet glorified.***

***John 7:37-39 (ESV)***



***There will be swarms of living things  
wherever the water of this river flows.***

***Fish will abound in the Dead Sea,  
for its waters will become fresh.  
Life will flourish wherever this water  
flows...watered by the river flowing  
from the Temple.***

***Ezekiel 47:9,12 (NLT)***



# Spirit to Spirit







# 1. The Holy Spirit is Spirit



***God is spirit, and his worshipers must  
worship in spirit and in truth.***

***John 4:24 (NIV)***



***Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit.***

***John 3:8 (NLT)***



***Let me ask you only this:  
Did you receive the Spirit by works  
of the law or by hearing with faith?***

***Galatians 3:2 (ESV)***





## 2. I Am Intrinsically Spirit



***The Spirit himself bears witness with  
our spirit that we are children of God.***

***Romans 8:16 (ESV)***



***For you were bought at a price;  
therefore, glorify God in your body  
and in your spirit, which are God's.***

***1 Corinthians 6:20 (NKJV)***



***For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays  
but my mind is unfruitful.***

***1 Corinthians 14:14 (ESV)***



***Now may the God of peace himself  
sanctify you completely and may your  
whole spirit and soul and body be kept  
blameless at the coming of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.***

***1 Thessalonians 5:23 (ESV)***





**3. The Holy Spirit Speaks  
to My Spirit**



***The spirit of a man is the lamp of the  
Lord, Searching all the inner depths  
of his heart.***

***Proverbs 20:27 (NKJV)***



***9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."...***

***1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (NKJV)***



***...10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God...***

***1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (NKJV)***



***...12 Now we have received,  
not the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit who is from God,  
that we might know the things that  
have been freely given to us by God...***

***1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (NKJV)***



***...13 These things we also speak,  
not in words which man's wisdom  
teaches but which the Holy Spirit  
teaches, comparing spiritual things  
with spiritual...***

***1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (NKJV)***



***...14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”***

***1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (NKJV)***





The Divine Pattern for Ministry:  
**HEARING** in Order to **SERVE**



***2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD...***

***Isaiah 11:2-4 (NIV)***



***...3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes or decide by what he hears with his ears; 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy.***

***Isaiah 11:2-4 (NIV)***



***By myself I can do nothing;  
I judge only as I hear,  
and my judgment is just,  
for I seek not to please myself  
but him who sent me.***

***John 5:30 (NIV)***



***But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes,  
he will guide you into all truth.  
He will not speak on his own;  
he will speak only what he hears,  
and he will tell you what is yet to come.***

***John 16:13 (NIV)***



***For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.***

***Luke 12:12 (NIV)***