

PASTOR'S PATCH



On a very wet trip down to Cornwall, Lucy, Juliana and myself stopped and made a short trek to visit Avon Dam on Dartmoor. It was worth the climb uphill just to see the waters cascading down the steps below the reservoir. The water made beautiful patterns as it fell, thousands of gallons flowing in an abundant supply. This is the source of the water for many households in South Devon. When we turn on our tap for a glass of water, do we wonder where it originated, or is our only concern (this year) “is it drinkable?”

That day we were tracing water back to the source. In our walk of faith, it is not only a nice treat, but an essential daily journey that we must make to go back to the source - Jesus. In Hebrews chapter 5 verse 9 Jesus is described as “the source of eternal salvation”.

Drawing on the words of Isaiah chapter 55, here’s an invitation Jesus gave:

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life”.

(Revelation chapter 21 verse 6)

Jesus is the source of our salvation. Our church services and our midweek meetings may help us focus on Him, but that is perhaps like a glass of water – refreshing but limited. To get the full benefit we would do well to make a daily pilgrimage back to Jesus, joining with Him in personal prayer and study of His Word receiving directly from the abundant reservoir source. Don’t settle for an occasional drink when an endless resource is available.

*See! The streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;
Who can faint, whilst such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, never fails from age to age.*

(Part of a hymn by John Newton Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken)

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