

Open Air Witness 1 – Beer, Fire and “everlasting life”

“And from thence they went to Beer: that is the well whereof the LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water” Numbers 21:16.

Beer

Our brother has given “*the gospel of Christ*” Romans 1:16. That is the “*one thing...needful*” Luke 10:42. However:

Let’s talk about something else for a bit. Let’s talk about beer. Beer is popular.

What’s more, beer is in the Bible. See Numbers 21:16. The word “*beer*” in scripture actually means well of water.

It’s no surprise then that local pubs are often called watering holes. See www.thefreedictionary.com/watering+hole.

That’s just one example among 100s of how the Bible is part of everyday life.

The scripture tells of one time when the Lord Jesus Christ stopped by a watering hole, a well of water that is, not a pub.

Jesus at the Well John 4:6-42

Jesus stopped at this well for the same reason you and I would. He was thirsty.

The Woman at the Well

A woman came to get water from the well. Jesus said “*Give me to drink*” John 4:7.

The woman was surprised that as a stranger, he spoke to her. It wasn’t the done thing.

The Lord Jesus Christ will speak to anyone, though. He’ll speak to you, today.

The woman was then even more surprised.

Jesus told her that she’d been married and divorced 5 times and that she was living with a man who wasn’t her husband. He was another woman’s husband.

What Jesus said was true. The woman admitted that. **Everybody will own up to the truth with the Lord Jesus Christ because “*he knew what was in man*”** John 2:25.

Jesus had more to say to her, though.

Jesus and “everlasting life” John 4:14

Jesus also told this woman that she could have everlasting life if she was willing for Jesus to give it to her. The woman was willing to receive the gift of everlasting life from Jesus. She’d had 6 men in her life. Jesus was the 7th man in her life and Jesus was the man that the woman had been wanting to meet all her life.

The same is true for everybody. On one occasion, the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ said “*All men seek for thee*” Mark 1:37. **The same is true now as then.**

Just like 7 is a perfect number, Jesus is the perfect Man and He can give you the perfect life that lasts forever just like He did for the woman at the well.

We invite you to come and meet the Lord Jesus Christ here and now, today.

Jesus and “hell fire” Matthew 18:9

One thing to keep in mind though is that Jesus never got the drink He asked for. Jesus asked for a drink of water twice in the scripture and never got it either time. The first time was when Jesus was at the well.

The second time was when Jesus was on the cross. He said ***“I thirst”*** John 19:28. Jesus said that because He was suffering ***“hell fire”*** even while on the cross.

Jesus said this about ***“hell fire”***:

“And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire”

Matthew 18:9. **You seriously don’t want to go there to “hell fire.” Nobody does.**

So why was the Lord Jesus Christ suffering ***“hell fire”***? **So you wouldn’t have to.**

Burning out Wickedness

God said in Old Testament ***“The wicked shall be turned into hell”*** Psalm 9:17.

God said in the New Testament ***“the whole world lieth in wickedness”*** 1 John 5:19.

God won’t abide wickedness. He will burn it out. He has *promised* to do so.

“...I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about...”

Jeremiah 21:14. **That is *not* good news but there is some good news:**

Abiding the Fire

The good news is you don’t have to be burnt out when God burns wickedness.

The good news is you can *“abide the fire”* Numbers 31:23.

On the cross, in the fire, Jesus shed His blood, all His blood, He was drenched in it.

The scripture says that Jesus is ***“him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood”*** Revelation 1:5. ***“Sins”*** is aka ***“wickedness.”***

If you will meet the Lord Jesus Christ you get *“everlasting life”* John 4:14 like the woman at the well. That is because you get a flame retardant, fire-resistant, all-cleansing, perfect garment that lasts forever, ***“the blood of Jesus Christ”*** because:

The scripture says ***“the blood of Jesus Christ...cleanseth us from all sin”*** 1 John 1:7.

Salvation Now, Today

You get that cleansing and you get that life when you meet with Jesus like the woman at the well. The scripture says that He is ***“Jesus Christ the righteous”*** and that He suffered and bled in full ***“for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world”*** 1 John 2:1-2. That’s all sin, for all individuals, forever.

The scripture also says ***“behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation”*** 2 Corinthians 6:2.

Again, therefore, we invite you to meet Jesus now, today. Don’t delay!