

# Our Christianity – A Façade Or A Stream Of Living Water?

Much of the preaching of Jesus Christ was against the religious leaders of His day, [Matthew 23:13-16, 23, 25, 27, 29; Luke 16:14-15] who were outward examples of “*righteous*” men, but as Jesus Christ exposes, this was just a façade behind which was a very different person.

This can happen to any person who professes to be a Christian, all who see them do not realise how empty they are inside.

**Matthew 23:25-29** [New King James] “*Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,*”

**Do we have the right language, gather in buildings that are regarded to be God’s house yet have many pagan images within them?**

**The true Christian Church [fellowship] is those who have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them.**

**Romans 8:9** [New King James] “*But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*”

**This is the definition of a true Christian, one who has asked for the Holy Spirit to dwell in them, [Luke 11:13] is obedient to the Holy Spirit, [Acts 5:32] led by the Holy Spirit, [Romans 8:14] and is seeking the “*fruits*” of the Holy Spirit in their lives, [Galatians 5:22-25].**

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**1 Corinthians 3:16** [New King James] “*Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*”

This is personally but also those who are filled with the Holy Spirit who gather together in fellowship.

**This is the true temple of the true God, not any building however grand it may look.**

**To escape the way of life as a “*Christian*” that is a mere façade, we have to allow the Holy Spirit to flow through us.**

**John 7:37-39** [New King James] “*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; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*”

**The Holy Spirit cannot be static, it must flow through us out to other human beings.**

**Romans 5:5** [New King James] “*Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*”

The love of the Triune God, which is one of the “*fruits*” of the Holy Spirit, the very character of God, [Galatians 5:22-25] is flowing “*through*” [a better translation of the Greek preposition used “*en*”] our hearts in acts of love towards other human beings, [Matthew 19:19; Matthew 22:36-40].

**This flow of the Holy Spirit through the true Christian will not become exhausting physically if we spend time in study and meditation on God’s Word, the Christian Bible, and time in humble prayer with God seeking the strength we need both physically and spiritually.**