

SCRIPTURE READING JOHN 7:37-39

The Living Water: The Holy Spirit



John 6:35 - 7:35

6:35 "Who are you?"

"I am the bread of Life"

7:15 "Where did you go to school?"

"Heaven"
(Educational standards
for Rabbis were
established and strict)

7:25 – 27 "Where are you from?"

"Heaven"

7:35 "Where are you going?"

"Heaven"

John 7:37 – 39

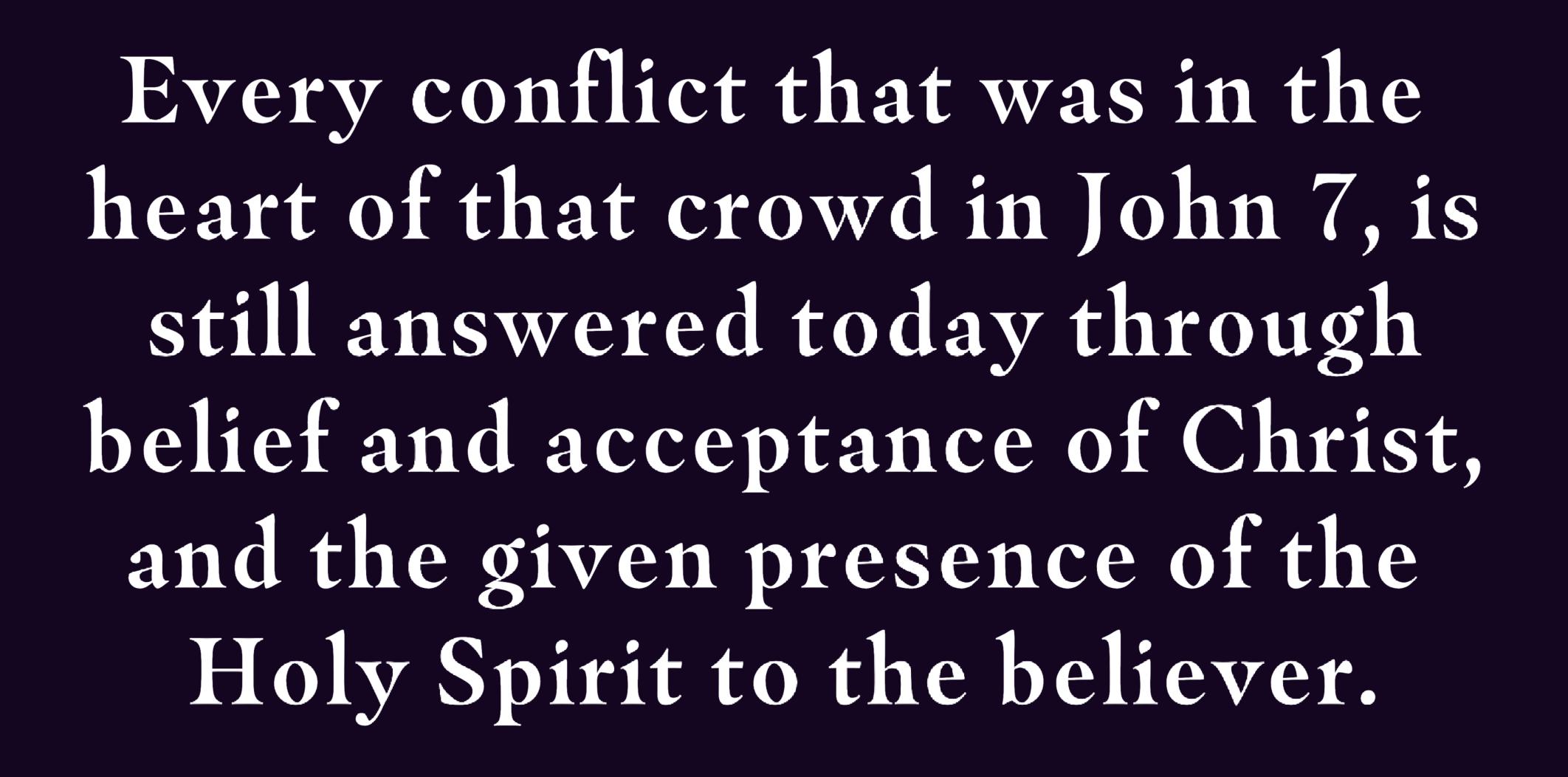
"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified."

The Truth stands alone, but the crowd wants Jesus to conform to them, to their understanding.

Maybe for us too?

We tend to struggle with the concept of the Holy Spirit once it leaves the 'doctrinal' arena and enters the realm that we live in.

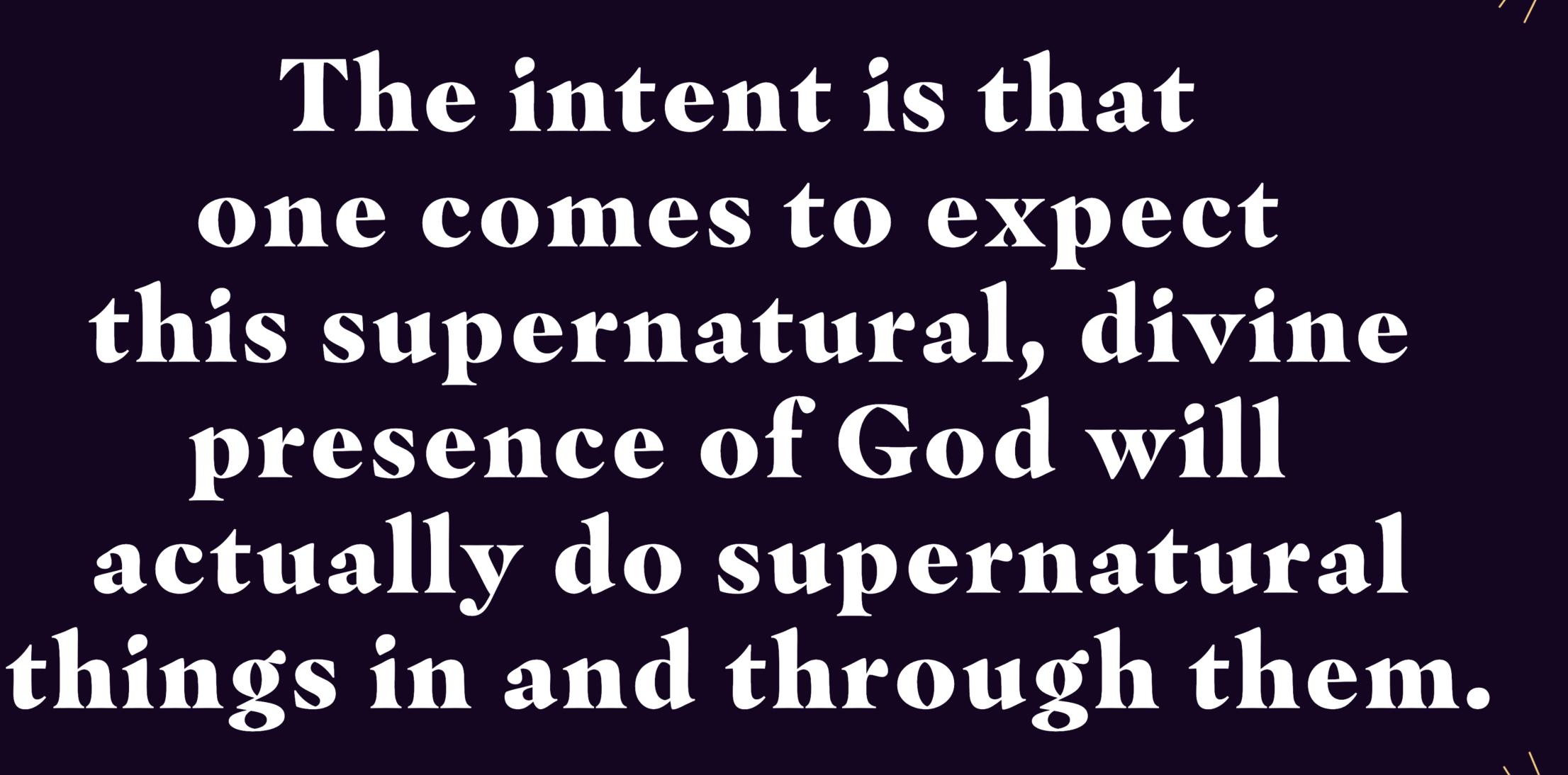
Why?



So why is it so hard for us to believe that and to engage with the Spirit?

The truth is, from God's perspective, it's not hard, it just is meant to happen.

The Holy Spirit is the ongoing source of divine life that continually brings transforming life to the chaos that we were born into and live in.



What does it mean to be full of the Spirit?

So why do we struggle to accept the Spirit within us and that He wants to do these supernatural cool things in and through us?

- 1. We still live in the noise of this world day in and day out, and we listen to it.
- 2. We are afraid to relinquish control
- 3. Spiritual Warfare: Ephesians 6:10 20
- 4. We struggle to see ourselves as "holy" or "good enough".



The Holy Spirit knows the mind of God (v10)

Man's spirit knows the heart of man (v11)

The Holy Spirit knows the mind of the believer (v12 – 14)

The spirit of man accepts the things of the Spirit (v15)

Therefore, we have the mind of Christ (v16)

