

## The Hole or The Well

When God created man he made a perfect and complete being. God walked with man and man was with God. Then man sinned and a barrier was put between him and God. Man was not complete anymore, something was missing. Man lacked God and had an ache, a need, a hole to fill.

Every person has this hole and people try many things to fill it. Athletes strive for victory and achievements. They think that if they win enough and conquer the competition then that ache will go away. Some people strive for money. They think that by having money and material goods they will be happy. People try to fill it with alcohol and drugs. They try to escape the longing and the ache by getting drunk or high. People also use sex. They have sex thinking that the pleasure will fill the hole or the sex will bring them closer and it will bring them love to fill the hole.

The problem is that none of these things will fill the hole and stop the ache. Our sin keeps us from being complete and keeps us from the one person that can stop the ache, God. The only way to fill this hole is to surrender to Jesus and let him be the Lord of our lives. Jesus died so that we would no longer be separated from God. Jesus takes this hole and changes it into a well of living water. We are given eternity in heaven and a peace within ourselves.

After we accept Jesus, our life is like a well of living water. We fill our wells by trying to follow Jesus' actions and teachings. We are filled by going to church, Bible study, and Christian activities. We are filled by following God's commandments and helping others. Christians do not have to strive to fill that hole but we have an urge to help others come to Christ and grow in him.

There are four states of a Christian's well of living water. The first is the empty well. We have not been filled because we are not learning and growing in Christ. We are helping others by filling their wells and not giving ours a chance to recover.

The second state is the over flowing well. We are learning and growing in Christ but are not sharing our water with others. The water is flowing out of the well and doing no one any good. We need to serve God and help others to keep our well from overflowing.

The third state is the leaky well. We are learning and growing and we are serving God but we are losing water. This is because we have allowed a hole to develop. A hole made by sin. It keeps us from being complete. We plug the hole by recognizing our sin and asking God to forgive us.

The fourth state is one we should all strive for. Our well is giving water to others and is being refilled at a constant rate. This well has no leaks. This well we are striving for is the well of living water, Jesus Christ. His well will never run dry.

All of the world fits in to the two categories a well or a hole. If you are one of the people who have a hole, there are many people in the church who can tell you how to accept Jesus and to fill it.

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