Free flowing water:-

After my comments on ‘water’ last week and looking at the scorched and brown hillsides around us here in my town, I am reminded of the importance of irrigation in many parts of the world. The public irrigation channels, known as ‘acequias’ in Spanish speaking countries, are so important that there are heavy penalties for their misuse! They are freely available for the watering of gardens and vegetable plots but must be maintained free flowing and not used excessively. Some villages are totally dependent on them for the watering of food crops and the loss of water, even for a short time, would be a disaster.
Palestine has always been liable to drought and appreciated the value of water. Some teachings of the Lord Jesus compare the gift of the Holy Spirit with water. Again a careful reading of the teaching of Jesus will show that this gift was not just for the use of the recipient! Jesus said *“He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water”*. (see the Gospel of John chapter 7, verses 38 – 39 and Isaiah chapter 44, verse 3). Any ***spiritual gifts*** given to the Church are there to be shared with others! Not hoarded or wasted but for the good of all – just like precious water in the irrigation channels.

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