

Life surrendered in sacrifice for sin. John 1:29. Or life laid down for the life of the world. John 6:51, 10:15.

We also find that water represents the Holy Spirit. As given by Christ for the quickening and purifying of men, John 3:13 & 14, 7:38-39. For cleansing from sin in the sense of forgiveness and quickening by the Spirit are both consequences of Christ's death. Others have suggested that this signifies the two great ordinances of the church, baptism and the Lord's Supper. That here we see on the cross that the blood was representative as it came fresh from His side. Now was the rock smitten, I Corinthians 10:4. Now were the wells of salvation digged Isaiah 12:3. Here is the river, the streams whereof make glad the city, of our God.

#### IV. Testimony of Truth, Verse 35

Here is one speaking of an eye witness account. What a competent witness he was of the matters of fact. He bore record, not of his sake but that which he had witness to, what he saw he faithfully bore record of as a faithful witness. He told not only the truth but the whole truth and he left it upon the record in writing. He lets us know that he wrote from personal knowledge and personal observation. He had himself assurance of the truth as to what he wrote and he takes care of this instance to let us know that this is what

vices. What a contribution such men make might be well taken as an example from our nation.

Because the soldiers are drawn ranks they are both the victims and the agents of the general population. The people back home are reflected in the soldiers at the front. This means that whatever evil is found in soldiers and whatever crimes are committed by soldiers are not theirs alone, but is shared by all their unenlisted fellow citizens. That is why Christians today thought they support the present war because they believe the alternative is an even greater evil. Militarism is not calculated to exalt the finer qualities of life or to promote the well-being of humanity nor to develop in either or civilians the nobler traits of character. Rather its purpose and its result are exactly the contrary. Militarism unleashes all that is most degrading and bestial. It is the reverse of the rations of moral laws and the strength.

The soldiers who tortured Jesus were the chance agents through whom human cruelty then expressed itself. Their guilt was no greater than the whole population and society. They served. They were just the servants of militarism. And the roots of the animal nature of cruelty were in these men because they were stripped of the thin veneer of civilization.

At the request of the Jews Pilate these soldiers were sent