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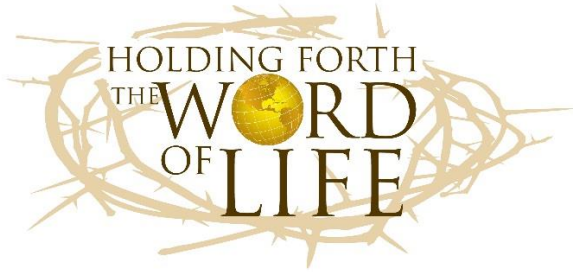
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Alright. We're talking about faith. We're talking about actually the foundation of your faith. Like the scripture says in **Hebrews 6:1-3** ***"Therefore, let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ."***

Alright, you've got to understand that in order for you to mature, in order for you to go on into maturity, there has to come a time when you grow up. When you literally leave the elementary teachings about Christ.

We have a problem in the church today because believers have never left the elementary teachings about Christ, so they never mature. And it becomes grotesque after a while because you have these believers that have come into an elementary knowledge of Christ and have never grown. It would be like you had a baby and the baby never grew up. When you first have a baby, the baby's really cute, but when the baby gets 10, 12, or 13 and they're still looking like a baby, then you've got a grotesque figure.

It actually goes against nature, and so we have many Christians today, that honestly are still in the elementary teachings, but even worse than that, they don't even understand the elementary teachings.

So as I present this study, it's for you to understand, for you to grasp, for you to actually walk in these things so that you can move on to maturity. Again, **Hebrews 6:1-3** ***"Therefore, let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ, the anointed one, and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death."***

That's the first foundational teaching about Christ and that is you must understand that the Holy Spirit is saying you have to repent from acts that lead to death. The King James version actually says, *"You must repent from dead works and have faith in God."* You have to repent, turn away from dead works and turn toward faith in God.

So let's look at this as a foundational teaching. Do you understand what repentance is all about? You've got to understand repentance if you're going to be able to grow and then you're going to be able to build on your foundation a superstructure. And the Lord wants you to build. Actually, Christ calls all of his followers to build. You've got to have a proper foundation first though, in order to build. So this is the purpose of this study.

So how do we mature as Christians? First we've got to understand that the Holy Ghost is saying. 'Repent from dead works to faith in God.' That's the very first elementary truth. So what does repentance mean?

If you look it up in the Greek, the word is 'metanoia' and it means 'a change of mind'. So you have to understand that when you come in to knowing Christ, your mind sets are going to have to change. There's going to have to be a major conversion of the way that you think. Most Christians do not get that. Their mind still is operating not in the mind of Christ, but still in the mind of the world, very similar to how the world thinks. And so there has to be a conversion of that. And this conversion process is not an immediate process it's actually a continuing process. You have to break the old mindsets.

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So is your mind changing? Are you moving out of the world's way of thinking? In other words, you are moving away from a reasoning, from your intellect, from looking at the way things appear and you're moving now in the spiritual realm by faith. Most people move by their five senses. But as a Christian, as a Christ follower that has to be broken in your life and you have to live by faith. Faith has nothing to do with what you see with your eyes, what you hear with your natural ears, you feel, you taste, and so on.

So the Lord is saying, "Look, I want you to be a person of faith." Jesus actually said that, "When I return, will I find faith on the earth?" So have you repented of living a life apart from faith? Very first thing you need to do.

And it says that you have to repent from dead works. What are dead works? Dead works are just things people do, religious stuff people do that makes them feel better about their relationship with Christ. It in no way involves faith. Most people go to church today out of habit. They go to church today just to just in a pew, just to hear a sermon. And you know the sermon goes in one ear and out the other. It has no power in it to really change that person because they're not approaching the servant of God as a vessel of the Holy Ghost. They don't go into the House of God in faith to receive a message that's going to change up the way they think. Every time you put yourself under the Word of God, it should be done in faith believing that God is going to move in you to bring a change of heart, to bring a change of mind. And you have to have a repentance in that. That you're going to say, "Look, I believe that when I sit under the Word of God, that my life is going to change."

And when things are pointed out to you by the spirit, you're going to have a deep sorrow over it. It's not just going to tickle your ears. It's really going to cause a penetration that's going to go into your spirit man and your spirit man is going to move so greatly that your soul, your emotional being, is going to say, "No, this is... I've been thinking wrong. I've been doing wrong. I've been approaching this situation in a wrong way. I need to turn toward faith. So there's a major change in my life."

Now I want to say that I believe, unfortunately, there are a lot of people that are in the church today that are not real Christians. They think they are Christian, but they are not a true Christ-follower. They have not been born again.

Their spirit man has not been born again. They've gone through a ritual, perhaps. Maybe they've walked down the aisle of a church. Maybe they've been confirmed. Maybe they've been sprinkled by water or they've gone into the baptismal pool and been actually dunked in water. But it's all been something like a cultural rite of passage. It's not been a true conversion experience where a person has repented by faith and turned to God.

**II Corinthians 7:10-11** says, "***For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation.***"

If you're listening to this and you cannot go back to a time in your life when there was a time when you truly got under the conviction of the Holy Ghost, and there was a godly sorrow that was working in your life that was bringing you to place where you said, "I want to change. I can no longer live this way. I want to live a life that brings glory to God." And your heart has really sorrowed after a change. If you've

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never had that experience, you need to question your salvation. You truly need to question your salvation because you don't want to walk in a false security.

A lot of times kids they go through a rite of passage. You know, they're like 10, 11, 12. They don't, they've been moved perhaps emotionally to make a decision. Now I'm not knocking that because there are some children that come, you know, with great sincerity of heart and they know Jesus, but yet later on in their teenage life, even in their twenties and thirties, there's no real profound change. They're just basically moving the way the world does. Yes, they may go to church on Sunday, but they don't really have a complete desire to know the Lord, but later on in their life, they may experience a time where the Spirit of God is really wooing them and they have godly sorrow and they turn unto the Lord. That's what is so necessary. Repentance comes when you truly have sorrow in your heart.

***“For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation (or to deliverance) not to be regretted but the sorrow of the world produces death.”***

There's going to be two kinds of sorrow in your life:

1. You're going to have sorrow after the world, which is going to be regretful. All you have is regrets about your life. All you do is look at your life and say, “There's nothing in my life that means anything.” You'll cry and you'll moan and you'll wish for an earlier time in your life when you were happier. That's not God. That's a worldly sorrow.
2. God's sorrow is the kind of sorrow that brings you to a place of decision, where you go, “I know there's got to be more in life than this. I want to give my life to Jesus Christ.

***Verse 11, “For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: what diligence is produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication, in all things, you've proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”***

You know, you are under the conviction of the Holy Ghost. God is moving in your life and you have a zeal and enthusiasm to know the Lord now because you're turned from the things of the world because you've sorrowed after your sin and you now have a desire to move on toward faith in the Lord. And that's just the beginning. That's a journey. You've just started your journey.

See, some people have a real perverted idea of salvation. They have a false security. They think, “Well, all I had to do was walk down an aisle, and get my name on a church roll and be baptized in water and because I'm basically a good person, you know, I'm honest, I'm an upstanding citizen in my community, I'm saved. “

That's not the case. There really is no good person except Christ. So no one is good except the Lord. You need to be able to see a dramatic result in your life. If you're truly born again, there should come a time in your life where you have seen a dramatic result. You're not like everybody else. There's been a conversion process that's been made.

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Now, I want to take you to a scripture about the Apostle Paul. Now before he became the Apostle Paul in the natural, in the physical world, his name was Saul. He was a very religious person. Very religious! And he actually persecuted Christians. But Saul had an encounter with God on the Damascus Road. He was knocked off of his ass, yeah, off of his donkey, by a great shining light and he met, he encountered Jesus the Christ for the first time. I want you to hear this.

This is actually from **Acts 9:4-7**. Jesus is speaking and he says, ***“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” And he said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’***

That’s so powerful right there because when you really come to know Christ, one of the first questions you’re going to be asking him is, “Who are you, Lord? I want to know you, Lord. I really want to know you are.” It’s not just a cursory or just a skimming the surface, surface relationship, it is asking, you begin saying, “Lord, I want to know you more. Lord, I want to see you more. Father, I want to make sure I know you. Reveal yourself to me.”

That’s what Saul did. He said, ***“Who are you Lord?”***

And then the Lord answered him. He said, ***“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”***

And I think it’s very, very interesting. He was a very religious person. I hate to break it to you. Most people in church today are religious they’re moving by religious spirits. They don’t know Christ. They know a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof.

But when that person begins to come under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, they’re going to encounter the real Lord, and Christ will reveal himself, just as he revealed himself to the Apostle Paul.

***“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.”***

People today are really kicking against the Holy Ghost. And it hurts them.

***“So he trembling asked him, ‘Lord, what do you want me to do?’”***

That’s the second question you’re going to ask God. When you come to know the true and living God, when you repent, there’s a true changing of your mind. You will begin to cry out to the Lord and say, “Lord, what do you want me to do? Lord, what do you have to do for my life? Lord, I want to lay my life down for you so I can follow you.”

That is elementary. That is foundational.

***“And then the Lord said unto him, ‘Arise, and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.’”***

And as you begin to know God, you’re going to rise up, and God is going to be able to speak to you and he’s going to be able to tell you what he requires of you. He will show you, lead you, give you a picture of your destiny in him and little by little as you turn toward faith, you’re going to hear him and be obedient to him. It won’t just be business as usual any more. You’ll be walking by faith.

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Again we see Peter, the Apostle Peter. He denied Christ and in **Mark 14: 71-72**, the scripture says, ***“But he began to curse and swear saying, ‘I know not this man of whom you speak.’ And the second time the cock crew, and Peter called to mind the words that Jesus said unto him, ‘Before the cock crows twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.’ And when he thought there upon, he wept.”***

Again, we see that even the Apostle Peter, before he came to a full acknowledgment of who Christ was, he sorrowed. He knew that he had done wrong and he repented. You see, repentance, my friend, starts with sorrow.

And if you’re going to move out of just a foundational, or just a very shallow faith you’re going to have to understand that God requires more of you than just sinning and then you going to get forgiveness for it. I see that this is just a real false doctrine in the church. Yes, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unrighteousness. That is so true. And if we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. But there should be a sorrow of that you desire to stop sinning, that you admit sin, to quit sin, so that you can live a life of faith, so that you cannot deny the power thereof. See true godliness will give you the power to quit the sin in your life. There are things that you are doing over and over again that you don’t have to do over and over again, if you truly repent of them and turn toward God in faith. The Lord will actually deliver you from those things.

Jesus said, in **Matthew 18: 21 – 22**, ***“Then came Peter to him and said, ‘Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him, till seven times?’ And Jesus said unto him, ‘I say not unto thee until seven times, until seventy times seven.”***

You know, forgiveness is a wonderful thing. God will forgive you, but there’s even a greater thing. What if you would repent, turn away from your sins and receive God’s deliverance by the Holy Spirit? That is so far better than having to go to God continually and getting forgiveness. What if there was so much power in your life by the Holy Spirit that you could overcome sin in your life? And we’re going to talk about that later. That can be yours through the baptism with the Holy Spirit. And that, too, is a foundational teaching.

The Lord wants you to be delivered from sin. But you’ve got to recognize a desire to repent, a desire to change your mind so you’ll get to the point where you’re not even sinning in that area of your life. God has shown you a way out.

**Galatians 6: 7-8**, ***“Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption. But he that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reap everlasting life.”***

The Lord wants to get you to a place in Him, where you’re no longer sowing to the flesh. You’re no longer sinning. Yeah. You can get to a place in your life where you can overcome sin.

Sin can be forgiven. Yes, I can understand that. Yes, the scripture tells us that sin can be forgiven. But do you understand that when you sin, you are sowing to the flesh and when you sow to the flesh, you’re

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going to have to reap of the flesh? And the scripture says you will reap destruction. Why don't you move further away from that? Why don't you begin right now to say, "Lord, I want to repent, I want to admit and I want to quit, Lord, so I can move by the Spirit of God and so that I can begin to sow in the Spirit so I can reap from the Spirit, life everlasting?"

Every sin you commit can be forgiven, my dear one. But I have to tell you God may remove the penalty of your sinning, yes. You may enter heaven. But what of the consequences of your sin that you'll have to bear upon the earth?

Move. Move into maturity. Move into perfection. Understand that when you truly repent, God gives you the power to leave that sin and move on. Failure to repent will leave you in a dire consequence because you'll continually move in that sin. There's a better way.

Let's go to **Revelation 2:5**. ***"Remember therefore from whence thou hast fallen and repent and do the first works or else I will come unto thee quickly and I will remove thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent."***

You see we've got, we have this false notion, this very immature notion in the church today; well, just sin, sin, sin, because you can get away with it because all you've got to do is go to God and get forgiveness. That is a false doctrine. You have to understand that there's consequences if you don't repent.

Jesus said, ***"Repent or else I come against thee quickly and I will fight against them with the sword of my mouth."*** **Revelation 2:16**

**Revelation 2: 21-31, *"And I gave her space to repent of her fornication."***

You know, God is so good. I'm telling you, God is so good. He'll give you a space to repent. He'll give you a season of repentance. But see, the Lord's heart is for you to remove yourself from that sin. We're not to live a life of perpetual sin. We're not to live a lifestyle of sin.

If you have a problem lying, if you have a problem in any area of your life, a problem of addiction, of any area, if you have an anger problem and you keep on and on and on, if you have a problem with money; you're constantly worshipping money or you're gambling, or you're stingy with your money, you don't want to give with your money, you just constantly have problems over and over and over again and yet you say you're a Christian. Look, and so you go to God and you get forgiveness. There's a better way. The Lord wants you to repent. You've got to understand, it's a foundational thing here. You've got to understand that the Lord will give you the power to repent of something and actually take you out of that sin, where you're living in victory.

**Revelation 2: 21 – 23, *"And I gave her space to repent of her fornication and she repented not."***

That's not a good thing. That's not a good thing for God to give you space to repent of something and you not repent of it.



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***“Behold, I will cast her into a bed and them that commit adultery with her.”***

This could be literal adultery, it could be natural adultery, or it could be idolatry, which is a form of spiritual adultery.

***“...with her into great tribulation except they repent of their deeds.”***

Do you hear what the Holy Ghost is saying right here? You better get this. God says to repent, turn away from dead works unto faith in me, but if you don't repent, you're going to fall into great tribulation. There's going to be great sorrow for that. There's going to be consequences of that.

***“And I will kill her children with death.”***

That doesn't necessarily mean literal death. But the Lord will cause you to be unfruitful. You won't have fruit in your life. You'll be barren. You won't be productive in things of the Lord.

***“I will kill her children with death and all the churches shall know that I am he that searches the reins and the hearts. And I will give to every one of you according to your works.”***

I want you to understand, repentance is a foundational teaching. If you are truly born again, you must receive this into your heart. But there has to come a time where you move beyond dead works. And literally, it's a dead work for you to sin, sin, sin, sin and just go to God for forgiveness. God can give you the power and the faith of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Ghost to overcome all forms of sin.

Repentance begins with your conversion experience. Repentance should also be an on-going process in your journey of faith. If there are things right now in your life that are of the flesh that are bringing dire consequences with them, you've got to repent of them. You must repent and be free. You've got to get power over them.

Have you ever thought that it doesn't take faith to sin? But it takes faith NOT to sin? That's how you please God, with your faith. Any work that you do for the kingdom of God that does not require faith in him, is not pleasing to him. It's a dead work.

**Hebrews 11: 6, *“But without faith, it is impossible to please him. For he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”***

I've got to tell you, my beloved, I see a lot of believers today that are in no way seeking the Lord. They may be going to church. They may be sitting under a message every Sunday, but are they, in their every-day life, hungering and thirsting after the Lord Jesus?

If you are born again, to move on in your faith, there's going to have to be a diligence to seek the Lord because it's impossible to please him without faith.

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Scripture says in **Matthew 7: 21-23**, ***“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father. ”***

Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord’. In other words, they have the vocabulary. Lots of people have the vocabulary today.

***“Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? And in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you.’”***

It’s very important that the Lord know you.

***“Away from me, you evil doers.”***

The Father wants you to understand, the Holy Ghost wants you to understand the importance of this doctrine, this elementary doctrine of repentance. As you begin to accept this, your life is going to change because you’re going to sorrow after God. You’re going to call out to God. You’re going to say, ‘Father, I no longer want to move in the flesh, I want to move by the Spirit.’ And you’re going to begin to sin less and less.

Jesus says, ***“If you continue in my Word, then you are my disciples indeed.”***

You’re going to have a love for the Word of God and you’re going to become his disciple.

***“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”***

So my dear one, let me reiterate as we close this session,

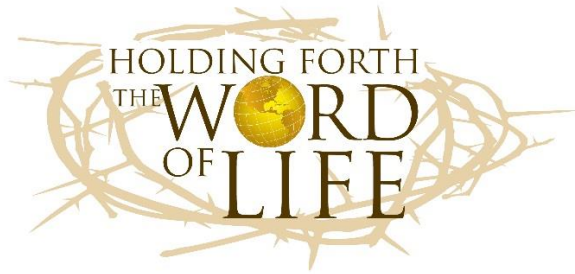
***“Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity.”***

And what is the first elementary teaching?

***“Not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death (or dead works)”***

Are you ready? You can’t leave it unless it’s been a part of your life. Are you moving in repentance daily? Are you crying out to God by faith to admit and to quit all forms of sin in your life?

This is the first elementary teaching. Are you living a life of faith? Have you turned your face to Christ now? And all that you do, you do in the faith of the Lord. If you are, you’re on your way to maturity and you’re on your way to your best life now.



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## Part 2 – Water Baptism

Scriptures used:

Hebrews 6:1-3  
Romans 6:3  
Galatians 3: 27 – 28  
I Corinthians 12: 12-13  
Matthew 28: 19 – 20  
Acts 2: 38 – 39  
Mark 16: 16  
Acts 10: 47

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In our first session, we talked about repentance and forgiveness and the fact that they're two different things and that repentance is actually being delivered from sin. It's a changing of your mind on how you believe. It's a mindset that changes and that as you begin to enter into a true walk with Christ, that's what that is all about. When you know the Lord Jesus Christ, your mindsets are going to change and it's going to be a lifelong thing. You're going to find that as you mature in God, the way you used to think is no longer the way you think now.

Repentance brings deliverance from a particular habit or burden that so easily besets you. But in order to repent, you've got to have faith in God. And as you have that faith in God, he's going to affect great change in your life. It is so unfortunate that many people now have a form of godliness but they deny the power there of. And actually, the Apostle Paul warned us to turn away from people that have an appearance of godliness but yet they have no power in their life to turn away from sin.

So it's not a matter of you just being a good person or an honest person or a moral person. It's about you having a relationship with Christ where you have totally laid your life down for Christ. In essence, you have died in order so that you can live in the Lord.

This doctrine is so powerful. This is our next foundational block here. And it's instructions about *Baptisms*. I want to talk to you now about water baptism. Let's go back to **Hebrews 6:1-3** just to reiterate.

***“Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ.”***

And an elementary teaching about Christ is instruction on baptisms. I think it's interesting that it talks about baptisms. Remember now, we're talking about teachings about Christ. We're not talking about Hebrew teachings or Jewish teachings about purifications. This is where a lot of people go wrong here in this scripture. They think this is talking to Jewish people about ceremonial washings. I do not adhere to that because this is the apostolic teaching. I believe that the Apostle Paul wrote Hebrews. We don't really know who wrote it. It could be the Apostle Peter. But he is speaking apostolically about baptisms. And he is speaking in terms of baptisms being foundational.

So water baptism is a foundational act that you must embrace if you are going to mature in the Lord. I've known people in my life who have actually, I believe have received Christ. They've received him by faith. They've had a time of turning away from sin to embrace the Lord, but for one reason or another they've not followed through with water baptism.

I see this especially in older people. People that perhaps thought they were born again. Perhaps convinced themselves that they really knew Jesus Christ but they didn't know Jesus. You know, they were living a life of, “Oh, I'm a good person, I'm not afraid to meet my maker when I die.”

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But then they had an encounter with the Lord. But because they were adults, they really had a difficult time of going through water baptism because they thought, "Well, I don't want to have to do that. That's for children."

Water baptism has nothing to do with your age. I do understand that a lot of little children get baptized. Can I just break it to you straight? I think a lot of children get water baptized in the church and they're doing it to please their moms and dads. They're doing it because they're being subtly pressured to do it. They're doing it because it really is a rite of passage in many churches today. That's just something you do and they really haven't had an encounter with Christ. So if they continue in that vein of thinking, they very well may be holding onto a false security of their conversion experience. So later on they may have a true experience with Jesus. And they may truly become born again but they keep thinking, "Well, I've told everybody I was a Christian so I just must be a Christian, so I don't need to be water baptized."

No. That is a faulty way of thinking. If you've had an encounter with Christ, even though you've been water baptized in the past, but you know now that you've been really brought under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and there's been a mighty change in the way you think. There's been a beginning of the conversion of your soul man, the conversion of your mind, the renewing of your mind, and now you've turned totally toward the Lord; you need to consider being water baptized.

Water baptism is a symbolic act, we've heard that it's a symbolic act. I agree with that to a certain extent but I see it as more than a symbolic act. I see it really as an act of faith. I see it as a prophetic act that you yourself will go under the water, be completely saturated, that you're taking your body prophetically and you're putting it under the water which symbolizes death, which shows us the grave. But you don't stay in the grave. You rise up through the waters and you come forth a new being.

**Romans 6:3, "Know you not that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death."**

I got to set you straight here. When you come to the Lord, you come to die. We just have such a perverted way now. We've been taught things about salvation that truly is not in the light of how Christ and how the Apostles taught Christianity or the Christian faith. To come to Christ, is to come to death. You have to come to die. You die in order that Christ may live.

**"I am crucified with Christ,"** the Apostle Paul said, **"nevertheless I live."**

You come to die and when you are water baptized, that is what is happening. You are saying to yourself in faith, "I'm dead."

**"I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live. Not me, but Christ liveth in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and who gave himself for me."**

So, did you, when you went through water baptism did you understand what you were doing or did you just get dunked? Do you understand that if it's really going to mean something to you, to the angels, to

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the heavenly hosts, to those who have gone on to heaven before you that are now witnesses of your life on earth, do you understand that baptism means death?

**Galatians 3:27-28, “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ.”**

That’s so powerful. You see, it’s about you being baptized in the Lord. And now because we’ve all by the spirit have been convicted of our sins and we’ve now encountered Christ, we follow through with water baptism understanding that we are going to die to our natural life. We are going to die to our life. We now have no life of our own. We now are the property of Jesus Christ. And there’s no Jew nor Greek. There’s no bond no free. There’s no male nor female.

See, now we’re moving in a new life. We’re moving in a spirit life. There is no gender in the Spirit of God. There is no color in the Spirit of God. There is no racial background in the Spirit of God. We all become one in the Lord. And that’s what water baptism speaks to us of. It’s a very power thing when you become water baptized.

Now let me reiterate; water baptism does not save anybody. It doesn’t bring anybody into the born again experience. You, before you’re water baptized, you have an encounter with Christ. Jesus reveals himself to you. Actually the Holy Spirit brings you to Christ. It’s by the grace of God that you’re brought to an encounter with a true encounter with Jesus Christ. And then there’s something that begins to work on the inside of you. And then you’re moved to want to publicly tell the world and tell yourself, “I am dead in Christ.”

And that’s what the rite of water baptism is, and it’s a very foundational aspect of your Christian life.

**I Corinthians 12: 12 – 13, “For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of that body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit, (that’s the Holy Ghost) for by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jew or Gentile, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink unto one spirit.”**

See this is really so powerful because once you have this revelation, then you can move into the true water baptism. So I’m speaking this to people today, you may at 12 years old been water baptized, but it meant nothing. There was no faith in that water baptism. You didn’t know what you were doing. You just moved in it. You really were not born again. You can’t even look back on that water baptism knowing what you were really doing. Some of you may not even have a true memory of it. It may be very vague in your memory. You need to consider being water baptized even though you’ve been dunked once, you need to go through this foundation of saying, “Lord, I want to do this again, because this time I know what I going to be doing. I’m telling myself that, “Yes, my sins are cleansed.” But I’m also saying, “Lord, I’m dead in you. I am dead in you, and just as you rose from the grave Lord, I am going to rise and I’m going to rise into a newness of life.”

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Very, very powerful. Very powerful to do this, and as you do this, you may experience a new release in your life. You may experience a powerful operation of the Holy Spirit going on, on the inside of you because you're moving now by an act of obedience and great humility. Everybody should approach water baptism in great humility.... great humility.

Jesus really didn't make water baptism a suggestion. He actually made it a command. And to become a true disciple of Christ, there needs to be submission to water baptism.

I'm going to make a bold statement. I don't really believe that you can really grow in the grace of God, you cannot mature if you have not submitted yourself to water baptism. And I have no problem with people going through water baptism over and over again. You can be water baptized 2, 3, 4, 5 times because you get more understanding and there's a release. And as you are water baptized, you're just saying, "Lord, I surrender all. I surrender all. Father, I want to come out of those waters to move forward in my new life with you."

You may want to consider that. You certainly want to move in water baptism if you know that you haven't been truly water baptized where you understood what you were doing and by faith prophetically, you were stepping into the grave when you stepped into the water, saying to God, saying to Jesus, saying to yourself, saying to all those witnesses, saying that I am going to die so that Christ, his resurrected life will live through me.

**Matthew 28: 19-20, "Therefore go, and make disciples of all nations."**

So powerful. Do you understand that Jesus was not about going to people and just having them read a little prayer? Repeat a little prayer, and then get dunked in water, then basically live the same life that they have been living, though they may be good people, they may be honest people, they may be moral people. NO. Jesus told his apostles to go and make disciples of people. To go and make disciples of all nations. So you have to look at yourself today and get this in your spirit. JESUS MAKES DISCIPLES. A disciple is a follower. A disciple is a learner. A disciple is someone who is disciplined under the Word of God and has a desire to grow in Christ.

Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ? In other words, people need to be looking at you and they can actually see Christ in you in such a way by your actions, but by your words and by how you move and by how much power you're operating in. I've got to break it to you. You know, come on, let's just admit the truth. People in the church today are not disciples of Jesus Christ. Many, many are not. Because Jesus said, "The works I do, you will do and greater works will you do than I have done because I go to my Father which is in heaven.

I don't really see that. I don't know how people can get around that verse. The reason why people are not operating in the power of God is that they're not true disciples. They're not disciples. Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations." And then he said, "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and TEACHING them to obey EVERYTHING that I have commanded you and surely I am with you always, even unto the very end of the age.

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Baptism is so important. It may be a humbling thing to you, but it should be, you should be brought into those waters understanding now that you are making a commitment to become a disciple of Jesus the Christ. And that you're making a commitment to be a learner of Jesus Christ. In other words, you're teachable now. You're going to hear the Word. It's not going to tickle your ears. You're going to really practice the Word of God in your life.

Acts 2:38-39, ***"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized.'"***

First, you've got to repent. The second thing you've got to do is be baptized.

***"...every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off for all whom the Lord our God will call."***

Mark 16:16, ***"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. But whoever does not believe will be condemned."***

I have to use this scripture because I believe that you can actually have an encounter with Christ and go to heaven. In other words, water baptism is not essential for your ascension to heaven. But if you truly want to know the Lord, become his disciple, you will have a desire to be water baptized. Notice it says that, it says, let me read that again.

***"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."***

'Will be saved.' That means you'll be converted. You'll fully come under God. You'll be delivered. You'll have your mind renewed. You'll have a wholeness about you. There's two things.

1. You have to believe. In other words, you'll have to live by as Jesus lived
2. And you need to move into baptism.

But then interesting enough, the second part of that says that if you don't believe, you'll be condemned. So it doesn't say, if you don't believe and if you're not water baptized you'll be condemned. So that does leave room for people that get born again on their death beds. So praise God! You know God is a gracious, gracious wonderful God.

But it also shows us that without water baptism, you will not become a disciple of Jesus Christ. Don't you want to become his disciple? If you're going to fully walk in his ways, if you're going to fully receive from him, and do his will, you will want to become his disciple.

Acts 10:47, says, ***"Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized which have received the Holy Ghost as well as you?"***

Now this is interesting, ***"And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord, then prayed they him to tarry certain days."***



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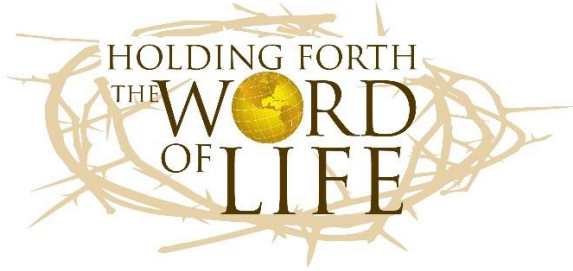
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***Acts 8:12, "But when they believed, Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women."***

Here again, we see that the disciples here, the apostles here, the men of God here, were moving by what Jesus said, 'You're to preach the gospel of the Kingdom and to those who believe, they are to become my disciples and they are to be baptized in my name.

I'm going to just put it to you straight, if you don't follow through with water baptism in true faith, in true understanding, as it is a prophetic act of what you are doing, saying, "I'm dying to the world, I'm living unto God." That's important. You're going to have a lot of struggles in your life as a Christian. You're going to experience many hindrances, many obstacles to your growth in Christ. Is that you? Is that YOU?

I know by the spirit that, that's you. Some of you as a child have been water baptized and you didn't know what you were doing. It was just a – it was a dead work because it was done without faith. And you struggle and you have so many obstacles. And you 've disobeyed. Disobedience of any kind prevents God's blessings from fully entering into our life. Why don't you make a commitment and move through this foundational teaching? See, you can never build on the super structure. You can't mature if this isn't taken care of in your life. Become water baptized. And if you are water baptized, have a new found appreciation for that act, that when you stepped into the waters, you stepped in by the power of the Holy Spirit and a great and wonderful thing happened to you. On that day, you died to the world that you would live unto Christ.



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As we continue, let's go over our premier scripture: Hebrews 6: 1 – 3, *Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity.*

You can't leave the elementary teachings about Christ unless you know the elementary teachings about Christ. Once you know them, once you're moving in them, then you're able to go on to maturity.

*Not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death. (We talked about that earlier.) And of faith in God, instructions about baptisms.*

I've already talked now about water baptism. And now we're going to move on into two other baptisms. Jesus spoke of baptism with Holy Spirit and with fire. I believe that there is a baptism with the Holy Spirit and I believe that there is also a baptism with fire. And in order to come into maturity, you are going to have to receive this baptism with the Holy Ghost that Jesus spoke of and that we see in the book of Acts as the Apostles moved and you will also, with that come under the baptism with fire.

I want to begin with the words of Jesus as we read in Luke 3: 16-17, John the Baptist answered them all, *"I baptize you with water, but one more powerful than I will come, the throngs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."*

He's talking about Jesus. He's talking about the fact that I baptize, John the Baptist baptized with repentance people, this was a rite of the Jewish people, they desired a cleansing, he would follow through and they would be cleansed because they would come to a point of, "I want to come close to God."

He's saying, *"I baptize with water but one more powerful than I am coming, the throngs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."* So from the words of John the Baptist, we find that it is Jesus Christ who is the person that will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. It's really interesting to note that it is the Holy Spirit that baptizes you into Christ in other words, it is the work of the Holy Ghost that brings you into an encounter with Jesus the Christ and baptizes you into Christ's body but it is Jesus the Christ, he's the person who baptizes you with the Holy Spirit. These are two different things. *"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand,"* (He's speaking of Christ, the anointed one.) *"to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn. But he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*

So this is an explanation of what the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is and what the baptism with fire is. He is going to clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn and he's going to burn up the chaff. So you've got a picture of the wheat and it is full of chaff. It is full of things that are unprofitable, unproductive, so there has to be a separation between the true and the false. There has to be a separation of the fruit of the wheat and the chaff that covers it. And that's what the Holy Spirit will do for you. The Holy Spirit is going, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is going to bring a separation into your life and Holy Spirit, along with the Baptism of Fire, the Holy Spirit brings fire into your life to actually

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burn up the things in your life that are unprofitable, that are not helping you to mature, things that are going to hold you back.

John 1: 33 – 34 says, *“I would not have known him except the One who sent me to baptize him with water told me, ‘The one on whom you see the spirit come down and remain, is the One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.”*

Again we see that Jesus Christ is seen as the One who baptizes you with the Holy Spirit. What this means simply is, you must know Jesus Christ, you must know Him, He must know you in order for you to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. It is so powerful, this wonderful act of being baptized with Holy Ghost. We all know about water baptism, few people though, few Christians understand the fullness of what the baptism with the Holy Spirit truly is.

There is a difference in being baptized with the Holy Spirit and being indwelt with the Holy Spirit. The baptism with the Holy Spirit requires complete surrender of the Christian to the Lordship or the Kingship of Jesus Christ in his or her life. Once a person totally surrenders to Christ, the control of his or her life, that is when that person is positioned for the baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire that takes place in his life. Jesus said in Luke 12:49 – 53, *“I have come to bring fire on the earth and how I wish it were already kindled, but I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed. Do you think I am come to bring peace on the earth? No! I tell you but division.”*

Many, many Christians do not understand this verse. Everybody thinks that Jesus Christ has come to bring peace to the earth, when in reality, there can't be peace on the earth until there's great division on the earth. You can't even have peace in your life until there's great division. You see, you have to get to a place in your life where sin has to be divided. You can't be one with sin any more. You can't be one with disobedience any more. You have to be separated from the sin. You've got to have a clear division in order that you can come out from sin. And that's what the Holy Spirit, the power of the Holy Spirit will do for you.

Jesus said, *“No, I tell you, but division. From now on, there will be 5 in one family divided against each other; 3 against 2 and 2 against 3.”*

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit will bring a division in your life. It will not only bring a division in you personally where the things you used to do, you cannot do any more. You're going to see once you come and submit under the power of the Holy Spirit things that you used to could do and not have any problem doing it, you won't do it anymore because there will be such a great conviction in your life. You won't even desire to do it anymore.

But another thing, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Baptism of Fire will do for you, you're going to find it's going to start separating you from people that you love and that you care about. If people in your family are not totally sold out to Jesus Christ, if they're not totally surrendered to the Lordship of Christ, they have not gone through the Baptism of Fire, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit they're going to

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treat you differently because you're going to be different. And you're going to find that you're not going to move with them like you could move with them in the past, because you're going to be out of agreement with them. You'll still love them. They may still love you but you might find that they're going to be very watchful of you and they will actually offend you in some of the things they will say and they will do. It's because they've not come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ as you have.

Jesus said that this would happen, so if this is not happening to you, you need to look at your life. There should definitely be a line of demarcation in your life between yourself and people of the world and between religious people, and it really begins in your family. Scripture is replete with truth that your enemies are in your own family. The first enemies that you're going to find are within yourself. That's sin. And as you submit to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, you're going to see sin in a different light and you're going to see that YOU are your own worst enemy when you align yourself with the flesh and not with the Holy Ghost.

But then you're going to start seeing in your friendships with people, you're not going to be able to have friends with everybody anymore, not with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Fire. You're going to be separated out because fire brings a purification. It's a very real thing. And it's going to happen even in your own family.

*"They will be divided father against son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."*

Now they're not divided because of sin. They're not divided because of fleshly acts and decisions. That's not it at all. They're divided because one is fully surrendered, committed, Baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire, and the other is not submitted to the Lordship and Kingship of Jesus Christ. They're not seeking after the full saturation, the in-filling and the overflowing of the Holy Ghost. They may be born again, yes, they may be possibly born again, but they're still so immature. They're still in a very beginning point of their life. Their foundation has not even been laid yet. And so, they are very offended very easily by your desire for the deeper things of God. Actually, you bring a reproach to their life when you come around them. You don't even have to say anything. They know that there's been a great change in your life because you've surrendered to the Lordship and Kingship of Christ Jesus. You've been divided, just as the chaff has been divided from the wheat.

You know you can't make a profit can you, from wheat if the chaff is still on it? No body's going to buy a loaf of bread that has chaff in it, are they? No, the chaff has to be removed. And that's what the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is going to do in your life. When you come under the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and with Fire, the things that are unprofitable in you are going to be burned up, but then that makes you profitable. Then you become stronger and you become fruitful in your life. You really become a vessel of honor for the Lord. It positions you to move in the gifting that God gives you so that when you come to a place of judgment before Jesus Christ, he will be able to say to you, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

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The Baptism of the Holy Spirit empowers the Christian to live a victorious life on the earth. It simply causes you to be able to overcome sin. It really makes you fit for service. A carnal or a flesh ruled Christian, is a Christian who has not fully surrendered to the Lordship of Christ, and they have not received fully the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit will enable a flesh-ruled Christian to become a Spirit-ruled Christian.

There are some denominations that actually teach that the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is the exact same thing as one conversion experience. That is not true. Not everybody who is baptized with the Holy Spirit, uh, you can be born again and not be baptized with the Holy Ghost. I'm just going to be very blunt with you, yes, you can be born again and not be baptized with the Holy Spirit. The baptism with the Holy Spirit and encountering Jesus Christ, is not the same thing.

When you encounter Christ, and receive Christ, the Holy Spirit indwells you, but that does not mean the Holy Spirit envelops you, completely fills you to over flowing. That's what Baptism means. Baptism means you are fully saturated to the overflowing.

Let's look at that. Act 10:42-48, *"And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as the judge of the living and the dead."* This is speaking of Jesus. *"And all the prophets testified about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

When you encounter the Lord Jesus Christ, when he reveals himself to you, when you receive him, you receive the forgiveness of sins.

Now Peter was actually preaching this message and the scripture says that, *"while Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message."* Holy Spirit came ON them. *"The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles."*

This is how they KNEW that they had been baptized with the Holy Ghost, *"And they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. And Peter said, 'Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.' So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days."*

They wanted the Apostle Peter to stay with them so that they could get taught. You see, once you become born again and you're baptized with the Holy Spirit, you're positioned to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. You want to come under the teaching of the Word.

Now this is a very unique case, because in THIS case, we see that these people were born again, and as they encountered Christ, they were also baptized with the Holy Spirit.

In most cases, people come to know the Lord, encounter Jesus Christ, receive their forgiveness of sins, receive water baptism, and then after water baptism in some place in some time they come to the

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understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and they seek the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and with Fire and they then receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. That's usually the case. But this is a unique case. They received Christ, they had a revelation of Jesus Christ, and immediately they were baptized with the Holy Spirit and THEN they were water baptized.

But I have to get very blunt with you because we have a real problem in the church today. People really want to come against speaking in tongues. I believe that speaking in tongues is the initial sign, not the only sign, but the initial sign of a person that has received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

It's very obvious. These people had the Holy Ghost poured out on them, and it says, *"They were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured on them."* And WHY were they astonished? And WHY did they know the Holy Ghost had been poured out on them? *"For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God."*

That is.... I don't know how clear you can get on this. You just have to get over it. If you've been indoctrinated to not speak in tongues, or that speaking in tongues is not given to everybody, or that speaking in tongues that it is a gift that not everybody can have, that is not the case. That is not the case. EVERY BELIEVER can speak in tongues through that anointing of Jesus Christ. And I believe it is essential. It is foundational for you to grow and mature in the things of the Lord. Oh, my heart just grieves for people.

You will always be in an elementary, you'll always be held back. You know elemental spirits are spirits that hold you back.

How many of you want to stay in kindergarten? How many of you are 50, 60, 70 years old now and you're still in kindergarten when it comes to things of faith? And one of the reasons why is you resist the teaching that Jesus Christ came to baptize you with the Holy Spirit with Fire and to be baptized with the Holy Spirit IS to receive a language, a heavenly language.

Speaking in tongues, it's wonderful. It's a gateway into a deeper walk with Christ. You don't have to speak in tongues to be born again but why would you not want to speak in tongues? Why would you not want to grow and mature in your faith, have the power of God operating in you? Why would you want to resist this wonderful, wonderful baptism with the Holy Spirit and with fire?

I want to read Acts 8, starting with verse 12, *"But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized and he followed Philip everywhere, ASTONISHED by the great signs and the miracles he saw. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the Word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them. They had simply been baptized (water baptized) into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit."*

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What this is talking about is, these people had encountered Jesus. They knew Jesus. They had accepted Christ. They had even been water baptized, but they had not received the in-filling and over-flowing of the Holy Spirit. They had not received the baptism with the Holy Spirit yet. Go back and read that. Trying to help you, 'cause I've seen how people have been misled. I've been in a denomination that actually taught against the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I know the destruction it can bring. I've been in a denomination that keeps people on a level of a kindergartener. The only body who even moves out in any kind of anointing is the preacher on the platform. That's not the will of God! Everybody in the House of God should be ministering, moving in signs and wonders, moving in the gifts of the Holy Ghost. You should be doing things that Jesus did, and greater things should you be doing, but you'll NEVER be able to do that without the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

This is so crucial for you, and the initial sign of it all is the Baptism which is speaking in tongues, which comes with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. So powerful. So powerful. When you're baptized with the Holy Spirit, you're baptized with POWER. You're baptized with the power to be a witness of Jesus Christ.

Even in Acts, the first chapter, in verse 5, "For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." And this is really so powerful because these people had already encountered Jesus, they had already believed in Jesus, they had already received Jesus, but later, it was later that they were what? Baptized with the Holy Spirit.

John 20: 21-23, *"And again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you as the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' and with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"*

See, Jesus did this to the apostles. *"Jesus said peace be with you and he breathed on them and he said, 'Receive you the Holy Spirit.' They received the Holy Spirit."* In other words, they received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This was after Jesus Christ had been crucified and had been resurrected. He came to his disciples, his apostles, and he said receive the Holy Spirit and they did. But it was later, 40 days later that they received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. Remember that, when the tongues of fire, you know, appeared upon their heads. That was the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

You know, Jesus said, tarry in Jerusalem, so that you can receive power and so that you can be my witnesses. Can I just tell you? I have to be honest with you. You cannot even be an effective witness of Jesus Christ without the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. I know a lot of people that read prayers to people. I know a lot of people that take little booklets and say, "Read this little prayer with me." There's no POWER in that. There's no life change in that. It's just all mental ascent. You're just doing that intellectually. God wants you to have POWER. That's how you really can be a witness of Christ, through the anointing of God, people come into an encounter with Jesus Christ.

The Baptism with the Holy Ghost is so powerful. It will bring you to a greater depth in Christ. It will bring you to a place that we all need to be in.



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Luke 24:49, Jesus said, "And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry you in the city of Jerusalem until you be endued with power from on high."

This is what the Baptism of the Holy Spirit will give you. It will give you power. It will give you power of godliness. It will bring you to a place where you can overcome sin in your life. It will bring you to a place where you can understand the scripture like you've never understood it before. It will give you power to be able to minister to people. Even Jesus Christ himself received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. He did. You know, Jesus did not, when he came to the earth he did not need to be cleansed of any sin because he never sinned. He never sinned. But you've got to know this, when Jesus Christ came to the earth, he came as a human being. He left the power and the glory in heaven with his Father. He became as a man. He took upon the form of a servant. Do you understand that? So when he was baptized, remember, John the Baptist baptized him, it wasn't that he was being baptized to be cleansed of any sin, no, it wasn't that at all.

Let's look at that - Luke 3:21-22, *"Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also being baptized and praying, the heaven was opened and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him and a voice came from heaven and said, 'Thou art my beloved son, in thee I am well pleased.'"*

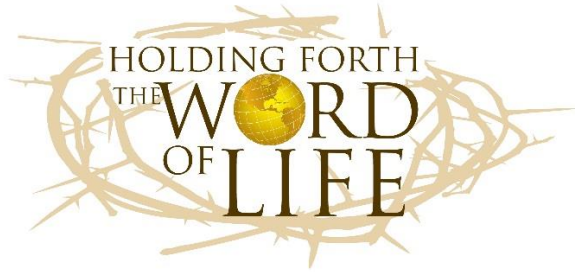
That's what happened. The fullness of the Holy Ghost came upon Jesus when he was baptized in the river Jordan.

Luke 4:11 says, *"And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness."*

You see, you've got to understand, Jesus did all his works, all his miracles, he ministered through the fullness of the Holy Ghost, and that's what it's going to take you to minister. When you are full of the Holy Ghost, you will be able to do what Christ did and greater works will you be able to do.

This is foundational, my beloved. You must understand this. This is foundational and once you receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, you submit, receive the Baptism with Fire, you're going to be positioned now to move into maturity and be made perfect in the Lord. Rise. Rise in your strength. Rise in the anointing. Rise to be the full son and daughter, the mature son and daughter that God desires you to be. That's what God's all about. He's about you becoming a mature son and daughter.

Won't you do that? Have you received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? If you haven't, you need to seek out somebody right now that will lay hands on you just as the Apostle Paul did, just as the Apostle Peter did and receive by faith the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and that will be a beginning of your passageway of you moving in to greater maturity in Christ.



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Alright, just to reiterate a little, I want to give you kind of an overview of what we've been talking about and the reason why we're talking about this is, we have to move on into perfection. God wants us to move into maturity. But if we don't understand foundational teachings, we can't hold to them. And if we can't hold to them, or live by them, we won't be able to move into greater depths of where the Lord wants us to go. This is a house about raising up mature sons and daughters for the Kingdom of God.

**Hebrews 5: 12-14 says, "In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's Word all over again." ...**

You see, this is a problem. We have people in the church today that have been in the church a long time and they should actually be people who are ministering, they should be leaders, they should be teaching people. They should be leading a life of example for people, moving out in the power of God. But just as in this day, they need to be taught the Word of God all over again. In fact, though by this time, you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's Word all over again. You need milk, not solid food.

***"Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teachings about righteousness. "...***

See, you begin just as a baby, and all you can have is milk. But you need to mature. Well, we've got people in the body of Christ right now, that aren't maturing. And the church can't rise, and the church is not a glorious church. We need to be hastening the return of Jesus Christ, and Christ is going to come back for a glorious church. So there's got to be voices that are going to be raised up in the church today to teach the Word of God so clearly and strongly that people can get it so they can move in maturity and rise up.

***"Anyone who lives on milk being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teachings about righteousness, but solid food is for the mature. "...***

Solid food. Without the foundational teachings, these elementary teachings that are being discussed in this series, without you knowing them, without you practicing them, you're going to always be on milk, and you won't be able to eat solid food. So, when somebody preaches the things of righteousness, you're going to be sitting there getting it all twisted up. You're not going to be able to eat it. You're not going to be able to digest it. You're not going to be able to understand it because you're still on milk. And you're still on milk because you don't have the proper foundation laid. You're not holding on to the proper foundation.

***"But solid food is for the mature, which by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good and evil."***

That's a disciple of Christ. A disciple of Christ is somebody who consistently moves in the Spirit of God and who is discerning by the Holy Spirit what is good and what is evil. You can't just look in your natural

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eye. You think you can do that. You think you can look by your natural eye and say, "That's good and that's bad." You don't know what's good and what's bad unless the Holy Spirit shows it to you. The Holy Ghost will discern for you what is good and what is evil. There's a lot of things going on today that are called evil and they're really good. And there a lot of things going on today that are called good, but they're really evil. And you won't know the difference unless you have the Holy Ghost within you.

What are the foundational principles? What are the elementary teachings? Well, it is repentance from acts that lead to death and of faith in God. In other words, repenting from dead works and turning to faith in God. That's the first foundational teaching. You need to have an understanding of repentance. You need to have an understanding of what dead works are, and dead works are always works that require no faith on your part. You have to understand that repentance means 'metanoia' in the Greek which means a changing of your mind. In other words, your mind is being converted. Mindsets that you've held are being literally broken up and you're changing the way you think about things. You're thinking now by the Holy Ghost. You're thinking now by the mind of Christ and not by your own mind.

Second is instructions about baptisms. That's a foundational teaching. What are the baptisms? Well, there's the baptism into Christ by the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost brings you into an encounter with the real Jesus. By the grace of God, you are able to understand and see who Christ is and you have, you are baptized into Christ. What follows that is water baptism. Water baptism is simply a prophetic act where you by faith go into water and humbly look at that and say, "I am dead. I am dead. I am dead now to myself. I die." Go under that watery grave and by faith, though you don't stay dead, you rise up just as Christ rose from the dead, to live by faith in Christ, to live in the Spirit. That's a very powerful act. Never, never downgrade water baptism. It is so powerful and it can affect you greatly when you move in it by faith.

Then you have the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the initial sign of it being speaking with tongues and the baptism with fire. So powerful. The baptism with fire is when the things that are operating in your life, those unprofitable things, those things that are no longer needed in your life. Those things that are holding you back, they're actually burned up. They're burned up. The Holy Spirit is working so mightily in your life to bring a purification, which is going to bring a separation. Can I say it again? Purification brings a separation.

And then the next foundational teaching according to **Hebrews 6:2** is the laying on of hands. People don't even operate in the laying on of hands. People are so immature. I've heard people actually say, "You don't want to go to that church because they lay their hands on you" as if that's something ungodly or something demonic. People have no knowledge of the Word of God, and people cause a lot of destruction in the church today because of their lack of knowledge. Laying on of hands is a very foundational elementary teaching of Christ. You need to understand it. You need to embrace it. You need to walk in it. YOU need, as a believer, to be able to lay your hands on people. Because it is a blessing. It is something that actually brings a blessing to people. It brings impartation of blessing and it

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also brings consecration or being set apart for the things of God in people's life. So, I want to tell you that we see laying on of hands both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament.

**Genesis 48:14**, we have Jacob who has now been renamed Israel laying his hands upon his grandchildren. ***“But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head. And though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the first born.”***

Here we have a grandfather, laying his hands on his grandchildren to impart a great blessing into their life.

**Verse 20:** ***“He blessed them that day and said, ‘In Your name will Israel pronounce this blessing; may God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.’”***

This was a blessing that was imparted to these children. You can impart blessings into your children's life, into your grandchildren's life. Did you know that? When you speak a blessing into a person's life through the Holy Spirit, you lay your hands on them as a vessel of the anointing, as the vessel of the Holy Spirit. You can impart that blessing into your child. You have authority over your child? Yes. You have authority over your grandchildren to a certain extent? Yes. As you begin to understand that you are a dwelling place of God, that the Holy Spirit is within you, you're indwelt with the Holy Spirit, you are a dwelling place for God, just as Jesus did, you can hold your hands out in faith, always in faith, not as a dead work, not as a dead work but through faith. You can impart a blessing to someone simply by laying your hands on that person and speaking the grace of God into that person's life. But you know what? Most people that call themselves Christians has never done this. They'll go to their grave never doing it. Yet this is a foundational elementary teaching of Christ.

**Matthew 19: 13-15**, we read, ***“Then little children were brought to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. And Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.’ (Very powerful.) When He had placed His hands on them, He went on from there.”***

Christ placed His hands on little children as a way to bless them and impart blessing to them. You have an opportunity by the Spirit of the Lord to lay your hands on children. If you're born again, baptized with the Holy Ghost, you love the Lord, your heart is clean, and you're a teacher, you can lay hands on your students. You don't even have to pray out loud. You can pray just in the spirit over people. But through your hands, you're imparting a blessing. But you may not know to do this because you've never been taught it. It's a shame isn't it? This is an elementary teaching. There's no way you'll move into maturity. You need to start practicing this now. Lay your hands on your own children. Lay your hands on your spouse. Under the unction of the Holy Spirit, lay your hands on people. When you're released by your Apostle, or by your Pastor in your church to minister, lay your hands on people. Pray for them in faith. It's an impartation of the blessing to that individual through the Holy Spirit.

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Now in **Mark 5:22-24** we read, ***“Seeing Jesus, he fell at His feet, and pleaded earnestly with Him, ‘My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.’ So Jesus went with him.”***

So powerful. This ruler of the synagogue had a 12-year-old daughter and she was dying. He had obviously seen Jesus lay His hands on sick folk and they got healed. He knew that there was power being imparted when Christ would lay his hands on a person’s body. There was power by the Holy Ghost coming out of Christ into that person’s body and he said, ‘You come and do the same to my daughter and she’ll be healed.’ But you see, he was acting in faith. He says if you’ll do that, my daughter will be healed. See, you cannot please God without faith. So if you’re going to lay hands on a person, you must do it by faith and if a person is receiving your hands on them, they must receive it by faith as well.

**Mark 6: 5-6, *“He could not do any miracles there except lay His hands on a few sick people and heal them and He was amazed at their lack of faith.”***

I think it’s so powerful. See, even Jesus could not do miracles around certain people. Not because Jesus lacked faith, but because the people lacked faith. But those that had faith, He could lay His hands on them and they could receive their healing. See, you’ve got to understand that your hands, if your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and you’ve given your life to God, you’ve consecrated yourself to the Lord, you’re really dead now. You’re dead to the things of the world and you’re alive to the power of the Lord, your hands are holy. You can lay your hands on the sick and they can recover.

**Luke 4:40, *“When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying His hands on each one, He healed them.”***

Powerful. The Bible teaches believers to lay hands on the sick and pray for healing.

**Mark 16:17-18, *“And these signs will accompany those who believe in My Name, they will drive out demons, they will speak in new tongues...”***

Did Jesus say that? Yes, He did, ***“They will speak in new tongues...”*** Verse 18, ***“And they will pick up snakes with their hands.”***

Now Jesus said that too, but I want to talk about this for just a minute cause some people go to the extreme in this. This is not talking about you going to a house of worship and people taking up snakes. That is not what Jesus is talking about. This is both natural and spiritual. When you’re out in the woods, and you encounter a snake, just as Paul encountered a snake when he was ministering the gospel of Jesus Christ, you know Paul encountered a snake and he shook it off and he was not harmed. He had power over that. But this is also spiritual. This is also spiritual. We have power to tread over scorpions and trample over scorpions and serpents and they will in no wise hurt us. This is talking about the

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power of the Holy Ghost – not taking up rattlesnakes in the church house. That’s not what this is talking about. People get twisted because they’re not moving by the pureness of the Holy Spirit.

***“And when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all.”***

And again, this is not talking about you can just go drink poison and not die. No, this is talking about if somebody was to come against you by the devil and try to poison you, or you drank it by mistake. God would give you grace to overcome that poison in your body because you’re moving out for His glory and His purposes on the earth.

But the last part of this scripture says this, ***“They will place their hands on sick people and they will get well.”***

Now I want to go back to the first part of this scripture and ***‘these signs’*** these are all signs. But they’re signs that will accompany those that believe. So you should have signs and wonders following you as a Christian. And one of the signs and wonders is, you should be able to lay hands on sick people and impart to them through the power of the Holy Spirit – *healing*. And if they have faith to receive it, they will receive it and they will be healed. That’s a great sign. It’s also a great sign to speak in tongues. It’s also a great sign to drive out demons. And all of this is possible through the power of the Holy Spirit.

But we’re talking about laying on of hands now as being a foundational teaching of Christ. Again let’s go to **Acts 28:7-9**, ***“There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and for three days, entertained us hospitably. His father was sick in bed suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him (the Apostle Paul) and after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him.”***

Powerful. Notice that. Paul after prayer, placed his hands on him and he was healed. Laying on of hands can signify both an impartation of a blessing or consecration, in other words, setting people apart to do the work of the Kingdom.

Go back to the Old Testament, **Numbers 8:10-15**, ***“You are to bring the Levites before the Lord. And the Israelites are to lay their hands on them.”***

Aaron is to present the Levites before the Lord as a wave offering from the Israelites so that they may be ready to do the work of the Lord. This here is a laying on of hands as a sign of consecration, a sign of ordination, a sign of being set apart for special service in the Lord. We all should be consecrated unto God because now under the new covenant, God has made us all priests. So in a very real sense now, all Christians are Levites. All Christians are both kings and priests as we enter into the Kingdom of God.

**Luke 22:17-19**, ***“After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, ‘Take this and divide it among you for I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes.’ And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, ‘This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.’”***

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Every time you have communion the pastor, the apostle, whoever is your spiritual authority should take the elements, both the bread and the wine. They should consecrate them. I never ever, we never have communion without the elements being consecrated cause we're not just eating bread here. We're not just eating a loaf of Sunbeam bread here. No. Those things have been, hands have been laid on that loaf of bread to consecrate it, to set it apart, making it holy unto God. Same thing with your grape juice or your wine. You set it apart. You pray over it. Very important. Those elements need to be blessed or it's not a true communion. Jesus taught us to do that.

There's power when your hands are laid on something and you pray into it a blessing or you pray into it a consecration unto God as you do that in faith.

***I Timothy 4:4-5, "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused if it be received with thanksgiving for it is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer."***

Your food that you eat, you should never eat it without consecrating it first to God. Honestly. People don't even understand why they give God thanks for their food. You know it's just ridiculous. They just get in some kind of habit and they just pray, no. When you eat, you better bless that food. You're laying hands on it, eating it. You're touching it. You need to consecrate it. I don't want anything going into my body without it being consecrated from the Lord. That's why I consecrate my food before I eat it, and I do it by faith trusting in God that He will make it a clean and a pure thing as it goes into my body. It says, 'for it is sanctified', your food, my lovely one, is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

Alright, then we move to ***I Timothy 4:14, "Do not neglect your gift*** (Apostle Paul was talking to Timothy – do not neglect your gift, Timothy), ***which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you."***

You see, this happens many times. People that are further along than you, people that are moving in spiritual authority as an elder over you will lay their hands on you and will speak prophetically into your life. You need to receive that. Many times they will speak prophetically the gift that God has given to you. It's an impartation of an anointing of power and it comes through the laying on of hands. This is a very elementary teaching of Christ and it just grieves me that there are denomination after denomination that does not move out in the laying on of hands that that's a bizarre, a strange thing to lay their hands on people. The only time that somebody gets their hands laid on a person is maybe once in a lifetime when they are ordained, so to speak, to be a deacon or to be a preacher.

Laying on of hands should be a very common, but a very honorable, set apart function in the church today because it was so, so mightily used in the New Testament church.

Again, ***II Timothy 1: 6-7, "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands,"*** Apostle Paul is talking to Timothy, ***"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."***



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You receive from God; you receive impartations from God through the laying on of hands of other people. You know, I can impart to you what God has given to me, if you will receive it by faith through the laying on of my hands. And then you can in turn as the Holy Ghost directs you and as you are under spiritual authority, lay your hands on others and you can impart to them what you have received by the Spirit of the Living God.

**Acts 13:1-3, “In the church in Antioch, there were prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen .... while they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work for which I have called them.’ (They were to be set apart.) So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”**

This is a form of consecration of setting people apart to do the work of the Kingdom. Very very important to have hands laid on you that you might be set apart to work the works of the Lord. Also, the baptism with the Holy Spirit comes with the laying on of hands - most times. There may be a time where you can, actually there is a time in the scripture where the Holy Ghost fell on people and they just began to speak in tongues, but in most cases hands are laid up on people to receive the baptisms with the Holy Ghost.

**Acts 8: 14-17, “When the Apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the Word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John (both Apostles) placed their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.”**

They believed and then hands were laid upon them and then they received the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 9 17-19 “Then Ananias went to the house placing his hands on Saul, (this was after Saul’s initial encounter with Christ Jesus on the Damascus Road, he had received revelation of Christ, so Ananias came to see him, placing his hands on Saul) he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here has sent me so that you may see again and may be filled with the Holy Spirit.’”**

This was when the Apostle Paul was baptized with the Holy Ghost. He was blind, physically blind, that was a spiritual act, cause we’re all blind – we’re all blind - until we come to know the Lord, and so Ananias came, he laid his hands on him, he got his sight back and he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Verse 18, “Immediately something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes and he could see again. He got up and he was baptized and after taking some food, he regained his strength.”**

**Acts 19:5-7, “When Paul (Apostle Paul) placed his hands on them, Holy Ghost - Holy Spirit came on them and they spoke in tongues and prophesied, and they were about twelve in all.”**

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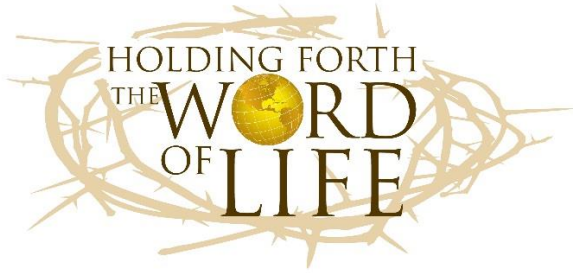
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So you see, having hands laid upon you will put you in a position to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, will enable you by impartation of the anointing of God to speak in tongues and you need that.

But let's regroup. I'm talking now about YOU learning to place your hands on others in faith as a foundational part of your life and if you are doing that, you're going to go on to move in more deeper things of the Lord, even in that and greatly mature in the things of God.

I pray that you receive this message, you hold to this message, you not only be a hearer of the Word, but a doer also.



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We are talking about the great passage, Hebrews 6:1-3, and I want to read this in its entirety.

***“Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity. (You’ve got to leave the elementary stuff in order to go on to maturity.) Not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death and of faith in God, instructions about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment and God permitting, we will do so.”***

So we are now on the resurrection of the dead. This is a foundational teaching and I have to tell you that most believers in church today do not understand what this is talking about. There is both a physical resurrection from the dead and there is also spiritual resurrection of the dead. In the Old Testament we can see over and over again how many prophets actually raised people from the dead, that’s a type of resurrection. It was a physical resurrection where somebody’s body died, was buried and it came back, it came back from the dead. It came to life again.

Also in the New Testament we see that Jesus actually raised many people that died. He raised them back to life again – Lazarus, was one. We certainly understand that. Also we know that Peter raised Dorcus from the dead. So we have a lot of that in the scripture, but first the natural, then the spiritual. The greater understanding is that we that have been born again have literally been raised from the dead. And I’m going to show you that in just a minute.

What’s happened is your spirit... when you’re born into the world you certainly have a body and you have a soul and you have a spirit. But your spirit is dead to God’s spirit. Your spirit has been made dead to God’s spirit because of sin. Anybody born in this world, they’re born into this world with a spirit that is not alive to God. And in order for you to be born again, your spirit has to be made alive again, or be resurrected.

Another part of this teaching is that when you’re born again, you have eternal life. And when you die, your body is planted in the earth, we are promised that one day your body will rise from the earth and you will be given a glorious body, one that will never die again. And so that gives us a lot of hope. We’re excited. The older you get you know your body wears out, but we’re promised by Jesus, by the Word of God that we will all be given a glorious body one day. Not only is our spirit man is eternal, and our soul, but also our body will be made eternal, a glorious body at the resurrection. But that is only possible when you have the understanding that you are a spirit. And when you’re born into this earth, your spirit is not born again. You actually have a spirit that is dead to God. So let’s just look at what I’m talking about. You have to go to the very beginning to get an understanding of this.

***Genesis 1:27, “So God created man in His own image. In the image of God, He created them, male and female He created them.”***

What is this talking about? How did God create male and female? How did God create man? He created man in His image, so we’ve got to ask the question. What’s the image of God? Well, we have the answer.

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John 4:24 ***“God is spirit and his worshippers must worship Him in spirit and in truth.”***

Now, Adam and Eve, male and female, He created He them in His own image, in other words, we are spirit beings because we are created in God’s image. That was from the beginning and as Adam and Eve was created in the spirits image, in God’s image, they were so one with God. They communed with God. They had a very high intellect. They actually co-reined. If you go back and study that, Eve was not under Adam. Adam was not dominating over Eve. They were actually co-reining and co-dominating the earth because God had told them to do that. That was a wonderful time in paradise, in Eden. But we all know the story that sin came into their life so we’re going to look at that in just a minute.

But before that, let us look at Genesis 1:27 – 28, ***“Then God blessed them and God said unto them be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth, subdue it, have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”***

So, that was his command. They were riding high. They were in His image. They knew God. They understood God and they were reigning in this life. Genesis 2:16- 17. This was their problem.

***“Of every living tree of the garden, you may eat freely, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat of it, you shall surely die.”***

Alright, people don’t get this. What was God talking about? God said you could eat of all of the trees of the garden except of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the day that you eat of that tree, you will die. It says, “in the DAY that you eat of it, you shall surely die.” Where the confusion comes into play is that people say, “Well, you know Adam and Eve ate of that tree, but they didn’t die, they still lived.” But that is error because they did die because Adam and Eve were spirit beings. They were spirit beings in a body and in the day that Adam and Eve ate of that tree, their spirit died to God. And that’s where our problems all began to take place. Everything they had up to that point was wonderful. They had relationship with God. They were not separated from God. They reined in this life. They had total communion with God. They could hear God. Their life was wonderful, blessed. But sin came in when they disobeyed what God told them to do. They willfully disobeyed the Lord.

Romans 5:12, ***“Therefore as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin and so death spread to all men because all men sinned.”***

Alright, let’s look at how Adam and Eve acted toward God after their spirits died to God.

That’s Genesis 3: 8-12, ***“And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said, ‘Where are you?’ “***

Now that’s a great question. Do you really think that God did not know where Adam was? No. God knew exactly where Adam was, but Adam didn’t know where he was, and Adam didn’t know where Adam was and Adam didn’t know where God was. Adam was lost.

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God sometimes will talk to you and he'll say, 'Where are you?' You know, you need to find out you're lost before you can find out your destination. You know, people have a false security of the Lord. They think they're born again and they're not born again. Their spirit man is still dead to God. They don't even know where they are. They're still lost and they don't even know it, like Adam. So God says, 'Where are you?'

***"So he said, I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked and I hid myself."***

Most people today hide themselves from God. They may be in church. They may hear that sermon every Sunday, but they're hiding from God. They're not in fellowship with God. They don't really even know how to pray to God. They have no real relationship with Christ. They don't have a reality of Christ. They may be very 'churchy', though they may be very good moral decent people as man sees them, they're still not born again. They may even teach Sunday School. They may even be a deacon. But they don't have a relationship with the Lord. They're hiding from God. They can't even hear His voice any more and they certainly don't want to fellowship with Him.

***"And He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?'"***

See, God always causes you to take responsibility for your own sin. God knew that they had eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He knew that, but he wanted Adam to say it. He wants you to say it. He wants you to understand that you have sinned, that you are the one who separated yourself from God through disobedience.

***"Then the man said, 'The woman who you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I ate.'"***

People whose spirits are dead to God, do not want to come into the presence of God. As a matter of fact, they are very uncomfortable in the presence of God. Now, they might go to church, there are a lot of churches that have no presence of God. Jesus... you can't even find Jesus in a lot of churches today. It's just the same old, same old. You can go into a church, sit on the back pew, or sit in your little pew, sit in your little cubicle and you're just waiting for it to get over and then you go out. You came in one way, and you went out the same way you came in. No change, no difference, no fellowship with the Lord.

Fear and shame mark their lives. This is because they cannot comprehend the nature of God, which is absolute pure love. God's had a plan of reconciliation from the beginning and He knew that Satan was the instigator of all of man's trouble and He told Satan how He would solve mankind's predicament and that is in Genesis 3: 13-15,

***"So the Lord said to the serpent (Satan), because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, more than all the beasts of the field. On your belly you shall go and you shall eat dust all the***

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***days of your life, and I will put enmity between you and the woman. And between your seed and her Seed (capital 'S'). He shall bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel. "***

This was the first prophetic word about Jesus. That Jesus would come, he would be born of a woman, and he would crush the head of Satan. This is our salvation, Jesus the Christ. It is because of Him, that our spirit man can be made again, alive to God.

***II Corinthians 5:18-21, "All this is from God who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, The Anointed One and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."***

Jesus is the One who can bring us back to life again, bring our spirit man back to life again.

***Revelation 1:18, "I am He that liveth and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of hell and of death. "***

In other words, He has the power to make you alive again, make your spirit alive again to God. That's when you're born again. It's not because you said a prayer. It's not because you're mentally assenting or you have a concept of God, or a theory of God or you've just listened to what the preacher said, and you just said a prayer. No! There's been something that's happened on the inside of you. You've been regenerated. Your spirit man has been made alive now to God and there's no longer any shame. You love God. You understand His love for you. You desire to come into His fellowship. You desire to come into His presence, just as much as He desires to be in your presence.

***I Corinthians 15: 45-47, "So it is written, the first Adam, the first man, Adam, became a living being. The last Adam (that's Jesus) became a life-giving spirit."***

Jesus Christ is a life-giving spirit. When He comes into you....when He comes INTO you, He's life-giving. And then you become a life-giving spirit, because your spirit has now been made alive to God. So very powerful.

You've been resurrected. Your spirit man is resurrected. It's been made alive now to God. You're reconnected back to God. You have reconciled yourself now back to God, spirit to spirit. God is spirit and you are spirit. Now your spirit is like God's spirit and you're able to connect. You're able to fellowship. There's no more separation. You love Him, He loves you. You have a knowing of that. And an understanding of that.

***John 11: 25 – 26, "Jesus said unto her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. '"***

Listen, if you believe in the Lord you have had a revelation of Jesus Christ, you believe, even though you were once dead, He will make you alive. You were once dead. Dead in your sins. Your spirit dead to God. But then one day, you had an encounter, a revelation of Christ and your spirit within you, WOW!

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became alive to God's spirit. Now you can communicate spirit to spirit. Now you have a greater understanding. Now you have a greater joy. Now you have a great passion for the things of the Lord.

Verse 26 says, ***"Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die. Believest thou this?"***

In other words, when your physical body dies, because your spirit man is alive to God your spirit will live on. Your body will die. Have you ever noticed, have you ever seen anybody who died and their mouth is open? It's very common. Their mouth just falls open? Well, you know why? It's because their spirit leaves their body. And all you have left is a dead body. The life that was in that body is gone. Now if your spirit that was in your body, if your spirit has already been made alive to God, in other words, you're born again, your spirit will go directly and be with God. But I must say, if your spirit has never known God, if you're not born again, if your spirit has not been made alive to God, then your spirit will leave your body, but it will not go and be with God. It will go to a place of eternal judgment. A place that you don't want to go. A place called 'hell'.

Jesus said, in John 3:5-7, ***"Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the spirit.'"***

What's He talking about here? Born of water means natural birth. Everybody that enters the Kingdom of God, you have to be first born naturally, alright? You have to be a human being. Once you are born of water, THEN you have to be born again, born of the spirit, the *Spirit of God*. So there's two births. You've got to have a natural birth and then you have to have a spiritual birth.

***"Flesh gives birth to flesh. But the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'"***

What's He talking about here? First comes the natural, then the spiritual. Only human beings whose spirits are born again are made perfect will enter the Kingdom of God. It is the Holy Spirit who comes into your spirit and that makes you alive again unto God. It is the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit so you can think like God. You can have the mind of Christ.

The Holy Spirit is now able to dwell in people because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit regenerates your spirit. In other word, see honey, to be re-generated, must mean at one time you were generated. But now you need to be re-generated. Something that is re-generated means this, it was once generated, but it died and now it has to be what? Re-generated.

When Adam and Eve came to the earth, when they were first born of God, created by God, they were alive to God. But see, when they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, their spirits died to God. And everybody that's born into the earth is born of Adam's seed. If you're a human being, you're born of Adam's lineage, and so you're like Adam. You're born into the world with your spirit being dead to God. It was once alive to God, but Adam sinned and he became dead to God.



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Titus 3:5, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, (you’re not born again because you go to church, or because you’re a good person, because you try to do what’s right.) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.”

It’s the Holy Ghost that revives your spirit. See you have a spirit every human being has a spirit. But if the Holy Ghost is not in that person’s spirit, that person is not born again. And honey, I can tell you, there are a lot of people sitting on the church pew. They don’t even know anything about the Holy Ghost. They just know something in their head about Jesus Christ, but they don’t really even know Jesus. Unless the Holy Ghost is inside your spirit, you’re not born again. Because your spirit has not been resurrected, has not been made alive.

Now let’s, for this I want to go to Ephesians 2, verse 1, **“And you hath He quickened** (Quickened means to be made alive.) And you hath He quickened. (Listen, what part of you has been made alive? Your spirit’s been made alive?) **And you hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins.** “

People, you know, go to the grocery stores and just look at people walking down the aisles. They’re dead men walking. They don’t look dead do they? No, because they have a body and they have a soul and they have a spirit within them, but they’re dead men. They’re dead men unless they have had revelation of Christ and the Holy Ghost is now in them and the spirit that is within them has been made alive.

See, you can be a dead man walking and not even look like you’re dead, but you’re dead. You’re dead, unless Christ the Anointed One, through the power of the Holy Spirit is living now within your born again spirit.

**“Even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ,”**

In other words, made us alive together with Christ. The only reason why you are alive is that Christ the Anointed One now is within your spirit, which is made alive by His power.

**“And He hath raised us up together (that means He has resurrected us up together) and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”**

I may be sitting here talking to you through this media ministry, but my spirit is with the Lord. And my spirit shall ever be with the Lord. My spirit is born again. My spirit sits in heavenly places with Christ. Wherever Christ is, there I am, in the spirit because my spirit has been raised. My spirit has been made alive. It’s been resurrected. Very powerful, isn’t it?

Again, Colossians 2:13-16, **“And you being dead in your sins...”**

Don’t you get it? What part of you is dead? What part of you is dead? You got all of these people, they’re walking, they’re talking. They’re going to work, they’re driving a car, they’re in college, they’re

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going to the clubs at night, they're going to church every Sunday. What part of them is dead? You look at them and say, they're not dead, they're living. Yes, they are DEAD, unless Christ is within them and they're born again by the spirit of God. They're dead IN THEIR SINS. They might look to the natural eye like they're living, but they're not living. They're dead. Their spirit within them is dead to God.

Colossians 2:13-16, ***“And you being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh hath He quickened together with Him having forgiven you of all trespasses,*** (The only way you are made alive in Christ, the only way you are resurrected from the dead is when Christ the Anointed one through the power of the Holy Spirit enters your spirit man and brings your spirit back to life again.

That word Quicken in the Hebrew is 'zoopoieo'. It means to re-vitalize. Notice, it means to RE-vitalize. It means to re- animate. Okay, to re-vitalize or to re-animate means at one time it was vitalized or animated. But it was made dead. But now the Spirit of God comes in to re-vitalize or re-animate you. That makes you new. He cancels all the power of sin in your life when that happens.

Every believer, honey, is an awesome creation made by Jesus Christ. We are risen indeed, with the Lord. Every born again re-generated believer is a new creation. Listen, the old man's passed. What that means is that old spirit, it's gone and you've got a new spirit. You've still got your same mind, though. You've still got your same soul, but in time, it will be renewed, it will be made new as you come under the teaching and the Anointing of the Word of God, as you are made a disciple of Jesus Christ, even your mind will get in line with the Holy Ghost. Your soul man will get in line with the Holy Spirit and wherever you go, people will see Jesus. You'll be like a star shining in the night sky because you've been resurrected.

I John 3:9, ***“Whoever has been born of God, does not sin.”***

I used to read that and I could not understand it. Whoever has been born of God, does not sin, and that is absolutely true. And do you know the part of me that's been born of God? Do you know the part of me that has been quickened from the dead? Do you know the part of me that has been resurrected from the dead, is my spirit. And my spirit is born of God, it's born of God, and I'm going to tell you my born again spirit, does not sin.

***“For his seed, (the Lord's seed) remains in him and he cannot sin because he has been born of God.”***

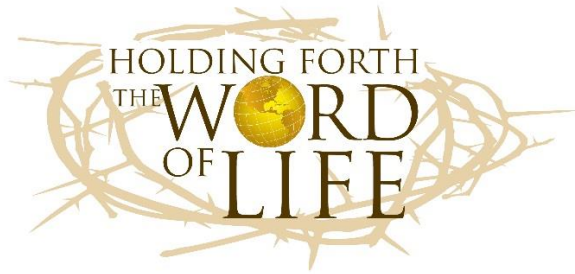
My spirit man cannot sin. My spirit is perfect, aligned perfectly with the Lord. My problem is my flesh. It's not born again of God. And my problem is my mind, my soul. It's not born again of God either. That's the area that I move in sin. But even in that, if I will come under, surrender, fully totally surrender under the Lord and walk by the Holy Spirit, I am no longer under the law and sin no longer has power over me. I'm able to triumph in all things through Christ Jesus who gives me the victory.

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Who do you most identify yourself with, the new man whose spirit is alive to God, born again of God, or the old man which is dead to God? No longer live in a lie, but live in the truth that you are resurrected, your spirit man is resurrected with Christ. To God be the glory forever. Amen.



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We're on the foundational teachings of Christ, understanding that you have to have this foundation laid in your life, you have to have this understanding before you can really grow and be strong in the Lord. So again, we are looking at the resurrection from the dead. Now, Part 1, we spoke of the resurrection of the dead in the sense of your spiritual resurrection. The Bible teaches that we are born into sin. We are actually born in sin. But when we have revelation of Christ, there's a wonderful thing that happens to us, our spirit man, which is dead in sin as we enter the earth, becomes alive again into God.

So we go from being dead in sin to being alive to righteousness. Isn't it wonderful that though you were dead **IN** sin, now you become dead **TO** sin and alive to the righteousness of Jesus Christ when you have a revelation of who Christ is and your spirit man is regenerated.

But I want to speak now about the bodily resurrection. People may not see the importance of this, but it truly is important. Your body that you're living in now, is of course a mortal body. But in Christ, things are everlasting, they are eternal. Immortality means an endless existence and immortality is definitely a basic tenant of Christianity. You have to remember always; this is a very crucial truth that man is a tripartite being.

I Thessalonians 5:23, ***"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly (w-h-o-l-l-y) and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."***

In a sense, the Apostle Paul is teaching that our spirit, soul and bodies are to be sanctified unto the Lord, set apart. As a Christian, your body is set apart. It's preserved unto the coming of our Lord. Many people do not consider their body very important. As a matter of fact, many people basically ridicule their body, joke about their body, but that's really not a good thing because the scripture tells us in I Corinthians 6: 19-20,

***"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you and whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought with a price. Therefore, honor God with your body."***

Holy Ghost is very, very clear here. Our bodies are to be instruments, our bodies are to be vessels of honor. We are to take care of our bodies. We are to present our bodies a living sacrifice unto God because the Lord sees your body as holy. And that is why, one day after you die, after your spirit is separated from your body at death, though your body will go into the grave, there will come a time when your body that was planted, if you will, planted in dishonor into the ground, will be raised with great, great, great honor. We know in the Old Testament that many of the prophets raised people from the dead. We know that Jesus raised people from the dead. We know that the apostles raised people from the dead, but the people they raised from the dead, of course lived for a season and then they died again. I'm not talking about that kind of resurrection. I'm talking about when you die, your spirit which is born again of God, will go with your soul into the courts of heaven. Your body will remain in the earth,

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but there's going to come a time when that body that you lived in during your earthly existence will be raised from the grave. And our spirit and soul will be reunited, if you will, with your body but it will be made a glorious body. I think that's so powerful.

If you've ever seen anybody die, someone that you've loved so dearly, perhaps you've had someone in your family die of cancer and you've seen their body wreaked havoc with the disease of cancer, and it's a sad thing to see the body weakened and to be corrupted. It's a very mournful thing to see that. But if your loved one was born again, in other words, your loved one had a renewed spirit, had a born again spirit then your loved one will have their body back one day, though it will not be the body that you saw in the end. It will be a glorious body, a strong body, a beautiful body.

I Corinthians 15: 20-22, ***"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits (the first fruits) of those who have fallen asleep."***

When we read that metaphor there for death, 'falling asleep' we have to remember, it's not talking about your spirit falling asleep or your soul falling asleep. There's only one part of you when you die on the earth that falls asleep and that is in sense your body. Your body falls asleep; it goes into the grave. But it's going to be woke up again, amen, by the resurrection of the dead when Christ comes back, when we experience the second coming of Christ to the earth.

***"For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man."***

What that is also saying is because Christ was resurrected, Christ was not just resurrected spiritually, we're not talking about that, Christ died and He was resurrected on the third day – bodily. And when the apostles and people saw Christ, they saw Christ in His glorified body and if you do some study on that, you'll find that the body Christ had when He rose from the dead was quite different from the body He had prior to His resurrection and ascension.

We know from the gospels that when Christ's body, when He arose in His glorified body, His body was not in any way hindered from distance. He could be in one place one second, and in another place in another second. He could actually move through walls. So there's going to be a real changing up of the physics of your body.

So another thing that I find interesting about Christ's glorified body is that he actually was able to eat with His glorified body. So in some ways, your glorified body is going to be the same, but in other ways it's going to be quite, quite different.

***"For as in Adam, all died, so in Christ, all will be made alive, but each in his own turn."***

Christ is the first fruits, then when He comes, those who belong to Him. See, now, you've got to get this, Verse 23, ***"Each in his own turn. Christ the first fruits, THEN when He comes,"***

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See you have to understand; this is a basic tenant foundation of Christianity. There will be a second coming of Jesus Christ to the earth. First advent was when He came to die on the cross, He was buried 3 days, He arose the third day and then He ascended to heaven, He's coming back, alright? And when He comes back, it's going to mean a tremendous wonderful thing for the earth. He's coming to rule and to rein on the earth. But now, you will also rule and rein with Him, in your what? In your glorified body. You don't live on this earth without a body. You have to have a body to live on the earth, so when you come back with Christ, you will rule and rein with Christ on the earth and you will be doing that in a glorified body. That is so exciting.

Anybody that has grown old and they have lost their faculties, and their body's been weakened by the fact of sin, we've just got to grab a hold of the fact that sin is a real force on the earth. And though your spirit is born again, and your soul is renewed daily through the washing of the water of the Word and by focusing on the things of Christ, your body is going to grow weaker day by day. The older you get, the weaker your body will become, but praise God! Even your body is one day going to be glorified, be made new, and your spirit and your soul will reunite with your body that will be raised from the dead, at the second coming of Christ.

Now, you need to really think about what I'm saying. Your body is extremely important to God. He loves your body. He created your body, so you should not disrespect your body on the earth. Your body's going to be resurrected one day and be made glorified. That's what the Apostle Paul's talking about when he says, ***"Be preserved to the coming of the Lord."***

Look at I Thessalonians 4:13. We're going to read through I Thessalonians 5:1. ***"Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant."***

You know, Apostle Paul, the apostle's doctrine will teach people. That's why people who are not moving apostolically can never grow up in the things of God. They stay at such a low level, they have no understanding. Apostle Paul is saying, ***"I don't want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep."*** Again, this is a metaphor for death, for ***"those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him."***

What this is saying is those who have died in Christ. ***"According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep."*** He's talking about people who are Christians who have died.

***"For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with a voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God and the dead in Christ will rise first."*** The dead in Christ – that means bodies, the bodies of people who inhabited those bodies at one time. Those bodies, ***"will rise first and after we who are still alive and are left, will be caught up together with them in the"***

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***clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage each other with these words.***

Now what is this saying? Let me break it down. If you have a loved one, and all of us have had loved ones who have died, alright that loved one, if their spirit man has been regenerated, been resurrected, alright, been made new in Christ because they've had a revelation of Christ, what is going to happen is that at their death, their spirit and soul will leave their body, go and immediately be with the Lord in heaven. Alright, if you're not present on this earth, you'll be present in Christ in heaven. But your body remains in the earth, asleep. Now when Christ comes back, in His glorified body, when He comes back to the earth, if you and I are alive when Christ comes back to the earth, we will be in our mortal bodies and we will see Christ, but we will not go before the bodies of those that have already gone on before to meet the Lord. In other words, your loved ones that have died, that you've lost, they're with the Lord. They're going to actually come back with the Lord and their bodies are going to be raised from the dead and they're going to rejoin their body, but it's going to be a glorified body.

***“And then we're going to have our bodies changed. In a twinkling of an eye, our mortal bodies will be made immortal and we will rise and meet Christ in the air and we will forever be with the Lord.”***

So I want you to get that understanding. This WILL take place. Jesus WILL return. Those that have already died, their bodies will come out of the grave, and they will put on incorruption. They will be made glorified and they will meet their spirit and their soul and they will be reunited. So that 's real exciting. So not only do you get a new spirit when you come to Jesus, you're promised that you're going to get a brand new glorified body at the second coming of Christ. Alright so, I want you meditate on that. It's very, very important.

II Corinthians 5:6-8, ***“Therefore we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.”***

What is the Apostle Paul saying? This is what He's saying. Right now, I'm speaking to you by this media ministry. My spirit is in my body. Alright? My spirit is in my body. My body is absent from the Lord right now because I'm on the earth and the Lord Jesus is in heaven.

***“For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”***

Now, when I'm absent from my body, that means my spirit and my soul has left my body and I'm now in heaven. But my body is in the earth. See to be absent from your body, is to be present with the Lord. But one day, when Christ comes back, your body, your soul and your spirit, will be able to be present with the Lord.

Alright, how can this be? The scripture gives us the answer. I Corinthians 15:35-55. This is a long passage, so you've got to stick with me.



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I Corinthians 15:35-55, ***“But someone may ask, well, how are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come? How foolish. What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed. Perhaps of wheat or of something else, but God gives it a body as He has determined and to each kind of seed, He gives its own body. All flesh is not the same, men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies. But the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another, the stars another. And stars differ from the star in splendor. So will it be with the resurrection of the dead.”***

Here we go. He gave you an illustration now he’s moving to this basic tenant of Christianity. ***“So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable. It is raised imperishable. It is sown in dishonor. It is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness. It is raised in power. It is sown a natural body. It is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written, the first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural. And after that, the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth. And as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. I declare to you brothers that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. Nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.”***

Now he’s given us a clue right there about how our glorified bodies are going to operate. That’s a major clue there. I’m going to come back to it in a minute. He says, ***“I declare that you, brothers that flesh and blood can’t inherit the Kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we all will be changed in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet, for the trumpet will sound. The dead will be raised imperishable.”***

When Christ comes back at the second coming, the dead will first be raised. Their bodies will be raised. Their bodies will be imperishable. And those who are not dead in our bodies when Christ comes back, we will be changed.

So if Christ comes back right now, our bodies will not be raised from the dead because our bodies are not in the ground right now. But our bodies will immediately be changed. They will change from perishable to imperishable. ***“For the perishable will clothe itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with imperishable and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up with victory, where oh death is your victory? Where oh death is your sting?’”***

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There'll never be any more death at that point. See, you'll never.... If Christ comes back right now, and our mortal bodies are changed immediately, they'll put on immortality, we'll never face going in the grave because death will be over for us, you see?

So what is this saying? I want to go back to it. When a person dies, that you know, that's born again, you need to think of them like, instead of thinking of them when you have the funeral, think of them as being planted in the ground. And there's only a part of them that's planted and that's their bodies because their spirit, if they're born again is with the Lord and their soul is to be with the Lord as well. So it's only their body that's left behind. It is in a sense planted as a seed.

Honey child, listen to what I'm saying, it's going to stay there. It's going to remain there until a great event that's going to happen. It might sound like a fantasy, but I'm telling you the truth, this is what's going to happen, Christ will come back to earth. He's coming back to earth. When He comes back to earth, that dead body of your loved one will be raised before you're even changed.

All the dead in Christ, all the bodies that have been planted in the earth, they're going to rise. And they're perishable bodies, but they're going to put on the imperishable. Their bodies are going to be changed. It's going to be wonderful. And then our bodies, those of us who are alive at the second coming, our bodies will be in a twinkling of an eye, changed from mortality to immortality.

Now, I want to go back to that little clue I was talking about earlier about flesh and blood cannot *inherit* the Kingdom of God. What that's talking about is to operate in the Kingdom of God, you can't operate through flesh and blood. You can't operate in a natural way of thinking, or even in a natural body. I hope you can understand what I'm saying.

People are so twisted, the Kingdom of God, look, the Kingdom of God is not a geographical place. The Kingdom of God is to come to earth. We are to pray and we are to build and we are to advance the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven where? On earth. That is absolutely right. But it's not like, okay, let's go to Detroit, Michigan, because that's where the Kingdom of God is. There's not a geographical place where you can go and find the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is not something you can observe with your physical eye. It doesn't relate to flesh and blood or to the natural. But it is a real place. It is within all of us. The Kingdom of Heaven is within all of us. And when we're under the rule of God, we are moving in the Kingdom of God. We're not moving by our natural senses, we're moving by the spirit, our born again spirit, by the Holy Spirit.

Now, one day though, the Kingdom of God will be observable in a real sense. If you go to heaven right now, you're going to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. You're going to see the Kingdom of Heaven. But you don't go to heaven with a flesh and blood body. Do you understand that? You don't enter heaven with the natural body. There's no way your natural body that you have right now could enter in to heaven. Because your natural body has within it the seed of Adam and that's sin. And your natural

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body is going to die. It's either going to die or it's going to be changed in an instant when Christ comes back.

So now, let's look at this term, 'flesh and blood'. Christ when He came back, we know from the scripture that He didn't have a flesh and blood body. When He was resurrected, the scripture describes His body as what? As flesh and bone. Did you know that? So interesting. You have to really have a love for the Word of God. If you would just open up your spirit, God would teach you so much in the Word. It's all in the Word.

You know people say, oh, when I get to heaven I'm going to ask all these questions of the Lord, and do you know what He's going to tell you? He'll say every question that you're asking Me is already in My Word.

Luke 24: 29-43, ***"Look at my hands*** (Christ is speaking here. This is after He's been resurrected from the grave. This is when He's in His glorified body.) ***Look at my hands and my feet. It is I, myself. Touch Me and see me."***

There's a hint right there. Your glorified body is going to be a body of flesh. See, that's another thing. People have so many twisted ideas about you know, Jesus. Jesus has a, right now as I'm speaking, Christ is in His glorified body and it is a body of flesh. He says, ***"Touch me and see. A ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."***

He didn't say, flesh and blood. He said what? ***"...flesh and bones as you see I have."***

Your glorified body will operate, not like it operates now. It will not operate by the blood within you. It's going to operate by the glory of God that is going to be within you. You're going to be generated by His power and by His glory. Everything in you, in your glorified body, everything in you will be pure and clean and absolutely full of light.

***"Touch me and see. A ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and feet and while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, He asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?'"***

I love it, I love it. So we've got to see that people that have their glorified bodies one day and when we have our glorified bodies one day. We're going to have bodies that can be touched. We're going to have bodies that can eat. ***"They gave Him a piece of broiled fish and He took it and He ate it in their presence."*** So Christ demonstrated that such a body is able to eat and is recognizable by others. That's another powerful thing.

So what kind of body will inherit the Kingdom of God? A glorified flesh and bone body will inherit the Kingdom. So I just praise the name of the Lord. Immediately we've got to realize that only human beings, oh this is so powerful! I want you to understand, you're a human being. You're the greatest creation of Jesus! You're the greatest creation of God!!! You're so far above even angels. Yes, yes, yes,

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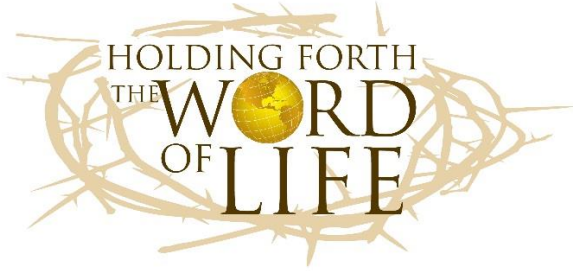
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yes, yes! You're going to judge angels one day. It says, only flesh and bone glorified bodies will inherit God's Kingdom. Even angels who are ministering spirits do not have this privilege. Only sons and daughters of the King, inherit the Kingdom.

I just want you to understand, there's a whole new existence ahead of you. I don't care what age. Maybe you're 80 years old and you're listening to this message. I want you to get excited. You know your body may not be the way it was when you were 15, but honey, you're going to get a glorified body. God's going to give it all back to you. This earthly walk is just a minute. Just a minute part of your purpose of living. You know, the Lord hates disease, He hates to see bodily suffering. God hates corruption of any kind. He hates these things because He loves life. And He is love. God makes all things NEW. God makes all things right in Him. If you've watched a loved one suffer in his body before death, you KNOW the importance of a glorified body. Our Father simply loves all of us. When we have our new bodies and we walk in pure glory, the suffering we went through in the life will be nothing compared to it, it will seem like a dream. As we close today, I want you to just glorify the Lord. Get excited about what God has in plan for your life. You're going to live forever and ever and ever and ever. You're going to even have a glorified body just like the body Christ had when He rose from the dead.

So as Colossians 3:2-4 says, ***"Set your affection on things above not on the earth. For you are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our light shall appear, then we shall appear with Him in glory."***

Focus your life's energy on knowing Christ and hearing His voice. How you live your life on earth determines how you will live your life in the hereafter. The Lord is good. The Lord is good. Amen



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We're continuing our study of the elementary teachings of Christ. I want to go ahead and read that again.

***“Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ... (You've got to know them before you can leave them.) ... and then go on to maturity. (If you don't know these, if you don't have an understanding of these, if you're not operating in these principles, in these teachings, if you're not conscious of them, you're not going to mature. And if you don't mature, there's no way you're going to move into the plans and the destiny God has for you.) So let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead...***

We just now have spoken about a spiritual resurrection and a physical resurrection meaning receiving your glorified body and now we're moving to the last elementary teaching and that is about eternal judgment and God permitting, we will do so. Now I want to talk to you about eternal judgment and I want you to understand that it is a reality and you must thoroughly understand it if you're going to grow in your faith. I believe this teaching is one of the reasons why people grow, people become disciples of Christ. And if you don't understand this teaching, if you don't have reality of this teaching either you're not born again and you think you're born again, you've just got churchy-anity you don't have Christianity, or you truly are born again and you haven't had proper teaching and a proper foundation laid therefore you're not moving on to maturity.

Before I go into this message, I want you to understand that judgment always flows out of the love of God. People have the wrong idea of judgment. Judgment is simply coming to a place of decision, coming to a place where something stops in your life and something else begins in your life. Judgment is actually a good thing. And God moves in judgment out of His true love for His people. We should actually invite the judgment of God in our lives. Because most often we do not realize the negative and opposing things we think and do that are contrary to God's ways and if we would say, “Lord, show me, I want and desire Your judgment. I want you to show me the things in my life that need to stop and show me the things that need to begin.” That's a powerful prayer.

The judgment of the Lord comes because He loves His children.

***Psalms 37:28, “For the Lord loves judgment and forsakes not His saints. They are preserved forever. But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. “***

You look at the newspaper today and you see people murdering people, you see people molesting little children, you see megalomaniac dictators killing their people, genocide, you see suicide bombers, you see all this wickedness going on in the world and you see a lot of wickedness actually perpetrated on godly people. That is the reason we have eternal judgment.

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Sometimes people do not receive judgment rightly, justly on the earth, but in the hereafter there will be right judgment that will be meted out. So you have to consider the fact that there is judgment for the wicked that they will be cut off forever. There's going to come a time when there will be no more wicked, there will be no more evil and that is because of the goodness of God. Now, you may wonder why God allows the wicked to prosper. You may wonder why the wicked sometimes get away with certain things. The Lord is very loving. He is patient and He waits for the wicked to repent.

II Peter 3:9, ***"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but all should come to repentance."***

I don't believe that God judges the wicked for Himself, but He judges the wicked out of His love for mankind. He desires only good for His children and therefore it is His plan to completely eradicate evil from His creation. Now when I say the word 'evil', I want you to have an understanding of what it means. It's in the New Testament, the Greek for evil or evil doer is 'phaulos' which primarily denotes, "slight, trivial, blown about by every wind". Think about that. Worthless. That's what an evil doer is. An evil doer many times is not somebody who actually commits murder or who is molesting or who is sexually abusing. It's not always what we think it is to be. Evil can simply be somebody who moves about blown by every wind, who has a trivial life, who has a very low life, who has a very worthless contemptible, belongs to a low order of things. That is someone who practices evil and it will be the evil doer that will be judged.

A person who does not love God, but would rather cling to trivialities, a low-life order, doesn't want to turn to the light of Christ, is judged.

John 3:19-21, ***"And this is the condemnation, that light has come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For everyone that doeth evil, hates the light, neither cometh to the light lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light that his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God."***

You see, God sent light into His world, into this world. His Son, Jesus, is The Light. What we don't understand though, is a person may seem to be morally good and nice, but they can be truly evil if they reject the Light of God who is Christ. The truth is that person who rejects Christ, The Anointed One, hates the light. That means he hates God and His Son, Jesus, and he would rather live in darkness.

Some people have a hard time believing that Christ is the only way, Jesus is the only way to the Father. But the scripture teaches that and if you don't receive Jesus the Christ who is The Light of the World, then you are rejecting the light that God has sent. You are actually rejecting the way by which God has provided for you to be taken out of the world, taken out of judgment to be delivered from the judgment of the

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wicked. And some people say, 'Well, what about these people who are like in the jungles of the Amazon who have never had a chance to receive Christ?'

Romans 1:17-20 speaks to this, ***"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith. As it is written, the just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. Because what may be known of God is manifest in them. For God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes are being clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and god-head, so they are without excuse."***

You cannot go out at night and look at the stars in the sky and say there is no God. The heavens are always declaring the glory of God. People in the darkest part of the Amazon jungle can see that there is something greater than themselves, can SEE that. So even the stars, even the universe, even God's creation shows and tells of God's glory.

People who reject God, people who reject something greater than themselves, will be judged eternally and they will enter into great darkness. People who do not worship God, are suppressing the truth. Truth is what the judgment of God is all about. When we stand before God, the issue will be about facing the truth about ourselves. They'll be no room for excuses at judgment day. God will not except the excuse, "Well Lord, I'm only human." Or, "Lord, I didn't know what you expected." "Well Lord, I was tired." "I was unsure." "I was inadequate." You will face the truth and you will see it just as plain as day.

So how will the judgment take place? When will the judgment take place? And what is its significance for us today? You have to understand that there are two eternal judgments which will take place for the resurrection of the dead. There is a judgment for the Christian and there is a judgment for the unbeliever.

I want to first look at the judgment for the believer. II Corinthians 5: 9-10, ***"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body."***

So you're going to be judged as a Christian for what you did while you were on earth, while you were in your body. That is why it is so very important that you understand that you are to sanctify your body. You have to have an understanding that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. And so the scripture says we're going to appear before Christ and we're going to receive what's due us while we did in our body, what we did while we were in our body whether it was good or bad. So that tells me right there that the Christian is going to be judged for what they did in their body. They're going to be judged either for what they did good, or what they did bad. What they did by the Holy Ghost while they were in their body, or what they did by their own fleshly nature in their bodies.



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Romans 14: 10-12 says, ***“For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat. (For we will ALL stand before God’s judgment seat.) It is written, ‘as surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘Every knee (that means people who are believers and people who are not believers) will bow before me. Every tongue will confess to God.”***

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. Every human being on this earth will have to give an account to God. I find it so funny. People don’t want to be accountable today. You know even in the church; they don’t want to be accountable to other people. Well, you know what? You better get accountable. You better start putting yourself under accountability now. Because being accountable now to God, being accountable to God’s people now is preparing you for the great day when you’re going to go before Christ because you’re going to be in the end, accountable to God for the things you do. And if you’ll put yourself under accountability now, you’re going to be in a great place when you go before Christ and you’re accountable to Him. You want to get prepared for that.

Judgment for the Christian is not about receiving punishment for sin, but about receiving or losing rewards for either being faithful or unfaithful on the earth. Every Christian should realize that Christ will judge his or her works for the Kingdom. The things you did on earth will be judged – your works. If every Christian truly believed this, they will have a proper fear of the Lord and would be more diligent to serve and to be obedient to Him.

Works done in faith and from a pure heart will receive reward. But dead works, apart from faith, will receive no reward. Works without faith are dead. Every work that you’ve done in your body, even though you may be a believer, apart from Jesus Christ are dead works, and you’re going to be judged for that.

I Corinthians 3:13-15, ***“Every man’s work will be made manifest, for the day will declare it because it shall be revealed by fire and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is. If any man’s work abide which he had built there upon, he shall receive a reward. If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire.”***

In other words, this is not about your eternal salvation, it’s not about you being born again or not being born again. If you go before the judgment seat of Christ, that means you ARE born again. And He’s going to be judging the way you lived your life, if you were obedient to Him, if you moved by faith, if you moved by a pure heart, if you laid down your life for Him. That’s what you’re going to be judged, and if you have nothing to show for your life, if you have no fruit and if what you show to Him is burned up because it’s hay or stubble, is worthless, then you yourself will be saved, but your works will not be saved, and you will lose reward. And believe you me, there’s going to be different degrees in heaven. I don’t care what you’ve been taught, when you go to heaven, there’s going to be degrees in heaven. And a real part of this is, if you’ve not laid your life down on earth, if you haven’t died to your life here on earth, if you haven’t poured out your soul up on the earth as Jesus did, then when you go to heaven you won’t have a full

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capacity to fully enjoy all the things that God has prepared for you because you've lost those things that God's prepared for you. You've lost your rewards. You've suffered loss because you lived a low life here upon the earth. Though you may have been born again, you did not live your life for Christ on the earth as you were commanded to do.

The greatest thing you want to hear when you go to heaven is, "Well done my good and faithful servant." That indicates that Christians will suffer loss if their works are judged as unworthy and again I want to say that any works done without faith or with impure motive is going to be burned up in the fire, although the Christian's life will be saved.

The sins of the Christian have already been judged and forgiven by the blood of the lamb, CLEANSED by the blood of the lamb. But when people truly understand and accept the blood sacrifice of Christ, they admit the truth that God is God and they are not. They admit the truth that Jesus Christ is Lord. So if you really have a fullness of this understanding that all your sins have been washed away by the blood of the Lamb, you should have something within you to want to live your life now, for the Lord. And it grieves God, and I think you've got to look at your life; are you really born again, if you think you can live your life now anyway you want to live it? You can live a life that's not accountable, I'm telling you, you better check yourself before you wreck yourself. You may not be born again.

Somebody who really has had a revelation of Christ and His love, should want to lay down their life for the Lord and live for Him.

Alright so when does the Judgment Seat of Christ take place? It happens at the resurrection of your body. There is a period of waiting. When Christ returns to the earth, the bodies of departed saints will rise from the grave and be re-united with their spirits and their souls. This is what we call the first resurrection.

Revelation 20: 5-6, ***"The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection."*** Alright, ***"Blessed and holy are those that have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years."***

This is the glorified body we learned about previously. You're going to stand before Christ in your glorified body and that is when you're going to receive rewards for the things you did while you lived on the earth. ***"The second death will not touch these believers because they were part of the first resurrection."***

Now I want to make it clear to you, ALL people, all human beings are going to experience a resurrection of their body, so even people who are wicked and who rejected Christ, their bodies are going to be raised from the dead, but they're not going to have glorified bodies.

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John 5: 28-30, ***“Do not marvel at this for the hour is coming in which all (A- double ‘I’, ALL) who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life (That’s the first resurrection. That’s the resurrection you want to be in, your body wants to be in.) ...and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation.”***

So, this leads me to the second eternal judgment that we’re going to talk about and that is the judgment that’s awaiting unbelievers. And that is called the Great White Throne of Judgment. There’s a difference between the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Great White Throne of Judgment. The difference is this; when you stand before the Great White Throne of Judgment spoken of in Revelation, that means that you are not born again, your spirit man never had an encounter with Christ, never was regenerated. You might have been a church goer. You might have gone to church all your life. But that doesn’t mean that you were born again. You could be an honest person. You could be a delightful person to be around. You could be, people say, ‘Oh, he was such a good man.’ You know, can I just tell you? There’s nobody good except Christ.

You know, people cannot be good without Christ. You can never be in a good place unless you’re in Christ. So there’s going to be a lot of people who are going to be resurrected, and they’re going to be resurrected in the resurrection of condemnation and they’re going to be resurrected in their bodies and they’re going to face God. And they are going to be sent to a place of eternal damnation. It’s a real place.

After death, only judgment is left for those who remain undecided on the earth. The resurrection of the wicked dead takes place after the final rebellion of Satan and those men and women who followed him, after the thousand-year reign of Christ, the bodies of people who are unbelievers will rise from the dead. The souls of the wicked dead are in Sheol or Hades. Right now, at this point, if you had someone you knew that died and they were not born again, their bodies are in the grave. That’s where their bodies are. Their spirit that is un-regenerated, their soul is in a place called ‘hades’. It’s kind of like a holding tank for the dead. It’s a place of torment. It’s not a good place. Jesus taught about this place in the parable of Lazarus and the rich man.

Luke 16: 22-26, ***“The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, (That’s hades. The word ‘hell’ in the Greek, is hades. It’s sometimes interpreted as the grave.) In hell, where he was in torment... (So I want to go ahead and say this immediately, that if you die and you have an unregenerated spirit, if you have not had revelation of Jesus the Christ, the son of the living God, Christ is the only way to salvation and deliverance; if you die without Christ, without knowing Christ, without understanding the reality of Christ, having a head knowledge of Christ is not enough. If you die without Christ, knowing Him and Him knowing you, you will immediately enter a place called hell, a place called hades and it is a place of torment.) ...in hell where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side and so he called him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue because I am in agony in this fire. But Abraham replied, ‘Remember son, that in***

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***your lifetime you received good things while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all of this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed so that those who want to go from here to you cannot. Nor can anyone cross over from there to us.***

Once you're in hell, you are separated from God. God doesn't come to you and you cannot come to God. It's over. And that's the truth of it. All that's left for you is judgment. Now, at the judgment seat, at the White Throne of Judgment, these souls will reunite with their bodies and they will both be cast into the Lake of Fire and the Lake of Fire is what we know, when Jesus taught about Hell, when He taught about a place called Hell, He was speaking of the word 'Gehenna' which means fiery place, a garbage dump, so to speak that was always on fire.

Matthew 5:22 and 29, ***"But I say unto you, (Jesus is speaking) that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca' shall be in danger of the counsel, but whoever shall say, 'thou fool' shall be in danger of hell fire.*** (This is Jesus speaking.) ***And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee, for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish and not that your whole body should be cast into hell.***

This word hell is translated in the Greek as the word, 'Gehenna' doesn't mean 'hades'. In Jesus' day Gehenna was a valley in Jerusalem and it was used as a garbage heap that was constantly smoldering. Gehenna was a figurative term that the Jews used for eternal torment. Hades, now, is that holding tank for departed souls. Old Testament saints did not go directly to heaven until after Christ paid the penalty for their sins, for the sins of all mankind.

We read that in Ephesians 4: 8-10, ***"Wherefore He said: 'When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.' Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first unto the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens that he might fill all things."***

Only unbelievers are there now, and they are awaiting the second resurrection. So our understanding is, the Old Testament saints when they died, they went to a place in the grave, but it was not a place of torment, it was really a place of paradise. Then when Christ died on the cross, He went and He got the Old Testament saints and He brought them up out of this place and at that point in time, they indeed became born again. Their righteous souls, they were righteous men, they became born again and now they, their spirit and their soul is with Christ in heaven. And what remains now in Hades are only those people's spirits and souls who have not been regenerated and renewed and they are awaiting now, the Great White Throne of Judgment. They will stand in their bodies when they're resurrected, they will stand in their bodies before the Great White Throne of Judgment that we read in:

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Revelation 20: 11-21 says, ***“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated upon it. Earth and sky fled from His presence and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small... (This is talking about the wicked dead now. This is talking about the dead that did not come, their bodies are dead and they will remain dead. They will not get glorified bodies because they never received Christ.) And I saw the dead, great and small standing before the throne and books were open. And another book was opened which is the Book of Life. The dead were judged according to what they were done as recorded in the books. (This is so powerful.) The sea gave up the dead that were in it and Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire is the second death. If anyone’s name was not found written in the Book of Life, he is thrown into the Lake of Fire.”***

Your names are recorded in the Book of Life if you are born again by God, you’re born again of God. You’ve had a revelation of who Christ is, you’ve received Christ and Christ lives in you. That’s the Book of Life.

So here we see the wicked dead standing before the Lord and it’s saying they’re going to be judged according to their works. What is that talking about? The reason why people that are going to be thrown into the Lake of Fire are going to be judged prior is that they’re going to be judged according to the deeds they did. There are degrees of torment in the Lake of Fire. There are degrees. There are degrees in hell, so to speak. Think about what I’m saying.

Everything’s recorded; everything you’ve done. If you don’t know Christ, you’re going to be judged for how you lived your life. So if you did good things while you were in your body, fine, that’s fine. If you were a moral person, fine, that’s fine. If you were an honest person, good, that’s good. You’re still going to go to hell and burn in fire. Your torment just won’t be as great as those that lived dishonestly and immorally.

The second death refers to people who were alive and dead and will be dead forever more. That’s what the second death means. It means you were born on the earth, you lived your life but you never became born again. And because you never became born again of God, your spirit man never became alive to God, you will DIE again eternally. That is the second death.

This judgment is everlasting. This judgment is eternal.

Jude 5-7, ***“But I want to remind you, though you once knew this that the Lord having saved or delivered the people out of the land of Egypt, afterwards destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day. At Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them in a similar manner to these having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”***

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II Thessalonians 1: 8-10, ***“He will punish those who do not know God.... (I want to just say this...) He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. “***

People will say to you, they know God. They're going to say to you they know God. But they're also going to say but they don't believe in Jesus. ...NO. The demons believe in God and tremble. Jesus is God.

***“He will punish those who do not know God and do not know the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of His power.”***

I don't know how clearer the scripture can be. Eternal judgment is coming. If you have ears to hear, HEAR! Hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying. Live today and seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. With all your heart, live for the Lord. For one day we will all stand before God. Believers will stand before Christ and they will be judged according to their works. How they lived their life on the earth. They will be rewarded in heaven for how they lived their life on the earth.

But there is also a place of eternal torment and it's not just an imaginary place. It's a real place. And this is the judgment that's going to take place for people that stand before the Great White Throne of Judgment, people who are the wicked dead, the people who did not receive the Lord while they were on the earth.

The love of God compels us to tell others the way of escape. Every person who truly is seeking the Lord will hear what you have to say. And every person who rejects your witness of Christ will remember it one day and he will also know, he is indeed without excuse when he stands before The Judge of the living and the dead.

Beloved, born again, baptized in the Holy Spirit and in Fire, you will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Live your life for Christ on the earth so that you will receive the joy of your reward for everlasting and everlasting so you will not suffer loss but you will receive all that God has prepared for you. And if there's anybody listening to this CD right now that is under the conviction of the Holy Spirit; you may be a good person, you may be a religious person, but you know deep down inside that you don't have a true relationship with Christ. There is no real reality of Christ in your life, then you have to face the fact that you're not born again because you don't obey the gospel of Jesus. You say you believe in God, but you don't obey the gospel of Jesus Christ, my FRIEND, come to know Christ. Give your life to Christ and be spared the Great White Throne of Judgment. Be spared eternal damnation. Be spared the second death.

We love you, we bless you, and let's continue to be a people that holds for the Word of Life.