

Basic Principles of The Doctrine Of Christ

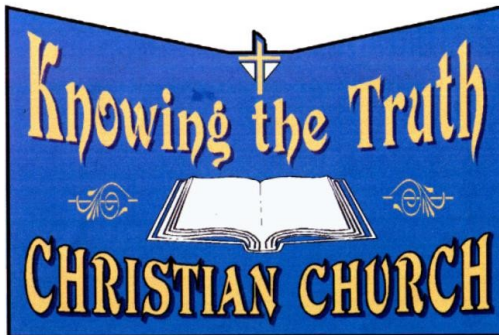
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1 Knowing The Truth Christian Church



Knowing The Truth Christian Church is not a brick and mortar church. It can only be found online at <https://www.kttcc.org> where you can find resources to help you in your walk with God. We realize that there are all kinds of resources on the internet but we simply want to do our part. On the day of judgment God is not going to ask us about what somebody else did for the kingdom, but rather what did I do for the kingdom? You need to ask yourself the same question. What have I done for the Kingdom? What am I doing for the Kingdom? and What am I going to do for the Kingdom?

Long story short is that we should be doing something EVERYDAY for the Kingdom of God! Something!

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2 Basic Principles of The Doctrine Of Christ

Every believer should have a working knowledge of the principles of the doctrine of Christ. It is obvious that God wanted these principals taught because Hebrews 6:1 says "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ" and Hebrews 6:3 says "And this will we do, if God permit".

Hebrews 6:1-3 KJV

(1) Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
(2) Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
(3) And this will we do, if God permit.

1. The Foundation of Repentance From Dead Works
2. Faith Toward God
3. The Doctrine of Baptisms
4. Laying on of Hands
5. Resurrection of The Dead
6. Eternal Judgment

We are [going](#) to stay mainly in the New Testament because we are exploring the doctrine of Christ.

3 Repentance From Dead Works

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- (3) And this will we do, if God permit.

Hebrews 6:1-3 AMPC+

- (1) THEREFORE LET us go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings and doctrine of Christ (the Messiah), advancing steadily toward the completeness and perfection that belong to spiritual maturity. Let us not again be laying the foundation of repentance and abandonment of dead works (dead formalism) and of the faith [by which you turned] to God,
- (2) With teachings about purifying, the laying on of hands, the resurrection from the dead, and eternal judgment and punishment. [These are all matters of which you should have been fully aware long, long ago.]
- (3) If indeed God permits, we will [now] proceed [to advanced teaching].

- We want to advance in our knowledge concerning the basic doctrines of Christ. It is necessary that we get a grip on these basic teachings so that we can move on to greater things. We have to have a good foundation on which to build.

Hebrews 6:1-3 GNB (Good News Bible)

- (1) Let us go forward, then, to mature teaching and leave behind us the first lessons of the Christian message. We should not lay again the foundation of turning away from useless works and believing in God;

(2) of the teaching about baptisms and the laying on of hands; of the resurrection of the dead and the eternal judgment.

(3) Let us go forward! And this is what we will do, if God allows.

- The Amplified bible describes dead works as "dead formalism". The Good News Bible describes it as "useless works".
- Works have their place. You can have "dead works" or "works that are meaningful", it's the dead and useless works that the writer is talking about here.

Hebrews 9:14 KJV

(14) How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

- When we substitute our faith with our works **we are performing dead works**. Works are no substitute for faith. **We perform works because we are saved, we don't perform works to be saved.**
- When our actions are not based on the Word of God they are dead works.

Our works can turn into formalism and rituals when they are not framed by the word of God. These are dead works.

- **Works are good when they are wrought in God.**

The Book of Hebrews was written to a Jewish audience. The Jewish religion was filled with all kinds of dutiful works that posed a problem for converted Jews. These rituals (works) were so entrenched in their religious practices that it was very hard for some to let them go. Many people were even murdered because of the practice of doing certain works or lack of doing certain works..

One of the main rituals was that of circumcision.

Acts 15:1 KJV

(1) And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

- They told people they couldn't be saved if they weren't circumcised after the manner of Moses. Being circumcised was a dead work.

1 Corinthians 7:19 KJV

(19) Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

- The Apostle Paul points out that the only thing that matters is keeping the commandments of God. Here is where most of us fall short. Keeping the commandments of God takes a whole lot of self denial. Most of us are simply not willing to go through the pain of self denial.

John 7:19 KJV

(19) Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?

- Jesus rebukes them by pointing out that Moses gave them the law but none of them could keep it. This should be a vital first step in understanding that we cannot be saved based on doing rituals, tradition, or any works whatsoever.

WORKS CANNOT SAVE US!

Ephesians 2:8-10 KJV

(8) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

(9) **Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

(10) For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

- We are saved through FAITH.
- We are saved because of GRACE
- None of it comes because of us. ALL OF IT IS A GIFT FROM GOD!
- IF IT WAS BASED ON WORKS PEOPLE WOULD BE BRAGGING ABOUT WHAT THEY DID!
- We were created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**. In other words we perform good works because of who we are in Christ Jesus. Not to brag, or boast, or anything else but to simply bring glory and honor to God and His kingdom.

John 3:16-21 KJV

(16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

(18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

(19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their **deeds were evil**.

(20) For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, **lest his deeds should be reprov'd**.

(21) But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his **deeds** may be made manifest, **that they are wrought in God**.

- There is a such thing as good works (deeds). As believers we want to have our lives **filled with good works. Good works are doing those things motivated by love and respect for God, which includes our fellow man.**

Matthew 5:16 KJV

(16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- Our life as believers should be filled with good works. Works based on service to God and our fellow man.
- There is nothing wrong with doing good works before people. Jesus said it, and He himself did it all the time. The problem comes when we do it just to be seen of men and receive glory from man and fail to give God the glory.

4 Faith Toward God

Romans 12:3 KJV

(3) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, **according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

- Every person has the capacity to believe. Without faith the world would come to a grinding halt. Everyone would be afraid to get on an airplane, or drive a car through fear of death.
- Without faith a person wouldn't work two weeks without getting paid. They work, by faith, believing the word of the employer that in two weeks they will get a pay check.
- People who believe in evolution do it by faith. They hear the words of those who "supposed to know" and apply what someone else has said to their belief system. They have no way of verifying what somebody else has said. Actually the fossil record points to creation. There is no evidence in the fossil record of slow evolving creatures. If evolution were true the ground would be full of evidence but it simply doesn't exist.
- The same holds true for those who believe in the "Big Bang Theory". People take the word of scientist who themselves are simply making "educated guesses".
- The atheist believes there isn't a God, although they can't prove it. Creation rather points to the fact that there is a God. There is way too much complexity and intricate workings for all of this to have just happened. Their is intelligent thought and design in our entire existence.
- We are controlled too much by our senses.
- Faith is a spiritual force not a natural force.
- Our spirits produce faith, not our minds.
- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

- Obedience takes us to a higher level of faith.
- Faith is an action word, when we believe something there is always a corresponding action.
- When we spend our days catering to life and it's issues we are actually eroding our faith.
- Sin is disobedience:
 1. There are sins of commission, that is doing things we shouldn't do.
 2. There are sins of omission, that is not doing things that we should do.

Both types of sin are bad.

We Are Under Too Much Control By Our Senses.

2 Corinthians 5:7 KJV

(7) **(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)**

For we walk by faith, not by what we hear.
For we walk by faith, not by what we feel.
For we walk by faith, not by what we smell.
For we walk by faith, not by what we taste.
For we walk by faith, not by what we see.

For we walk by faith, by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

God has given us our five senses to detect and gather information that can be used by the body to make it in this world. Our senses should not be telling us what to do as it relates to spiritual things. The word of God is the only thing that should be directing our lives.

Luke 8:49-56 KJV

(49) While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, **saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.**

(50) But when **Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.**

(51) And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.

(52) And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.

(53) **And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.**

(54) And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.

(55) And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.

(56) And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

- The maidens parents heard the servant SAY, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the master.

But when Jesus HEARD it, he answered him, **saying, FEAR NOT: BELIEVE ONLY, AND SHE SHALL BE MADE WHOLE.**

- **How we believe determines the outcome.**

- We have another example of senses taking in information. It is possible for our faith to be negated if we walk by our senses.

Peter Walks On Water:

Matthew 14:22-33 KJV

(22) And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

(23) And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

(24) But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

(25) And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

(26) And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

(27) But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, **Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.**

(28) And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

(29) And he said, **Come.** And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

(30) **But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink**, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

(31) And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?**

(32) And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

(33) Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

- When Peter first got out of the boat he wasn't looking at the roaring sea around him, he simply focused on the words that Jesus had spoken to him. He was doing well until he shifted his focus to the boisterous winds blowing against him. **FEAR TOOK OVER AND HE BEGAN TO SINK.** Faith and fear cannot abide in the same space.

- We must constantly rebuke the spirit of fear and work on overcoming our fears at all costs.
- How we believe determines the outcome.

Our senses will feed us information, but we must not look at what our senses are telling us. We should only look at what the Word of God says.

4.1 The Law of Faith

Faith is one of the most misunderstood principles that we find in the Word of God. On one hand we read about tremendous victories that were won through faith and on the other, countless defeats in life because of a lack of faith.

There are a couple of things that we must understand when it comes to faith.

- First and foremost **faith is a spiritual law!** Law's of the spirit are absolute! If there is enough faith generated, the law of faith will go into effect and do whatever it is that was the object of faith.

Matthew 8:5-13 KJV

(5) And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

(6) And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

(7) And Jesus saith unto him, **I will come and heal him.**

(8) The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

(9) For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another,

Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.

(10) When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, **Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**

(11) And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

(12) But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

(13) And Jesus said unto the centurion, **Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.** And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

- We see a couple of principles here. The centurion was not of the nation of Israel, but he was a roman soldier in charge of one hundred men. Despite his nationality he was able to use his faith to aid his servant. The law of faith works when there is enough faith generated!
- The second principle is: It is possible to use our faith on behalf of someone else. The centurion used his faith to get his servant healed. This is a subject for another discussion.

Matthew 15:21-28 KJV

(21) Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

(22) And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

(23) But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

(24) But he answered and said, **I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

(25) Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

(26) But he answered and said, **It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs.**

(27) And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

(28) Then Jesus answered and said unto her, **O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.**

And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

- Here is another example of a person who was not of the nation of Israel but received deliverance for her daughter because of the law of faith. We also see the same law of believing for someone else. Jesus also said "be it unto thee even as thou wilt". It was the woman's faith that got her daughter delivered not Jesus's faith!

Mark 11:12-14 KJV

(12) And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

(13) And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not *yet*.

(14) And Jesus answered and **said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever.** And his disciples heard *it*.

- Notice the scripture says "Jesus answered and said unto it". The fig tree said to Jesus "I have figs on me". Jesus observed the leaves on the fig tree and assumed there were figs ready to be eaten. So Jesus answered the fig tree and said to it "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever."
- Faith is activated through words.

Mark 11:20-26 KJV

(20) And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

(21) And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, **Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.**

(22) And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.**

(23) For verily I say unto you, That whosoever **shall say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; **and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

(24) Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

(25) And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

(26) But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

- Jesus connects FAITH, FORGIVENESS, and RESULTS. Always walk in love and be sure and forgive anybody no matter what the transgression is against you.
- Jesus set forth many examples concerning the law of faith but I think this explanation is the best one that clearly illustrates this law.
- Believing and saying, believing and saying. You shall have whatsoever you say.

1. Have faith in God
2. Say inwardly (confession in the soul and spirit) and outwardly (confession with the mouth) the things that you want to come to pass.
3. Do not doubt in the heart. **THIS AREA IS PROBABLY THE MOST PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE SOMETIMES WE DON'T REALIZE THAT WE HAVE DOUBT IN OUR HEARTS.**
4. Always walk in love and forgiveness because faith works by love. IT IS A FRUIT OF OUR RE-CREATED SPIRITS. ALL FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS A SUBSET OF THE MAIN FRUIT WHICH IS LOVE.

Romans 3:27 KJV

(27) Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the **law of faith.**

We must also consider that there is a such thing as "no faith", "little faith", and "great faith".

- No faith means just that. There isn't any faith being exercised at all toward the object or thing that we desire. Every person has the capacity to believe.(Romans 12:3)
- Little faith means that we are believing but it is not enough to get the job done.
- Great faith means there is enough faith in operation to get the job done.
- OFTENTIMES WE ARE OPERATING IN "LITTLE FAITH" AND THE JOB IS NOT GETTING DONE. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT "ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE IF WE BELIEVE. THAT IS BELIEVE, HAVING ENOUGH FAITH TO GET THE JOB DONE.
- When we don't get the results we expect, we start saying "It must not be the will of God" or "God didn't hear my prayer because of some sin we have committed or currently committing.
- There are hindrances to faith.

Faith and Fear Cannot Abide In The Same Place

Mark 4:35-41 KJV

(35) And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, **Let us pass over unto the other side.**

(36) And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

(37) And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

(38) And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

(39) And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

(40) And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

(41) And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

- It's interesting that Jesus asked the disciples. "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that you have no faith? The disciples could have gotten themselves out of this jam using the law of faith. The problem was, they had no idea they had the authority. Because of this lack of knowledge it was impossible for them to act on anything, therefore they were "faithless" and "fearful"
- Not knowing our rights in Christ is another game changer. We can never use what we don't know we have.
- We must arm ourselves with the knowledge and understanding of the Word of God.

- Faith and fear cannot abide in the same place. When we are fearful, faith is not being generated. This is why it is so important to conquer our fears by putting our full trust in God.

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- Here we see several principles in action.

1. Faith can over ride natural law. Jesus walked on water and so did Peter.

2. Faith can be negated through our senses.

- a. In verse 30 Peter **saw** the wind boisterous, which caused him to fear, which in turn caused him to start sinking.

3. Jesus told Peter that he had little faith. Peter had faith enough to get out of the boat and actually walk on water.

- a. Peter couldn't sustain his faith because he started looking at his surroundings and circumstances. The information that was fed to him through his senses became the dominant factor in him and he began to sink.

4. Jesus said that Peter had "little faith" because he wasn't able to sustain his faith in this situation.

Galatians 5:22-26 KJV

(22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, **faith**,

(23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

(24) And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

(25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

(26) Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

- Faith is a spiritual law and will work for any person that can believe, but mountain moving faith only comes out of the recreated spirit of the born again believer. It is not a mental

force but rather a spiritual force. Faith must be activated through the power of our spirits and not the power of our minds.

Mark 9:23 KJV

(23) Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.**

- Jesus said "If thou canst believe".

4.2 No Faith

When we talk about having no faith, we have to qualify the statement because every person has the capacity to believe. Most of the time people put faith in what they are hearing, seeing, touching, smelling, or tasting.

Romans 12:3 KJV

(3) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as **God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

- Because God is a spirit, many unbelievers think he doesn't exist, because they can't see Him, but the evidence of His existence is creation itself.

Romans 1:20 KJV

(20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are **clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,** *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

1. Do we believe what our senses are telling us?
2. Do we believe what the Word of God is telling us?

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(40) **And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?**

(41) And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

- Lack of knowledge kept them from exercising faith. They had no idea they had authority to speak to the storm just like Jesus did. We can't exercise faith in something that we don't know about.
- Faith and fear cannot abide in the same place. When we are fearful, faith is not being generated. In this case they were so overcome with fear that they had NO FAITH whatsoever to deal with this situation. Dying, not deliverance was the only thing on their minds.

Mark 6:1-6 KJV

(1) And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.

(2) And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing *him* were astonished, saying, From whence hath this *man* these things? and what wisdom *is* this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

(3) Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

(4) But Jesus said unto them, **A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.**

(5) And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed *them*.

(6) **And he marvelled because of their unbelief.** And he went round about the villages, teaching.

- **Unbelief equates to having no faith.** That is, no faith in the things of God. Jesus couldn't do much in his home town because they didn't believe who he was despite the miracles that were taking place at his hands. (No faith)

Mark 16:14 KJV

(14) Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their **unbelief and hardness of heart**, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

- They didn't believe an eye witness account that Jesus had been seen alive. (No faith) in the testimony that others gave them.

4.3 Little Faith

Most born again believers fall into the category of having "little faith". We believe that God is who He says He is and that He has ALL POWER.

The problem is never with God, but rather in our inability to generate "great faith" in order to get the job done.

Matthew 6:25-34 KJV

(25) Therefore I say unto you, **Take no thought** for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

(26) Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

(27) Which of you by **taking thought** can add one cubit unto his stature?

(28) And **why take ye thought for raiment?** Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

(29) And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

(30) Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, **O ye of little faith?**

(31) Therefore **take no thought, saying,** What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(32) (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

(33) But **seek ye first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

(34) **Take therefore no thought for the morrow:** for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

- A lack of faith will have us worrying about what are we going to eat, what are we going to drink, where we are going to get our clothes from, how are we going to pay the rent, how am I going to pay my car note etc... God promises to meet our needs, but we still have to believe for it, otherwise we will be consumed with worry. **Worry is a direct result of not having enough faith.**

Matthew 8:23-27 KJV

(23) And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

(24) And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

(25) And his disciples came to *him*, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

(26) And he saith unto them, **Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?** Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

(27) But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

- Jesus was sleeping through this terrible storm. The disciples probably would have perished, but for the fact that Jesus was with them. The disciples didn't have enough faith to get them out of this situation mainly because they had no idea they had commanding authority, just like Jesus. The law of faith will work every time. Faith and fear cannot abide in the same space.

Matthew 14:22-33 KJV

(22) And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

(23) And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

(24) But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

(25) And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, **walking on the sea.**

(26) And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

(27) But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, **Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.**

(28) And Peter answered him and said, **Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.**

(29) And he said, **Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.**

(30) But when **he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink,** he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

(31) And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?**

(32) And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

(33) Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

- Faith must be **sustained and expanded**. Jesus told Peter that he had little faith although he had just walked on water. We also see the absoluteness of the law of faith. The second Peter doubted, the law of faith was negated.

Matthew 16:5-12 KJV

(5) And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

(6) Then Jesus said unto them, **Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.**

(7) And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have taken no bread.

(8) *Which* when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, **O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?**

(9) **Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?**

(10) **Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?**

(11) **How is it that ye do not understand that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?**

(12) Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

- The disciples forgot all about the power of God. Jesus told them **they didn't understand** and **they didn't remember** how God is able to meet the needs of people. Their thinking had slipped back into the natural. They were faithlessly looking for the answer in the natural realm.

- Having little faith will have us wondering how we are going to make ends meet.

Matthew 6:25-34 KJV

(25) Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. **Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?**

(26) Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

(27) Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

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(29) And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

(30) Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, **O ye of little faith?**

(31) Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(32) (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

(33) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

(34) Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

- Life consists of so much more than the physical realm. Yet, we spend the majority of our time looking for just about everything in the physical realm.
- Faith helps us to lead worry free lives as we depend on God and his unlimited provisions.

Mark 9:14-24 KJV

(14) And when he came to *his* disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.

(15) And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to *him* saluted him.

(16) And he asked the scribes, **What question ye with them?**

(17) And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

(18) And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: **and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.**

(19) He answereth him, and saith, **O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.**

(20) And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

(21) And he asked his father, **How long is it ago since this came unto him?** And he said, Of a child.

(22) And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

(23) Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.**

(24) And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, **Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.**

- Jesus called them a "faithless generation" meaning that faithlessness was more prevalent than faithfulness.

4.4 Great Faith

Matthew 8:5-13 KJV

(5) And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

(6) And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

(7) And Jesus saith unto him, **I will come and heal him.**

(8) The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

(9) For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.

(10) When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, **Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**

(11) **And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.**

(12) **But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

(13) And Jesus said unto the centurion, **Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.** And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

- Jesus declared, the faith of the centurion was greater than any ones faith that resided in all Israel.
- In verse 13 Jesus said "as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee".
- How we believe determines the outcome.

Matthew 15:21-28 KJV

(21) Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

(22) And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

(23) But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

(24) But he answered and said, **I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

(25) Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

(26) But he answered and said, **It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs.**

(27) And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

(28) Then Jesus answered and said unto her, **O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.** And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

- Notice Jesus told the woman "great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt". It would be unto her even **as she would have it**. Not as he would have it. We basically control our own destiny based on our faith in God and his word. God and his word are one.

- This woman had great faith and because of her great faith her daughter was able to be delivered from a demon.
- How we believe determines the outcome.

Mark 2:1-12 KJV

(1) And again he entered into Capernaum after *some* days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

(2) And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

(3) And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

(4) And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

(5) **When Jesus saw their faith**, he said unto the sick of the palsy, **Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.**

(6) But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

(7) Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

(8) And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, **Why reason ye these things in your hearts?**

(9) **Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy sins be forgiven thee*; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?**

(10) **But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)**

(11) **I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.**

(12) And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

- This is an example of people adding their faith together for a common goal.
- How we believe determines the outcome.

Matthew 18:19 KJV

(19) Again I say unto you, That **if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**

- Jesus talks about how individuals can add their faith together.
- How we believe determines the outcome.

Matthew 9:18-26 KJV

(18) While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

(19) And Jesus arose, and followed him, and *so did* his disciples.

(20) And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind *him*, and touched the hem of his garment:

(21) For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

(22) But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, **Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made**

thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

(23) And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

(24) He said unto them, **Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth**. And they laughed him to scorn.

(25) But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

(26) And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

- How we believe determines the outcome.
- Thy faith hath made thee whole.

Matthew 9:27-31 KJV

(27) And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on us.

(28) And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, **Believe ye that I am able to do this?** They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

(29) Then touched he their eyes, saying, **According to your faith be it unto you.**

(30) And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, **See that no man know it.**

(31) But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

- How we believe determines the outcome.
- According to your faith be it unto you.

4.5 How To Increase Your Faith

PUT THE TIME IN! THERE IS NO OTHER WAY AROUND THIS. WE MUST PUT IN THE TIME IN ORDER TO INCREASE OUR FAITH!

Romans 10:17 KJV

(17) So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.

- We must constantly study, read, and listen to the word of God. It builds faith.

Romans 10:8 KJV

(8) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, **the word of faith, which we preach**;

- The words of God are words of faith. We must pay continual attention to Gods word.

Pray Without Ceasing

Luke 18:1 KJV

(1) And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, **that men ought always to pray, and not to faint**;

1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV

(17) Pray without ceasing.

- We should be in a constant mode of prayer and thanksgiving. There is always something to pray about. We don't have to look far at all to find these things.

Luke 2:37 KJV

(37) And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, **but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.**

- This lady stayed at church fasting and praying night and day.

1 Timothy 5:5 KJV

(5) Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and **continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.**

- Another example of praying night and day. Praying without ceasing.

2 Timothy 1:3 KJV

(3) I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, **that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;**

- The Apostle Paul prayed night and day as well.

Prayer is essential to our well being and increasing our faith.

- 1. Always walk in love.**
- 2. Listen To The Word of God As Much As Possible.**
- 3. Read and Study the Word of God As Much As Possible.**
- 4. Meditate on the Word of God as Much As Possible.**
- 5. Pray as much as possible.**

Mark 11:20-26 KJV

(20) And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

(21) And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

(22) And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.**

(23) **For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

(24) **Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.**

(25) **And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.**

(26) **But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.**

- Jesus connects answered prayer with forgiveness. "Walking in love"

Galatians 5:6 KJV

(6) For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

- Faith works by love.

John 6:63 KJV

(63) It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

- **Jesus declared that His words were spirit and they ARE life. If we want a better life it's going to have to happen through the Word of God. God's word is filled**

with life!, His words are life! His word does for our spirit man what natural food does for our bodies. It brings nourishment and life!

Proverbs 4:20-23 KJV

(20) My son, **attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.**

(21) Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

(22) **For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.**

(23) Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

- Pay close attention to the word of God.
- Verse 20 says listen.
- Verse 21 says study/read and keep them inwardly.
- Verse 22 says this will bring life and health.
- Verse 23 says that the issues of life come out of the heart but it must be a heart that is filled with the words of God.

Meditate on the Word of God as much as possible.

Joshua 1:8 KJV

(8) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt ***meditate therein day and night***, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: **for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.**

- Constantly pondering and thinking about the word of God and the principles of living.

Thinking the Correct Thoughts

Proverbs 23:7 KJV

(7) **For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he:** Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.

- We turn into what we think. Again, we must constantly think and meditate upon Gods word. Gods word brings life.

Saying the Correct Things.

Mark 11:23 KJV

(23) For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; **he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

- You will have what you say if you do not doubt in your heart.

Matthew 9:18-22 KJV

(18) While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

(19) And Jesus arose, and followed him, and *so did* his disciples.

(20) And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind *him*, and touched the hem of his garment:

(21) **For she said within herself,** If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

(22) But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, **Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour.

- Verse 21 says "For she said within herself". It all starts on the inside. In our heart and in our mind.

4.6 Faith Principles

1. Faith is a spiritual law. Not a mental law. (Romans 3:27)
 - a. Faith works when enough of it is generated. (Mark 9:23, Mark 10:27, Matthew 19:26)
2. Jesus said on many occasions that it was the individuals faith, not his faith or action that got the job done.(Matthew 9:29, Matthew 9:22, Matthew 9:2, Mark 10:52, Luke 17:19, Matthew 15:28).
3. We can stand in the gap for someone else by using our faith.(Mark 2:1-5, Matthew 15:21-28
4. We can team our faith with other believers for greater power. (Matthew 18:19, Mark 2:1-5)
5. Faith is activated through words. (Matthew 9:21, Mark 11:23)
6. We must not have any doubt in our hearts. (Mark 11:23, Matthew 14:31, Matthew 21:21)
7. Faith and fear cannot abide in the same space. (Matthew 14:22-23, Matthew 8:26)
8. Always walk in love. (Mark 11:20-26, Galatians 5:6)
9. All the things mentioned above, must in themselves be done "By Faith"

5 Doctrine of Baptisms

There are several types of baptisms. We must be sure that when we reference these we are matching the correct form or type of baptism with the proper action.

- A. Baptism into the Body of Christ
- B. Water Baptism
- C. Baptism with the Holy Ghost
- D. Baptism of John
- E. Baptism of Sufferings (What Jesus Went Through)

5.1 Baptism Into The Body of Christ

Baptism Into The Body of Christ

Mark 16:14-20 KJV

(14) Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

(15) And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

(16) **He that believeth and is baptized** shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

(17) **And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;**

(18) **They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

(19) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

(20) And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

- In (Verse 16) Jesus says. "He that believed and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believed not shall be damned. In this verse of scripture Jesus is not talking about or referring to water baptism. Sometimes we assume that He is talking about water baptism because we simply have not looked at the scriptures as it pertains to the "Doctrine of Baptisms". **Water baptism is not the only type of baptism and in this scripture Jesus is not referring to water baptism. He is referring to being baptized by the Spirit of God into the body of Christ through regeneration, by being born again.**

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 KJV

(12) For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.

(13) **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

- Upon being born again the Spirit of God baptizes us into the body of Christ. In other words we are immersed into the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:13-17 KJV

(13) Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

(14) I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

(15) Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

(16) And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, **I know not whether I baptized any other.**

(17) **For Christ sent me not to baptize,** but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

- Paul wasn't emphasizing (water) baptism. Verse 16 says he didn't even remember baptizing others. Then in verse 17 he says Christ sent him to preach, not to baptize.
- If water baptism was a pre-requisite for salvation then the Apostle Paul would have been going out of his way to ensure people were water baptized.

Matthew 9:1-8 KJV

(1) And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

(2) And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; **Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.**

(3) And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemeth.

(4) And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, **Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?**

(5) **For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?**

(6) **But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.**

(7) And he arose, and departed to his house.

(8) But when the multitudes saw *it*, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

- Notice what Jesus didn't say. He didn't say, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. Now go forward and be baptized. Jesus rarely mentions being baptized during his encounters with people. **If water baptism was essential to being saved then Jesus would have put a whole lot of emphasis on it, but he doesn't.**

Luke 7:44-50 KJV

(44) And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head.

(45) Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

(46) My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

(47) Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loveth little.

(48) And he said unto her, **Thy sins are forgiven.**

(49) And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?

(50) And he said to the woman, **Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.**

- Notice again in (Verse 50). Jesus didn't say Thy faith hath saved thee: **go in peace and find somebody to baptize you (water baptism)**. By virtue of her acceptance of Jesus (Verse 47) and her sins being forgiven, she became a member of the family of God without being baptized in water.

- We should seek to be baptized in water because it is an outward show of our identity with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus but water baptism is NOT A REQUIREMENT to be saved. To make it a requirement is to turn it into a "work". We are saved through faith and not works.

5.2 Water Baptism

Matthew 28:19-20 KJV

(19) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

(20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

- Water baptism is an outward show of an inward change.

Water baptism symbolizes the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:3-6 KJV

(3) Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

(4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

(5) For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:

(6) Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

- Because we have been born again we should walk in the newness of life that we now possess.
- We have the capacity and the power not to let sin reign in our mortal bodies. We are by no means sinless, but sin should not dominate us because we are born again.

1 Peter 3:21 AMPC+

(21) And baptism, which is a figure [*of their deliverance*], does now also save you [*from inward questionings and fears*], not by the removing of outward body filth [*bathing*], but by [*providing you with*] the answer of a good and clear conscience (inward cleanness and peace) before God [*because you are demonstrating what you believe to be yours*] through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 3:21 BBE

(21) And baptism, of which **this is an image**, now gives you salvation, not by washing clean the flesh, but by making you free from the sense of sin before God, through the coming again of Jesus Christ from the dead;

1 Corinthians 1:11-25 KJV

(11) For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

(12) Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

(13) Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

(14) I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

(15) Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

(16) And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

(17) **For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel:** not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

(18) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

(19) For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

(20) Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

(21) For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

(22) For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

(23) But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

(24) But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

(25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

- In verse 16 Paul says he baptized the household of Stephanas, but he doesn't even remember if he baptized anybody else. This is a clear indication that if water baptism was essential to salvation Paul would have really been emphasizing it.
- In verse 17 Paul declares that God sent him to preach the gospel and not to baptize. His emphasis was on preaching, not baptizing.

5.3 Baptism With The Holy Spirit

There is another experience that takes place with believers and that is being filled with or baptized with the Holy Ghost. Just because a person is saved doesn't mean they are filled with the Spirit. Oftentimes people equate the born again experience with being filled with the Holy Ghost, but it is not the same thing.

Hands Laid On People To Receive The Holy Ghost

Acts 8:9-19 KJV

(9) But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

(10) To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

(11) And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

(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.

(13) Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

(14) Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

(15) Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

(16) (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

(17) **Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

(18) And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

(19) Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

- Here is scripture that proves just because you are saved doesn't mean that you are filled with the Holy Ghost.
- There had to be some sort of physical manifestation that took place in order for Simon to know the people were filled with the Holy Ghost, otherwise how could he have known?
- Based on other scriptures we know that the evidence was speaking in other tongues.

Matthew 3:11 KJV

(11) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:**

- John the Baptist proclaimed that Jesus is the one that baptizes us with the Holy Ghost. Notice that John the Baptist said "with" the Holy Ghost and not "in" the Holy Ghost. The way that this is said means everything. For example:
- If we are baptized with the Holy Ghost that means the "Holy Ghost comes into us".

Let me be clear about one thing right up front. **BEING BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST SHOULD NOT BE**

CONFUSED WITH THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES WHEN WE ARE BORN AGAIN, AT THE TIME OF OUR REGENERATION. THESE ARE TWO SEPARATE EXPERIENCES AND THE SCRIPTURES WILL BEAR THIS OUT.

Mark 16:14-20 KJV

(14) Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

(15) And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

(16) **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

(17) And these **signs shall follow them that believe;** In my name shall they cast out devils; **they shall speak with new tongues;**

(18) **They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

(19) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

(20) And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Here we see Jesus talking about the different supernatural signs that would follow believers, (if they believe). I want to point out that all the signs mentioned are supernatural in nature.

A. In my name shall they cast out devils. SUPERNATURAL

- B. They shall speak with new tongues. **SUPERNATURAL**
- C. They shall take up serpents. In other words if they are bitten by a poisonous serpent it will not hurt them.
SUPERNATURAL
- D. If someone slips them some poison it will not hurt them.
SUPERNATURAL
- E. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
SUPERNATURAL.

Some would argue that speaking in new tongues means that once you are born again that you stop cussing or your language and choice of words get better. Although that is true, that is not what Jesus was talking about when he said "they shall speak with new tongues". The reason Jesus is not simply talking about using better language is that everything that He mentioned is supernatural. You can't pluck speaking with new tongues out of the list and make it natural. No, Jesus is talking about supernatural manifestations of the Spirit of God."

I want to make another point. How many believers do we see casting out devils? How many believers do we see laying hands on the sick and sick people recovering? The answer is NOT MANY!. I use these two out of the list to illustrate the point, there are shortages in these areas of the spirit. There are also shortages in the area of speaking with new tongues. **All these signs are in the same grouping.**

Acts 1:8 KJV

(8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- There is a lack of power in the church due to a lack of the body of Christ immersing themselves in spiritual things. I didn't say there are not spiritual things taking place but what I'm saying is due to the lack of overall spirituality we don't see the signs and wonders that God intended to take place in and through the church. Not the physical church, the building, but the spiritual church. The body of Christ. Where is the power? It is due to the fact that the body of Christ is not baptized in the Holy Ghost to the extend that God intended. ALL BELIEVERS SHOULD BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST WITH THE INITIAL EVIDENCE OF SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES. **JUST LIKE THE BIBLE DESCRIBES IT!**

Acts 2:1-13 KJV

- (1) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.**
- (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**
- (5) And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
- (6) Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
- (7) And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
- (8) And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

(9) Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

(10) Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

(11) Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

(12) And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

(13) Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

- Verse 4 says they were all filled with the Holy Ghost **AND** began to speak with other tongues. The word "and" is a conjunction it joins the first half with the second half. When the first half is true the "and" says the second half is also true.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS THE **INITIAL EVIDENCE** OF BEING FILLED WITH OR BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. THERE ARE OTHER MANIFESTATIONS THAT PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT BUT THE INITIAL EVIDENCE IS SPEAKING IN NEW TONGUES OR OTHER TONGUES.

We can't throw out the scriptures as it pertains to speaking with new tongues. We must follow the Bible and the explanations that the Word of God lay down. We must get away from what we think it should be and concentrate on what it actually says!

[Acts 2:33 KJV](#)

(33) Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, **which ye now see and hear.**

- Peter stood up in the midst of all this and explained to the people what was going on. He made it clear that when people were filled with the Holy Ghost you knew it by manifestation of speaking in tongues. He said you see it and HEAR it.

Acts 2:39 KJV

(39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

- This promise is to as many as the Lord God should call. This means every believer.

Acts 4:7-8 KJV

(7) And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

(8) Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Ghost**, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

- Peter, who at this point is filled with the Holy Ghost has been transformed from running away from adversity to standing up in the midst of adversity. This is because he is now filled with the Holy Ghost and has been supernaturally empowered to stand in the midst of adversity.

Acts 4:13 KJV

(13) Now when they saw the **boldness of Peter and John**, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

- They saw the boldness of Peter and John and were labeled as "unlearned and ignorant" because they had been with Jesus. What the people didn't realize is that Peter and John had a revelation of the truth about the Lord. Their revelation brought about a change in their lives, now they were being labeled. Peter and John were bold because they were filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 4:31 KJV

(31) And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; **and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.**

- Another example. They were bold in speaking the word of God because they were filled with the Holy Ghost. Being filled with the Holy Ghost produces Holy Ghost boldness.

Acts 10:44-48 KJV

(44) While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

(45) And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, **because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

(46) **For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.** Then answered Peter,

(47) Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

(48) And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

- The Jews were astonished because God poured out his spirit upon the Gentiles. They reason they knew is that **THEY**

HEARD THEM SPEAK WITH TONGUES, AND MAGNIFY GOD! The initial evidence of being filled with the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues. Yet another example.

Acts 11:13-18 KJV

(13) And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

(14) Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

(15) And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

(16) Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, **John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.**

(17) Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

(18) When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

- We have another example illustrating the distinct connection between being baptized with the Holy Ghost and speaking in other tongues. In verse 15 Peter says the Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning. We know from the scriptures what happened when the Holy Spirit fell on them at the beginning. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost **AND** began to speak in other tongues. In verse 16 he recalls what Jesus said about John The Baptist as it related to John's ministry, but he also mentions about being baptized with the Holy Ghost. We see from the scriptures that when one is initially baptized with the Holy Spirit there is evidence by speaking in tongues.

Acts 19:1-7 KJV

(1) And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

(2) He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

(3) And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

(4) Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

(5) When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

(6) And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

(7) And all the men were about twelve.

- Verse 2 says "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" They replied "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost". My question would be, How they could possess something they didn't even know existed? These individuals were saved but obviously not filled with the Holy Ghost.

1. They were believers but not filled with the Holy Ghost. (We have two different experiences going on here.)
2. They were only baptized unto Johns baptism. Paul bought them up to speed by telling them about being baptized in the name of Jesus.
3. Paul laid his hands on them and they were filled with the Holy Ghost.

4. They spake with tongues.
5. Then they prophesied.

- More scripture illustrating the relationship of being baptized with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues. The Holy Ghost came on them **AND** they spake with tongues.

It is not the scope of this particular writing to fully explore the depth of speaking in tongues. We know from the scripture that every believer has the potential to speak in tongues just like every believer has the potential to cast out devils, lay hands on the sick that they recover, be immune to poisonous snakes and other toxic things.

1. There is speaking in other tongues.
2. There is speaking in unknown tongues..
3. There is speaking in divers kinds of tongues.

5.4 Baptism Of John

Johns baptism was "The baptism of repentance". (Verse 11)
Johns mission was to prepare the way for Jesus. (Verse 11)

Matthew 3:1-12 KJV

(1) In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

(2) **And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

(3) For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

(4) And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

(5) Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

(6) **And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.**

(7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

(8) Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

(9) And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

(10) And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

(11) **I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

(12) Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

John 1:29-34 KJV

(29) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

(30) This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

(31) **And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.**

(32) And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

(33) And I knew him not: **but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.**

(34) And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

- John baptized the people and as he did they confessed their sins during baptism. (Verse 6 and 11)
- He also told them that Jesus was coming so he helped prepare the way for Jesus to come on the scene.
- He had no idea who Jesus was but God told him to look for the one on "whom the spirit descends and never lifts" this would be the clue to the person that God was telling him about. The Lord Jesus himself.

Mark 1:1-4 KJV

(1) The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

(2) As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

(3) The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

(4) **John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.**

- The baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Acts 13:24-25 KJV

(24) When John had first preached before his coming the **baptism of repentance** to all the people of Israel.

(25) And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.

- Again, the baptism of repentance.

Acts 19:3-4 KJV

(3) And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

(4) Then said Paul, **John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.**

- The baptism of repentance was to prepare the people for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

5.5 Baptism of Sufferings

Matthew 20:22-23 KJV

(22) But Jesus answered and said, **Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?** They say unto him, **We are able.**

(23) And he saith unto them, **Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.**

- The word cup in the greek is translated figuratively as "fate" or "lot".
- Jesus said figuratively that there is no way around this. That is His crucifixion. He must accept his fate because it is the will of God

Luke 12:50 KJV

(50) **But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!**

- Jesus is referring to his crucifixion. He is saying that he would simply have to go through it and suffer all of it until it is finished.

Luke 22:42 KJV

(42) Saying, **Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**

- Just the thought of being crucified was agonizing. Jesus didn't want to go to the cross because He knew the tremendous amount of suffering that he would go through but again He was set on doing the will of God at all cost. Even the cost of suffering a terrible spiritual and physical death.

John 18:11 KJV

(11) Then said Jesus unto Peter, **Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?**

- Jesus had accepted his fate. He knew it was God's will for Him to go to the cross and he accepted it. He put God's will before His will and accepted it.

6 Laying On Of Hands

Laying On Of Hands to Transfer Power From the Minister to The Sick Person.

Mark 16:14-20 KJV

(14) Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

(15) And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

(16) **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

(17) And these **signs shall follow them that believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

(18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; **they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

(19) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

(20) And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

- We see in verse 18 that Jesus is referencing the laying on of hands. Believers will lay hands on the sick and the sick SHALL RECOVER.
- It is not just laying on of hands that make the sick recover. People get hands laid on them all the time but we seldom see any results of healing or any other manifestation of the spirit. There has to be a transfer of power. Laying on of

hands is a "point of contact" for this transfer of power. It's like plugging an electrical device into a power outlet. Until contact is made no power will flow.

- There is a caveat to this. The people seeking the healing must be receptive to the power that is present to heal. Look at the following example.

Mark 6:1-6 KJV

(1) And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.

(2) And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing *him* were astonished, saying, From whence hath this *man* these things? and what wisdom *is* this which is given unto him, that even such **mighty works are wrought by his hands?**

(3) Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

(4) But Jesus said unto them, **A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.**

(5) **And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.**

(6) And he marvelled **because of their unbelief.** And he went round about the villages, teaching.

- Jesus was only able to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them because there was so much unbelief.
- The people that knew Jesus and his family rejected him because they were only looking at him from the natural. They "thought they knew who he was". In their eyes he was just a carpenter, Mary's son. They knew all of his brothers and sisters and therefore had no regard for his divine nature.

They were locked into the fact that they knew him from when he was just a child. Jesus himself quoted scripture saying that the only place a prophet doesn't have honor is around those who should be closest to them.

Luke 4:38-41 KJV

(38) And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

(39) **And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her:** and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

(40) Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; **and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.**

(41) And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking *them* suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

- We see totally different results in this group of people. This group was receptive and were able to receive because they believed. Every one of these people got healed when Jesus laid his hands on them. There was a transfer of power, through the hands of Jesus into the bodies of the sick people and they were healed.

Luke 13:10-13 KJV

(10) And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

(11) And, behold, there was a woman which had a **spirit of infirmity** eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*.

(12) And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, **Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.**

(13) **And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight,** and glorified God.

- We see the power of God transmitted from Jesus through his hands and driving off the spirit of infirmity that had this lady bowed over for eighteen years.
- All of these examples show the transfer of power from the believer to the sick person.

Matthew 9:27-31 KJV

(27) And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on us.

(28) And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, **Believe ye that I am able to do this?** They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

(29) **Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.**

(30) And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, **See that no man know it.**

(31) But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

- We see a number of spiritual principles displayed here.
- Jesus touched their eyes. Power left Jesus through his fingertips and went into their eyes and healed them.
- The power flowed because of their faith. "According to your faith be it unto you"

Matthew 20:29-34 KJV

(29) And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.

(30) And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* Son of David.

(31) And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* Son of David.

(32) And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, **What will ye that I shall do unto you?**

(33) They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

(34) So Jesus had compassion *on them*, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

- Here we have a different set of blind men that were seeking Jesus for healing. Jesus was anointed by the spirit of God with all nine gifts of the spirit.
- In verse 34 Jesus has compassion on them and touches their eyes. Power leaves Jesus through his fingertips and into the eyes of the blind men and they are healed.
- The gifts of healing is in operation here. Jesus was motivated by "compassion". That compassion caused power to flow. LOVE IS THE SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL POWER.

Acts 28:1-10 KJV

(1) And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

(2) And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

(3) And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid *them* on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

(4) And when the barbarians saw the *venomous* beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

(5) And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

(6) Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

(7) In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

(8) And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: **to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.**

(9) So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

(10) Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded *us* with such things as were necessary.

- Paul is definitely walking in the power of the supernatural. (Mark 16:16-18)
- He was bitten by a highly venomous snake but it didn't kill him. (verse 5)
- Paul laid his hands upon the father of Publius and prayed. Power left Paul and went into the body of Publius's father and healed him.

----- THEY SHALL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK AND THEY SHALL RECOVER -----

Laying On Of Hands To Confer A General Blessing.

Matthew 19:13-15 KJV

(13) Then were there brought unto him little children, **that he should put *his* hands on them, and pray:** and the disciples rebuked them.

(14) But Jesus said, **Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.**

(15) **And he laid *his* hands on them,** and departed thence.

- Notice they wanted Jesus to **put his hands on them when he prayed.** They didn't just ask for prayer, they wanted Jesus to touch them while he prayed.

Acts 6:1-7 KJV

(1) And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

(2) Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

(3) Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

(4) But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

(5) And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

(6) Whom they set before the apostles: **and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.**

(7) And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

- This is an example of a general blessing being conferred on individuals.

Hands Laid On People To Began Ministry

Acts 13:1-3 KJV

(1) Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

(2) As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

(3) And when they had fasted and prayed, **and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.**

- The Holy Spirit had already given them their assignment. Prayer was made from them and hands laid upon them to bless the work that God was sending them forth to do.

1 Timothy 4:14-16 KJV

(14) Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, **with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.**

(15) Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

(16) Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

1 Timothy 4:14 AMPC+

(14) Do not neglect the gift which is in you, [*that special inward endowment*] which was directly imparted to you [*by the Holy Spirit*] by prophetic utterance **when the elders laid their hands upon you [*at your ordination*].**

- Don't neglect your gift.
- The Holy Spirit, through prophecy has revealed your gift.
- Timothy's gift was revealed and imparted to him when hands were laid upon him.

Hands Laid On People To Receive The Holy Ghost

Acts 8:9-19 KJV

(9) But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

(10) To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

(11) And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

(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.

(13) Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

(14) Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

(15) **Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:**

(16) (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

(17) **Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

(18) And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

(19) Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

- Just because you are saved doesn't mean that you are full of the Holy Spirit.
- Simon had to see a physical sign in order to know that the Holy Ghost had been given to the Samaritans. The physical sign was that the Samaritans spoke in other tongues.

7 Resurrection Of The Dead

The Bible mentions two types of death. There is spiritual death and physical death. Spiritual death consist of two layers. Spiritual death due to Adam's sin and then final death, or separation from God, which is called the second death. The first death took place when Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden. Adam died spiritually the moment he sinned thus spiritual death was passed from Adam into mankind because Adam and Eve sired the entire human race. According to spiritual law everything shall bring forth after its own likeness and after it's own kind. Because Adam and Eve were spiritually dead and conceived humanity in a fallen state (their spirits were dead and separated from God) all of their offspring and descendants were also born into this world spiritually dead. This includes the entirety of humanity.

Most people will pass through physical death in order to get to judgment. Some people will not see physical death because they will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air when the rapture occurs.

I will start out by talking about death first, or in the case of those who pass from this life to the next believing that Jesus died for their sins, the Bible says they merely fall asleep.

Sin must be judged. There is coming a time when every human being will have to give an account for their sins. God sent Jesus to die for the sins of the world. Whoever believes and accepts Jesus's blood for the atonement for their sins will be saved from the penalty of sin, which is eternal death. Once eternal judgment is passed upon an individual there is no coming back from it. A person chooses their own destiny by either accepting or rejecting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

- Death Number 1 - Adams sin in the Garden of Eden. Initial separation of man from God. A person is capable of horrendous deeds in this state. A dark and dead spirit, a mind that isn't renewed, and a fleshy nature with hardly any restraints, adds up to potential for some horrible things.
- Death Number 2 - Physical death - We die physically because of Adams failure in the Garden of Eden. Spiritual death led to physical death.
- Death Number 3 (Also known as the Second Death) - Eternal Separation From God - The Lake of Fire - Everlasting Punishment - Eternal Damnation - Worm That Never Dies - Fire That Is Not Quenched - Outer Darkness

The Fall of Adam - Death Number 1 - Also called the first death.

Genesis 2:15-17 KJV

(15) And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

(16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

(17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: **for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

- God forewarns Adam that if he eats from the tree of knowledge of good and evil that he would **SURELY DIE.**
- Adam died spiritually the moment that he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **THIS IS THE FIRST DEATH !!!!!**

- Adam didn't die physically until he was 930yrs old.

Genesis 5:5 KJV

(5) And all the days that Adam lived were **nine hundred and thirty years**: and he died.

Genesis 3:1-12 KJV

(1) Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

(2) And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

(3) But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, **Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.**

(4) And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:**

(5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, **then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

(6) And when the woman saw that the tree *was* **good for food**, and that it *was* **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree to be **desired to make *one* wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and **gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.**

(7) And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

(8) And they heard the voice 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 amongst the trees of the garden.

(9) And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

(10) And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

(11) And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

(12) And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

The devil saw fit to use the serpent because the serpent was already cunning and crafty.

- First - The Devil brought question to the Word of God. Verse 1
- Second - Eve added on to Gods word. God never said you couldn't touch it. Verse 3
- Third - The Devil made a direct contradiction to the Word of God. Verse 4
- Forth - The Devil put a twist on the Word of God. He told them they would be like God, knowing good and evil.
- Fifth - Eve was sucked in by the works of the flesh.
 - a. It was good for food. Although they had a garden full of trees they could have eaten of.
 - b. It was pleasant to the eyes. It looked good.
 - c. It would make one wise.
- Sixth and most important - Adam just partook because Eve told him to. Then he blames Eve for his failure.

Although they both were in transgression **the fall of mankind is directly related to Adams disobedience.**

Romans 5:12-21 KJV

(12) **Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**

(13) (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

(14) Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

(15) But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. **For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.**

(16) And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification.

(17) For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

(18) Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

(19) **For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.**

(20) Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

(21) That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

• **We are not sinners because of what we do. We are sinners because Adams fall made us that way.**

1 Corinthians 15:13-23 KJV

(13) But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

(14) And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain.

(15) Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

(16) For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

(17) And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins.

(18) Then they also which are **fallen asleep** in Christ are perished.

(19) If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

(20) But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

(21) **For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.**

(22) **For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

(23) But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

- We have another scripture explaining how Adam's fall affected all of humanity. Verse 22 says that "in Adam all die"

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- By one man, (that man is Adam), sin entered into the world and because of Adam's transgression death came upon us all. That is spiritual death and physical death. Verse 12
- Because of Adam's disobedience all of humanity were **made sinners**. God had a fix for Adam's sin that messed us all up and that fix came in the way of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, that took away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)
- Jesus paid the price for all of humanity but each individual must accept what He did for them when he shed his sinless blood for the atonement for their sins.
- Unless a person accepts the fact that Jesus died for their sins, and paid the price for their sins they will have to pay the full penalty for their transgressions.

One of the things that must be distinguished when we talk about the resurrection, is that everyone is not actually dead or have actually died. Those who's bodies have died in Christ is most accurately described as haven "fallen asleep"

God is not the God of death, but the God of life. In God, in Jesus, in the Holy Spirit there is no death, but outside of God there is total destruction and total death.

Those who transition in Christ are asleep, not dead. Their physical bodies are asleep in the earth.

Daniel 12:2 KJV

(2) And many of them that **sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake**, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

- God knows where every molecule is that constituted every persons physical body. At the time of the resurrection every molecule will be brought together and the physical body of each individual will be reconstituted. After that, their spirit will re-enter the body and they will be restored to a single unit and brought back to life. The resurrected person will again change states, this time as a single unit. Body, soul, and spirit joined together once again.
- Some will go into everlasting life and others into everlasting damnation.

In John 11:25-26 Jesus is talking about the first resurrection and the rapture of the Church.

John 11:1-16 KJV

(1) Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

(2) (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

(3) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

(4) When Jesus heard *that*, he said, **This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.**

(5) Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

(6) When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

(7) Then after that saith he to *his* disciples, **Let us go into Judaea again.**

(8) *His* disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

(9) Jesus answered, **Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.**

(10) **But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.**

(11) These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, **Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.**

(12) Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

(13) Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

(14) **Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.**

(15) **And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.**

(16) Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

(17) **Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.**

(18) Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

(19) And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

(20) Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house.

(21) Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

(22) But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.

(23) Jesus saith unto her, **Thy brother shall rise again.**

(24) Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

(25) Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**

(26) **And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?**

(27) She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

- In John 1:11 - Jesus describes Lazarus as being asleep, not dead.

Matthew 9:18-26 KJV

(18) While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and **lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.**

(19) And Jesus arose, and followed him, and *so did* his disciples.

(20) And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind *him*, and touched the hem of his garment:

(21) **For she said within herself**, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

(22) But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, **Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour.

(23) And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

(24) He said unto them, **Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth.** And they laughed him to scorn.

(25) But when the people were put forth, he went in, and **took her by the hand**, and the maid arose.

(26) And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

- In verse 24 Jesus says the maid is not dead, but asleep.

Matthew 22:23-33 KJV

(23) The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,

(24) Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

(25) Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:

(26) Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.

(27) And last of all the woman died also.

(28) Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

(29) Jesus answered and said unto them, **Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.**

(30) For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

(31) But as touching the resurrection of the dead, **have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,**

(32) I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? **God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.**

(33) And when the multitude heard *this*, they were astonished at his doctrine.

- God is the God of the living, not the God of the dead. Those, **in Christ**, whose physical bodies are in the ground are actually sleeping. They are NOT DEAD at all. The bodies of those who died in their sins are actually dead and not asleep.

Mark 12:18-27 KJV

(18) Then come unto him the Sadducees, which say there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying,

(19) Master, Moses wrote unto us, If a man's brother die, and leave *his* wife *behind him*, and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

(20) Now there were seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and dying left no seed.

(21) And the second took her, and died, neither left he any seed: and the third likewise.

(22) And the seven had her, and left no seed: last of all the woman died also.

(23) In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife.

(24) And Jesus answering said unto them, **Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?**

(25) **For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.**

(26) And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I *am* the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?

(27) **He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.**

Matthew 27:45-56 KJV

(45) Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

(46) And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?** that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

(47) Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calleth for Elias.

(48) And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.

(49) The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

(50) Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

(51) And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

(52) And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

(53) And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

(54) Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

(55) And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

(56) Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV

(13) But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, **concerning them which are asleep**, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

(14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, **even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.**

(15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

(16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

(17) Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

(18) Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

- Verse 13 and 14 says that they are "sleep".

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 KJV

(1) Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

(2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

(3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

(4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

(5) And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

(6) After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, **but some are fallen asleep.**

(7) After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

(8) And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

(9) For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

(10) But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

(11) Therefore whether *it were* I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

- Verse 6 says "some are fallen asleep."

1 Corinthians 15:13-23 KJV

(13) But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

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(20) But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

(21) For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

(22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

(23) But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

There are two resurrections.

1. The resurrection of life
2. The resurrection of damnation

John 5:29 KJV

(29) And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the **resurrection of life**; and they that have done evil, unto the **resurrection of damnation**.

- Every person that is dead or sleeping will be resurrected. Some to life, most to damnation.

Revelation 20:4-6 KJV

(4) And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

(5) But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. **This *is* the first resurrection.**

(6) Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the **first resurrection**: on such the **second death** hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

- The first resurrection lasts from the rapture of the church all the way through the tribulation period. They were executed because they didn't worship the beast or his image and they didn't receive his mark in their right hands or foreheads.

Matthew 22:23-33 KJV

(23) The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,

(24) Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

(25) Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:

(26) Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.

(27) And last of all the woman died also.

(28) Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

(29) Jesus answered and said unto them, *Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*

(30) For in the resurrection **they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.**

(31) But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

(32) *I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.*

(33) And when the multitude heard *this*, they were astonished at his doctrine.

- There won't be any sexual relations when we are resurrected. Reproduction as we know it today will cease to exist.

Luke 20:27-40 KJV

(27) Then came to *him* certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked him,

(28) Saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother die, having a wife, and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

(29) There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died without children.

(30) And the second took her to wife, and he died childless.

(31) And the third took her; and in like manner the seven also: and they left no children, and died.

(32) Last of all the woman died also.

(33) Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife.

(34) And Jesus answering said unto them, **The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:**

(35) **But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:**

(36) **Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.**

(37) **Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.**

(38) **For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.**

(39) Then certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said.

(40) And after that they durst not ask him any *question at all*.

- There won't be any reproductive things going on after the resurrection.

Luke 14:12-14 KJV

(12) Then said he also to him that bade him, **When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.**

(13) **But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:**

(14) **And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: **for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.****

- Another reference to the resurrection of those that are saved.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV

(13) But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning **them which are asleep**, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

(14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

(15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

(16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

(17) Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

(18) Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

- Another reference to those who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior are merely sleep and not dead.

Every person will be resurrected. It is a matter of being resurrected to life or resurrected to death. Make the correct choice, you know what it is.

8 Eternal Judgment

Eternal judgment is one part of reality that a lot of people just don't want to deal with. A number of misunderstandings come forth because of it. Here are a few of them.

- **God is such a loving God that He wouldn't send people to Hell.**

God is a loving God but God doesn't send people to Hell. People choose to go to hell through unbelief and rejection of Jesus, who paid the price for their sins. First of all hell is not the final destination for those who have died in their sins. Hell is but a temporary holding place until those souls are judged. Once final judgment is passed all the souls in hell will be cast into the Lake of Fire Which Burns With Brimstone. They will remain there forever, being eternally damned for rejecting the truth.

- **People's souls are held in a place of limbo until they get themselves together. Once they get themselves together they can move on and go into heaven.** The Bible says nothing about a temporary holding place where the dead go until they get themselves together. If a person dies in their sins they will be eternally lost. We must let the Bible be our guide and not what "somebody said" be our guide.

- **There is no such place as hell.**

The Bible speaks extensively about hell and the lake of fire. To not believe in hell, is to not believe that the bible is the word of God.

- **All people will go to heaven because we are all children of God.**

We are all creations of God but we are not all children of God.

8.1 There Is Only One Way

John 8:24 KJV

(24) I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for **if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.**

- This is a pretty sobering thought. Jesus makes it very clear that if a person doesn't believe that he is the savior, they will die in their sins, and if they die in their sins they will be eternally lost. The Bible doesn't speak of a temporary holding place where you can stay until you get yourself together.

John 3:16-21 KJV

(16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, **that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

(17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

(18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: **but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

(19) And **this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light,** because their deeds were evil.

(20) For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

(21) But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

- A person is not condemned because of their sins but a person is condemned because of their unwillingness to

accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. (verse 18). A person who hasn't been born again is not a sinner because they sin but rather are **MADE SINNERS** because of Adams failure in the Garden of Eden.

Romans 5:19 KJV

(19) For as by one man's disobedience many were **made sinners**, so by the **obedience of one** shall many be made righteous.

- Obedience of one, not two, not three. Jesus is the ONE.

John 14:6-7 KJV

(6) Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

(7) **If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.**

- People have followed and will continue to follow false religions of all sorts. Everything is in Jesus. Nobody else or nothing else will do.
- Nobody can get to God unless they come through Jesus.

Matthew 7:13-14 KJV

(13) **Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:**

(14) **Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

- The way that leads to eternal life is very narrow. In fact, so narrow that there is only one way in, and that way is through Jesus, who is the son of God, who gave his life for the sins of the world.

8.2 Final Judgment - Eternal Life or Eternal Death

Every soul that God has ever created will spend eternity somewhere. We must realize that physical death is not the end of the line. The spirit and soul of a person will live forever. Where that individual abides forever is totally up to them. God has set before mankind a choice. The choices are, choose life or choose death.

Deuteronomy 30:19 KJV

(19) I call heaven and earth to **record** this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: **therefore choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live:

- There are records being kept about the heartfelt or heartless choices that people make concerning their lives.

John 3:15-16 KJV

(15) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but **have eternal life.**

(16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but **have everlasting life.**

- Eternal life and everlasting life is used here. Make no mistake about it Jesus is talking about living forever.

Mark 10:30 KJV

(30) But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children,

and lands, with persecutions; and in the **world to come eternal life.**

- There is a new world coming. In this new world believers will live forever with God.

John 3:19-20 KJV

(19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light,** because their deeds were evil.

(20) **For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.**

- A lot of people will seal their fate because they love sin and darkness more than they love righteousness and life. They will choose death over life.

Judgment Is Eternal and Will Last Forever

Matthew 25:31-46 KJV

(31) When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

(32) **And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another,** as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:

(33) **And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.**

(34) Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

(35) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

(36) Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

(37) Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink?

(38) When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*?

(39) Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

(40) And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.

(41) Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

(42) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

(43) I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

(44) Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

(45) Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me.

(46) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

- In verse 41 Jesus makes a reference about EVERLASTING fire. This fire will never go out or be extinguished
- In verse 46 Jesus makes another reference about EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT and LIFE ETERNAL
- This ain't no joke. If you are not saved you need to get saved, it is as simple as believing that Jesus died for your sins. That Jesus was murdered and put to death by crucifixion. That Jesus laid in the grave for three days. After three days God raised Jesus from the dead.

Revelation 20:11-15 KJV

(11) And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

(12) And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

(13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

(14) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death.**

(15) **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

- Verse 14 says that death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. Hell is not the final place of torment for souls who refused to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. The contents of Hell will be emptied into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone AND whosoever was not found written in the book of life was also cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 3:5 KJV

(5) He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and **I will not blot out his name out of the book of life**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

- If a persons name remains in the book of life they will live forever with God. If a persons name gets blotted out of the book of life they will be eternally lost. It appears that every soul that God has created has there name listed in the BOOK of LIFE. It is only through unbelief in what Jesus has done for their sins do their name get blotted out of the Book of Life. Every one is end until they CHOOSE to go out.

Revelation 2:11 KJV

(11) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.**

- There will be a lot of people that will be put to death because they will refuse to take the mark of the beast. These precious souls (overcomers) will make it into God's kingdom by willing to be executed rather than accept the mark of the beast which is essentially a pledge of allegiance to satan.

Revelation 21:8 KJV

(8) But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: **which is the second death.**

- The second death is FINAL. If a person winds up in the Lake of Fire, they will stay there forever!

Psalms 69:28 KJV

(28) Let them be **blotted out of the book of the living**, and not be written with the righteous.

- Another reference to a person's name being removed from the Book of Life.

Philippians 4:3 KJV

(3) And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers, whose names *are* in the **book of life**.

- Another reference to a persons name being listed in the Book of Life.

Revelation 13:8 KJV

(8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the **book of life** of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

- This scripture indicates that the people who accept the mark of the beast. Their names will not be in the book of life. These individuals have essentially CHOSEN to follow and worship satan, who is masquerading as a man.

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