

The Baptism of Death

[Resurrection-New Body-Change]

*“(v1) 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, (v2) **Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.** (v3) And this will we do, if God permit (Hebrews 6:1-3).”¹*

Although this is the final baptism, the depth of this baptism in the spiritual realm has far more consequential effect than one would ever conceptualize. The Baptism of Death is not just the act of dying and going into eternity, which is the mainspring of our existence; but rather, what happens to one upon their entrance into eternity.

We understand through the Scriptures that it is appointed unto man once to die, and then we are to be judged, *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: (Hebrews 9:27)”*, This curse of death was passed upon Adam and Eve because Eve was deceived by Satan and Adam partook of the sin with Eve bringing this curse upon them and their descendents, *“In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return to the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return (Genesis 3:19).”*

The Seven (7) Baptisms are revealed in the seven (7) dips [immersions] with the seventh (7th) dip [immersion] showing The Baptism of Death [Change], *‘his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child’* in the Old Testament when Elisha told Naaman in II Kings 5:14 to go to Jordan and dip himself seven (7) times into the river, *“(v10) And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. (v14) Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.”*

The Apostle Paul understood that The Baptism of Death required a change, *“(v51) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (v52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (v53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. (v54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. (v55) O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory? (v56) The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law, (v57) But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:57).”*

Paul knew what was ahead of him when he finished this course of life on the earth, *“(v6) For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. (v7) I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith: (v8) Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing (II Timothy 4:6-8).”* Paul also knew that it was an integral part of living to die and he made this unambiguous statement in Philippians 3:10-15, *“(v10) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; (v11) If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (v12) Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. (v13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but [this] one thing [I do], forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (v14) **I press toward the mark** for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (v15) Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be*

otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.”² Look at the portion of Scripture that states, ‘I press towards the mark’. This ‘mark’ for the prize of the high calling in Jesus Christ is to be part of the Bride, the Lamb’s wife; in other words, one of the 144, 000 first fruit wave loaves.³

The child of God has been given a promise of a new body (tabernacle) when they have finished their course of life on this earth, *“For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (II Corinthians 5:1).”* This is a promise that we look for all during our Christian walk, *“(v19) For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. (v20) For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected [the same] in hope, (v21) Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. (v22) For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now (Romans 8:19-22).”*

We know that Jesus conquered death for us; it was prophesied in Isaiah 25:8, *“He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken [it].”* He promised that when He returned He would change our bodies into spiritual ones, *“(v20) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (v21) Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself (Philippians 3:20-21).”*

We look for Jesus to return so we can receive our new body (tabernacle), *“(v11) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, (v12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; (v13)*

¹ All Scripture References are quoted from the King James Version.

² Witnessing Scriptures – Romans 8:14-23; II Corinthians 3:12-18

³ See Revelation 14:1.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; (v14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works (Titus 2:11-14)."

So when does this change come? Job knew it would come at the end of his appointed time, "If a man die, shall he live [again]? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come (Job 14:14)." The physical change comes at the last trump when we see Him physically appear in the cloud and are changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (I Corinthians 15:52)." Jesus is going to bring them with Him when He returns, "(v14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. (v15) 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. (v16) 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: (v17) 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 (I Thessalonians 4:14-17)."

The Spirit of the Lord will change us, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord (II Corinthians 3:18)." So what will our new body look like? We know through the Scriptures that we shall look like Jesus, "(v2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. (v3) And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure (I John 3:2-3)."

We await with anticipation on the new body that Jesus will bring our new body - we should keep our minds sober and our spirits in total

connection with God daily in order that when the time draws nigh, we will have our heads lifted looking for our new body, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh (Luke 21:28)."

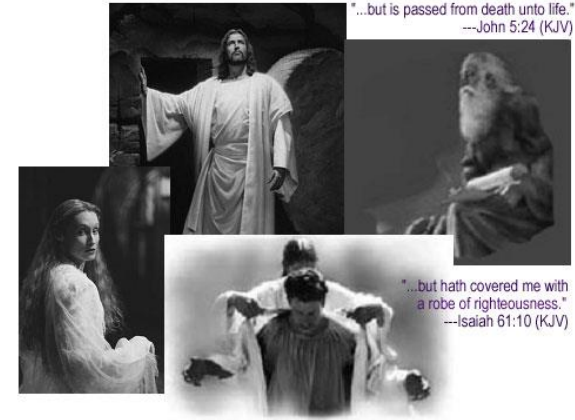
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