

The Baptism of Repentance

[Spiritual Circumcision]

INTRODUCTION

*“(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*

These are the four spiritual cornerstone doctrines of the Church. Knowing these doctrines of the Word of God will keep you grounded and will teach you how to live correctly, *“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth (I Timothy 3:15).”*

The Old Testament is the schoolmaster to lead us to Jesus, *“(v24) wherefore the law was our schoolmaster [to bring us] unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. (v25) But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.”* The Old Testament taught us that a more perfect way was to arrive, *“For the law having a shadow of good things to come, [and] not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect (Hebrews 10:1).”* It took blood to atone for sins, *“...for it [is] the blood [that] maketh atonement for the soul (Leviticus 17:11).”* The New Testament witnesses this in Hebrew 9:22, *“...and without shedding of blood is no remission [of sins].”²* Though the blood of bulls and goats were sacrificed to cover the sins of the people, it (the blood of bulls and goats) could not satisfy the requirement for eternal coverage. Sin had to be conquered once and for all and it would take the blood of a sinless man (Jesus) to atone for all of men’s sins, *“(v4) It is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sin, (v12) But*

this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God (Hebrews 10:4, 12).” When this change was brought to fruition (Jesus fulfilling the Law and becoming our Sacrificial Lamb instead of offering a sacrifice of bulls and goats), it changed the Law and made a new covenant; *“(v11) If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need [was there] that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? (v12) For the priesthood being changed, there is made a necessity a change also of the law (Hebrews 7:11-12)”,* and Verses 13-17 describe this priest to be Jesus, Who would be eternal.

The Old Testament witnesses these baptisms in Leviticus 16:11-19. It tells us that the priest made atonement for himself and his house; once this atonement was completed, he would then come before the mercy seat and sprinkle the blood with his finger seven (7) times—this is reiterated in Verse 19 and witnessed in Leviticus 4:6. Another witness is the story of Naaman who went to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven (7) times according to the instructions of the man of God (7 Baptisms). Hebrews 7:22-28 tells us that Jesus began His Melchisedec priesthood for the complete atonement for our sins—meaning that Jesus entered into heaven with His own blood, fulfilling The Feast of Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement). This Feast prophesies of the Resurrection of Jesus into the presence of the Father to commence the New Testament order of giving grace from the Throne of God. His body through this fulfillment of Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) was the only flesh and blood body that will enter into the Kingdom of God. Hebrews 10:5 and Hebrews 2:14-18 witness the fact that Jesus came into this earth in a body of flesh, (contrary to Catholicism and many Protestant ministries), to make reconciliation for our sins. We know flesh and blood cannot **inherit** the Kingdom of God, *“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God...(I Corinthians 15:50).”* There was only one way for man to get to God and it is through Jesus. Jesus knew no sin

and His flesh and blood body was redeemed [the body of clay that came from the dust of the earth to which Mary gave birth] and He had to present it to the Father to have it ‘accepted’ in order to fulfill the Scripture in I Corinthians 15:20-22; 35-38, *“...(v20) But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the first fruits of them that slept (v21) For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead. (v22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (v35) But some [man] will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? (v36) [Thou] fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: (v37) And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other [grain]: (v38) But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.”*

THE BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE is the spiritual circumcision of the heart. *“(v28) For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither [is that] circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: (v29) But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that] of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of God (Romans 2:28-29).”* John preached the Baptism of Repentance for the remission of sins with fruits of repentance, *“And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; (v8) Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance... (Luke 3:3, 8).”*

Paul witnessed the Baptism of Repentance in Acts 19:4, *“Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance...”* He knew that John was preparing the way for them to receive Jesus as their Savior. What does it take in a person’s life to have repentance? It takes Godly sorrow, *“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation...(II Corinthians 7:9-10).”* The example is clearly seen by God in Genesis 6:5-7, *“(v5) And GOD saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth...(v6) And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart...(v7) for it repenteth me that I have made them.”*

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

² [Brackets] used for emphasis and clarity throughout tract.

We believe Paul understood the 'Godly' sorrow that He gives to a sinner that converts the soul and brings salvation through grace, "(v46) *And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (v47) And ye are witnesses of these things (Luke 24:46-47).*"

How is one drawn to repentance? Only God can draw you to repentance, "*No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him:...(John 6:44).*" Peter preached to the people that they first had to repent of their sins before they could receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, "*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38).*" This Scripture indicates that there is a Baptism of Repentance when it says, '**repent**'. We, therefore, can understand the Scripture more thoroughly in Colossians 2:11-13 that states, "(v11) *In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ, (v12) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. (v13) And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven all your trespasses.*" We use the terminology, 'New Birth' to describe this process.

The New Testament verifies that when a person believes on Jesus Christ for the remission of sins they shall receive forgiveness, "(v8) *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; (v9) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (v10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:8-10).*" A witnessing Scripture is found in Acts 16:31, "*And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*"

The way you experience the New Birth is by being baptized into His death, "(v3) *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized [spiritual] into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (v4) 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 (Romans 6:3-4).*" Once a person has received salvation by accepting Jesus as their Savior through The Baptism of Repentance, then that person becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus and begins a new life in Christ, "*Therefore, if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (II Corinthians 5:17).*" Ephesians 2:6 bears witness to this event, "*And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*"

It is very important to understand that in order for the New Testament to be perfected (fulfilled), the restoration of The Baptisms or Atonements would have to be restored or put back in place and corrected from what was perverted by the Roman Catholic Church's 'seven sacraments'.

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