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## PREFACE

### GREAT LIGHTHOUSE OF TRUTH

Water Baptism is practised by different Faiths and Religious Organizations around the World. Various modes and methods are used to administer this Doctrine to the applicant and also various interpretations are placed on the meaning of the word Baptism and what it represents.

It is not the purpose of this message to convert anyone over to the views and doctrines of a certain Church Organization, Denomination or Religious Faith, but rather to present the clear teaching of the Holy Scriptures in the matter of Water Baptism! I am not so concerned about what religious men have to say about Baptism, but I am vitally interested in what Jesus Christ had to say on the subject. Many gifted men have written articles and books on the subject of Water Baptism and other Bible Doctrines. These may be good and fine but they will never take the place of Christ's Doctrines and teaching. **Men can make mistakes: But Jesus Christ is never wrong!** He is the **Way, Truth and Life.** (John 14:6)

**The Roman Pope, Joseph Smith, Judge Rutherford, Mary Baker Eddy, Martin Luther, The Archbishop of Canterbury, and other writers could have made mistakes and many did, but God's Word, The Holy Bible is perfect, divine, authoritative, pure and void of error!**

**The Book of Mormon, The Koran, The Roman Missle and Prayer Books, The Watch Tower and Plain Truth Magazines and other religious writing could be wrong and many such writing are erroneous, but the Holy Bible will stand as the great tower of never failing strength and as a Great Lighthouse of Truth Forever!!!**

Therefore in this message I present the words of **Jesus Christ**: not the words of a Religious Ruler, Holy Man or Pope, but rather the words of **The Son of God who alone lived an infallible and perfect life** before paying the demands of **Divine Justice** on the cross of Calvary to purchase **Eternal Life** for every single one who would believe on **Him** and by faith accept **His** pardon and cleansing for their sins. I do not teach today from the doctrines and writing of man, but from the doctrines of Jesus Christ, as found in **The Book of all Books, The Holy Bible.** As you read these lines, do so with a open heart and mind. Throw aside all preconceived ideas, traditions of men, dogmas and ritualistic beliefs you have formed in

your mind regarding **Water Baptism**, and let me present you with some straightforward Bible Truths on the subject.

## **THE GREAT COMMISSION GIVEN BY JESUS**

Just before Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven and sat down at the **Right Hand** of the Majesty on **High**, He appeared unto the **Eleven Disciples** and gave them final instruction concerning the work they had to do and the future ministry of those who would believe on **Him**. Here is what the scriptures say – “And He said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is **Baptized** shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my **Name** shall they cast out devils. In **My name** shall they speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them: They shall lay their hand on the sick and they shall recover.” (Mark 16:15-18)

The charge that Jesus gave His disciples is commonly known as the **Great Commission** – In this Great Commission, which sets forth the ministry of the **Church** for the entire Church Age until the **Rapture**, **Water Baptism** plays a very important and vital **role**. Jesus explains **Salvation** in very

clear words, “He that believeth and is **Baptized** shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be dammed.” Then **He** goes on to tell of the exploits **Believers** would do in **His Name** – namely casting out devils and healing the sick, speaking in tongues and having supernatural protection against poisonous creatures and other things that would be arrayed against them.

I repeat: Water Baptism must be very important, and more than that, it is **necessary** because Jesus included it in **His Great Commission** – “He that believeth and is Baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned.”

In (Matt. 28: 18-20) we read another account of Jesus’ last word to His disciples in the **Great Commission**, saying, **All Power** is given unto **Me** in Heaven and in Earth. Go Ye therefore and teach all Nations, **Baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and The Holy Ghost; 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”.

Here again, in giving His disciples their charge, Jesus commanded them to not only Go into all the world to teach but to **Baptize** those who would believe. **Thank God for the clarity of Jesus’ Words** in this matter also!

## **WATER BAPTISM IS A DOCTRINE OF CHRIST**

Not only do we find the Water Baptism is in the Great Commission of **our Blessed Lord**, but it is actually one of His Doctrines. Many churches and denominations have many Doctrines which are traditional and ritualistic, but which are NOT Biblical - Jesus hit it on the head when He Said, "Well hath Isaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandments of God, ye hold the tradition of men as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things you do. And He said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." (Mark 7: 6-9)

In the Book of Hebrews, we find what the **Doctrines of Christ** are! Let the scriptures speak for themselves. "Therefore leaving the principals of the **Doctrines of Christ**, let us go on unto perfection, not laying again the foundation of **Repentance** from dead works, and of **Faith** towards God, of the **Doctrine of Baptisms**, and of **laying on of hands**, and of **Resurrection of the Dead**, and of **Eternal Judgement** (Heb. 6: 1-2) According to the scriptures, Jesus Christ has only **Six Foundation Doctrines**. These six doctrines are the **foundation doctrines of The Church of the**

**living God!**! Other doctrines are only man made, and not recognized as **doctrines** by Christ, We may call them **doctrines**, but Jesus calls them **traditions and doctrines of men**. The six Doctrines of Christ then are these (1) **Repentance from Dead Works**... you cannot be saved unless you repent of your sins. This is the first Foundation Doctrine of Christ, Jesus said, “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3) and also in (Matt. 4:17), Jesus warned, “Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand”. To repent of your sins means to be sorry enough for your sin to forsake your sins. (2) **Faith Toward God**... Just as you cannot be saved unless you repent of your sins, so neither can you be **saved** unless you have **Faith toward God**: The scriptures tells us in (Heb. 11:6), “Without **faith** it is impossible to please God: for he that cometh to God **must believe that God is: and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him**,” Faith in God is the same as confidence or trust in God. If you have Faith in God you will believe **His Word**. In order then to have **faith** in God you must **believe** in Him, for believing is **faith**! The second **Doctrine of Christ is Faith toward God**. When you have **repented** of your sins you have taken the first step towards God and His wonderful **salvation**. The second **step** is then to **believe the Scriptures** and accept them at face value. In order to have **faith** in God and be **saved**, you must have completed confidence in God and is His **Word**. But, you may say, “I cannot understand God, so how can I believe in Him?

Here is where many stumble and fall! Here the answer: God has not asked us to understand Him! He has only asked us to believe Him: You and I will never be able to understand God... He is too great for us to understand! He Is God. If we could understand Him, He no longer would be God, but would be like one of us. The Creature will never be able to understand the Creator who made him... that is an impossibility! The scriptures say, "He that cometh to God must believe that God is. We come to God in prayer, repenting of our sins; then we come in faith believing that there is a God and that He hears us and loves us and wants to forgive and save us. We believe His word, so we believe that God's son, Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose again from the dead and is now offering us Salvation through His Shed Blood. Then by faith we accept the pardon that God offers and we are saved. Hallelujah. (3) THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS... The third doctrine of Christ is the doctrine of Baptisms – There are several baptisms spoken of in the Bible and they are all covered in this scripture. First, when we are born again we are baptized into the Body of Christ. (Gal. 3:27) Secondly there is the believers baptism in water; by immersion,(Mark 16:16) (Acts 2:41) and thirdly there is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:16) In this message, however it is the believers baptism in water that we are considering. Here is the point I want to make clear... Water Baptism is a Doctrine of Christ! not a doctrine of the Lutheran Church, Roman Catholic Church, Baptist or Pentecostal Church, but IS a Doctrine of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. (4) Laying on of Hands... Laying on of hands for the

healing of the sick. (Mark. 16:17) and the laying on of hands for receiving **The Baptism of the Holy Ghost**. (Acts: 19-6), the laying on of Hands by God's Servants to receive **Spiritual Gifts, Power and Anointing** before going out on the field of service for **the Lord**. **Dedication of Little Children** (Matt. 19: 13-15) and the **blessing of people in the name of the Lord**. (Gen. 48:14-15)

(5) **Resurrection of the Dead...** There are two **resurrections** spoken of in the **Bible** that are yet to come – **the Resurrection of the Just and the Resurrection of the Unjust:** (Rev. 20 : 5-6) “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.**” (Dan. 12:2) **Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, 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**” (John 5:28-29)

(6) **Eternal Judgement...** This is the final and sixth **Doctrine of Christ** mentioned here in the **Holy Scriptures**. Each human being is born with a **living soul** that is **eternity**. (Gen. 2:7) **When your body dies, your souls will live on in eternity** (forever) in either **Heaven or Hell**. “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the **Lake of Fire and Brimstone**, where the **beast and false prophet** are, and shall be **tortured day and night forever and ever**. And I saw a **great white**

**throne, and Him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away... And there was found no place for them. 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. 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. And Death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the Lake of Fire.” (Rev. 20:10-16)**

**In conclusion, I would like to stress again that water baptism is not a doctrine of a church denomination, but is a Doctrine of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

## **Chapter 11**

### **BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE**

**“John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the Baptism of Repentance for the Remission of Sins.**

And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea and they of Jerusalem, and were all **baptized** of him in the **river** of Jordan, confessing their sins." (Mark 1: 4-5) "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were **baptized** of him, confessing their sins. 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? **Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.**" (Matt. 3: 5-8)

John's **baptism** was a baptism of **repentance!** The people whom he **baptized** had to **repent** of their sins before he would allow them to be **baptized**. The multitudes heard **John the Baptist** preach a powerful Holiness message, condemning their sins and warming them of **Judgments of God**. Then he invited them to **repent** of their sins. They were so convicted by the **Word and the Holy Spirit** that they confessed their sins, **repenting** of them. Then to prove that they really meant business and were going to serve the Lord, they were **baptized publicly as a testimony of their changed life and their new faith in God**. The Pharisees and Sadducees wanted to get some recognition and wanted to do as the others were doing, **but John the Baptist stopped them because they had not repented of their sins**. John's baptism was therefore an outward confession of a **changed heart**. Many today, like the Pharisees and Sadducees of old only are **baptized** because it is the popular thing to do, **but that is hypocrisy! John the Baptist** wouldn't

allow it, and **ministers** today shouldn't either!!!

## **TO FULLFIL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordon unto John, to be baptized of Him. But John forbade Him saying I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me, and Jesus answering said unto him, suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered Him. And Jesus, when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting on Him" and lo a voice from Heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matt. 3: 13-17)

## **THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS**

Jesus came not only as our Saviour but our example. There is no one as great, perfect and good as Jesus Christ. He lived a perfect life and kept the entire law. **without sin**. He is our **great example** and we would all do well to follow in His footsteps by the help and grace of God. If Jesus had to be baptized to fulfill all righteousness then I am sure that we who were born in sin and have been saved only by God's grace and because of Jesus' shed blood on Calvary's cross, **certainly also need to be baptized as He was!** It was necessary for Jesus Christ to be baptized to "**fulfil all righteousness**".

As John the Baptist was baptizing converts in the river Jordan, Jesus also comes to the baptismal scene and ask to be baptized. After Jesus comes up out of the water, the Heavens open and the Holy Ghost descends upon Him in the from of a dove and settles upon Him, the voice of God speaks and says “this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” No wonder John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world (John 1:29-37)

### **THE EARLY CHURCH AND BAPTISM**

You have now become acquainted with the example that Jesus gave us, Himself being baptized in water by immersion. Earlier in this message I pointed out the command of Jesus to His disciples in the Great Commission. This commission included the **baptizing in water** of those who would accept the gospel message. (Matt. 28:18-20) (Mark 16: 15-18) Now let us examine the Holy scriptures to see what was the practice in the **early church** concerning **water baptism**?

### **WATER BAPTISM IS PART OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE**

Whenever the gospel message was proclaimed by the **early church**, the doctrine of **water baptism** was also proclaimed. In checking through the **Book of Acts** I have found that there are ten distinct recorded baptismal services at which new converts to Christ were baptized in water (by immersion). Wherever people accepted the message of Christ as Messiah and Redeemer they baptized in water as a witness to that fact. According to the scriptures all who believed were

baptized; there were no exceptions. **Water Baptism was part of the Gospel.** As soon as they had believed and accepted Christ they were baptized.

### **REPENT AND BAPTIZED**

After the Holy Ghost had been poured out upon the waiting 120 in **The Upper Room**, the multitudes came to see and hear this great phenomenon. Peter stood up and delivered this powerful message of the **Resurrected Christ** to the multitudes. When they heard the word they were pricked in their hearts and cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37) Then Peter answered and said, "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 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. (Acts 2:38-39) Here in his preaching Peter commands the people to **repent of their sins** (which is necessary for Salvation) then he tells them to be baptized in water and thirdly he informs them of the gift of the promised Holy Ghost to be outpoured upon those who repent of their sins, receiving Christ as Saviour, and are baptized in water. In Peter's preaching, the doctrine of **water baptism** (for believers) went hand in hand with the Gospel Message; so, also did the message of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was all part of the Gospel for which Christ had died, to offer to all who believed. Let us now examine the scriptures again to see what the people did after Peter's powerful sermon to them. Here it is: "Then they that gladly received his word were

baptized, and the same day there were added unto them about **Three Thousand Souls**" (Acts 2:41) Jesus had preached it and now Peter declares the same message. Listen to what Jesus said, "He that believeth and is **baptized** shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned" (Matt. 16-15). Now Peter continues by saying "Repent and be baptized every one of you. "This certainly makes it very clear that **water baptism is necessary and imperative** for every born-again believer in Christ.

## Chapter 111

### **PHILIP AT SAMARIA**

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, spirits crying with loud voice, came out of them, and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed, and there was great joy in that city. 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. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done."(Acts 8: 5-8, 12 -13) The foregoing account is very plain indeed, **Philip**, one of the second **Deacons** had to flee from Jerusalem because of the persecution, and became a **Flaming Evangelist** for Jesus and went to Samaria

Where he had a city-wide revival with multitudes hearing **The Word**, seeing the miracles and accepting the **Gospel Message** of our **crucified and risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ**. The scriptures says, “There was great joy in that city.” **Now here is the key Verse.** “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.**” After Philip had bought to the place where they had accepted the gospel message and were healed and forgiven. He then brought them the **Glorious Truth of Water Baptism**, and the scripture says, **they were baptized both men and women.** In other words it was a **Believers’ Baptism**. In this instance there were **no children baptized**. I repeat again, **It was a Believers’ Baptism.**

### **WHAT DOTH HINDER ME TO BE BAPTIZED?**

“And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go towards the South unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem, unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace Queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot reading Esaias the Prophet . Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near and join thyself to his chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the Prophet Esaias and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I expect some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of

scripture which he read was this: He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearers, opened He not His mouth: in His humiliation His Judgment was taken away: : And who shall declare His generation? for His life is taken from the earth And the eunuch answered Philip and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the Prophet? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus.

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water, and the eunuch said, See, here is water; **what doth hinder me to be baptized?** And Philip said, if thou believes with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.** And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch: and he **baptized him.** And when they were come **up out of the water:** the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way **rejoicing.”** (Acts 8:26-39)

The foregoing is self explanatory, however I would like to point out a few truths found in the same. **First,** I'd like to point out **that Philip preached Jesus** unto the eunuch (verse 35). In his crusade in Samaria, the Bible says, Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached

**Christ unto them”** (Acts 8:5) the end results in both instances was the same also. As soon as they had believed and taken Jesus Christ as **Saviour**, they were (in both cases) **baptized in water**. Philip must have done a good job preaching about **water baptism** wherever he proclaimed the **Gospel**. He was an Evangelist and he preached **water baptism** and held **water baptismal** services for the new converts in Christ. **The popular thing for Evangelists to do today is to by-pass important doctrines and just preach messages that will not offend people of all faiths.** But Philip who should be **every Evangelist’s example** both preached and practiced baptizing converts in water (by Immersion). The second point I would like to drive home to your heart is the **confession that is necessary to become a candidate for “Believers’ Water Baptism.”** The Bible says, “And as they went on their way they came to a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water: **what doth hinder me to be baptized?** And Philip said, if thou believes with all thine heart thou mayest. And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**” In the early church, **only those who believed that Jesus was the Son of God** could be baptized in water!. This is the one confession every person must believe in his heart and make with his mouth if he wants to gain Heaven’s portals. **No one can be saved without making this confession.** Peter said to Jesus, “Thou art the Christ, the son of the Living God” (Matt. 16:16) Then Jesus answered Peter in these words, Blessed art thou Simon Bar-Jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my **Father which is in Heaven.** And I say unto thee thou art

Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”  
(Matt. 16: 17-18)

Here Peter makes the confession that everyone must make if he is to be saved. **That Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God!** The Lord Jesus then explained further by saying, “Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in Heaven. **In other words, Peter had received a Divine Revelation** by the Spirit of God concerning the person of **Jesus Christ**. Peter did not obtain this truth by going to University or by studying Philosophy, but it was given to him by the **Holy Spirit of God**. You cannot find God in a test tube, in a scientific experiment or in a laboratory. **God is too big for that!.** ( 1 Cor. 2:14) You find Him in His **Word** and He is revealed to you by the **Spirit**. God is spirit and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24) Then Jesus went on to say, **that upon this Truth, Confession and Foundation Stone**. (notice not the R.C. Church, Greek Church, Lutheran Church or any other Church, **but His Church**). This then would be the **Christian Platform**, for **Foundation Truth** that would undergird the work of Christ upon the earth! **The truth that Jesus was who He claimed to be, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Saviour of the World, the Christ, the Son of the Living God!**

The Apostle Paul makes it very clear **that Jesus Christ is the foundation upon which the Church of Christ is built**, when he says, “For other foundation can no man lay than that **is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**” Then Paul goes on to say that we who are Christians are all builders in

**God's House, Kingdom and Church**, and we must therefore be careful how we build thereupon!  
(1 Cor. 3:5-7)

## **OUR BODIES ARE THE TEMPLES OF THE LIVING GOD**

A glorious truth is brought to our attention here as we realize that **we** are the **Temple, Building and Body of Christ**. (Col. 1:18) The scriptures say, Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defiles the temple of God, him shall God destroy: For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (1 Cor. 3:16-17) Also in (Acts 7:48-50) we read, "Howbeit the **most high dwelleth not in temples made by hands**: as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hands made all these things?" Again in Acts 17:24 the scripture says, "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of Heaven and Earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands." I want to stress again that **God dwells in the human heart of His believers! Yes, our bodies ARE the temples of the Living God !!!**

**Chapter 1V**

**THE GREAT CATHOLIC CONFUSION**

**When people do not know the scriptures, or have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit**, many times they get deceived and led far away from the truth. Jesus said to the Sadducees who were very religious, but were **absolutely wrong in their doctrines** and who claimed there was no resurrection, “Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.” (Matt. 22:29) For the same reason that the Sadducees erred from the truth, the R.C. Church has **erred from the Truth! They do not know the Scriptures nor the Power of God!!!** They have allowed tradition to become more authoritative than the **Holy Scriptures** and they **do not** know or **have** the power of the **Spirit of God!!** The only power they know is **temporal and physical!!.** **HOW SAD!!!** Jesus also warned concerning **Traditions**. Here is what He said, “**Thus Have ye made the Commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Ye hypocrites well did Isaias prophecy of you; saying this people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips. But their heart is far from me, but in vain they do worship me; teaching for doctrines the Commandments of Men.**” (Matt. 15: 6-9)

### **THE CHIEF CORNER STONE**

When Jesus chose Peter to be His disciple, He gave him a new name. “And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, He said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: Thou shall be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.” ( John 1:42) The **Great Catholic Delusion** is this -

**They believe that Saint Peter is the foundation stone upon which Jesus Christ said he would build his church – They also believe that the Roman Catholic Church is the true Church, and only way to God!!!** The claim that they are the only way to God is **absolutely false** because Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no man cometh unto the Father but by me!!! Here is the truth in the matter – **Jesus Christ is the only way to God!!!.** Jesus said, “I am the door, by Me if any man enter in he shall be saved.” (John 10:9)

Now to refute **the erroneous doctrine that Peter is the rock or foundation upon which the church of Christ is built** – As I brought out before, Paul said, “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor. 3:11) Again Paul writes, “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, **and of the Household of God: And are build upon the foundation of the Apostles and the Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone.** “In whom all the **building** fitly framed together growth unto a **Holy Temple in the Lord:** In whom also ye are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” (Eph.2:19-22) Now hear what **Peter** himself had to say on the subject – “Be it known unto you, **all,** and to **all** the people of Israel, that by the **Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,** whom ye crucified, whom **God raised from the dead,** even by Him doth this man stand before you whole. This is **the stone which was set at naught of you builders: which is become the head of the corner, neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other**

**name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved!!!”** (Read also Isaiah 28:16, Psalm 118:22-23, Matt. 21-42, Mark 12:10-11, and Luke 20:17-18) Let Peter speak for himself again as he rebukes false teachers and set the **record straight about our position in the building of God and Christ’s unique position of Chief Corner Stone, Elect, Precious whom we are to believe on for Eternal Life!!!** If so be, ye have tasted that the **Lord** is gracious. To whom coming as unto A **Lively Stone**, disallowed indeed of men, **but chosen of God**, and precious, **ye also, as lively stones**, are build up a **Spiritual House**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, **acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.**

“Where it is also contained in the scripture behold I lay in Zion a **Chief Corner Stone: elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.** Unto you therefore that believe **He Is precious:** But unto them which be disobedient, **the Stone** which the builders disallowed, **the same is made the head of the corner,** and a stone of stumbling, and a **Rock of Offence, even to them which stumble at the word,** being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But **ye** are a chosen generation, a **Royal Priesthood,** an holy nation, a peculiar people: that **ye** should **shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into this marvelous light.”** (1 Peter 2:3-9)

We are all living stones in the building or household of God and **Church of God – Jesus Himself being the Foundation Stone and Chief Corner Stone.** We who are born again by the

Word of God and the Spirit of God, are the Body of Christ. Every day we are building upon the foundation that has been laid, which is Jesus Christ, The prophets, and apostles also built upon Jesus Christ, and we today are building upon the work they did: the foundation however is none other than Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead!!

## Chapter V

### PETER, A STONE and JESUS, THE ROCK

Now let me go a little further and unravel some more of **The Catholic Confusion** concerning **Peter and the Church** – What did Jesus mean when He Said, “Thou shall be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone,” (John 1:42) and also when He said, “And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it: And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever thou shall lose on earth shalt be loose in Heaven.” **First, He meant that Peter would be a stone in the household of God, like all other believers who believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God.** (Matt.16: 16-17) ( 1 Peter 2:5) He directed His remarks to Peter because Peter was the one who had received the revelation of who Jesus really was. **Remember that all though the New Testament you will find that this was the confession that everyone had to make (and still is) in order to be saved.** (Read the following scriptures – (Acts 9:20) Mark 14:61-62) (John 4:25-26) (John 1:34) (John 1:49) (John 11:25-27)

(Acts 18:28) (John 6: 66-69) (John 20: 28-31) (1 John 2:22)

Because Peter was a spiritual man he became a leader among the disciples and Jesus rightly named him a stone (Cephas) because a stone is something solid, and certainly Peter, after he was filled with the **Holy Ghost** became a mighty power for **God in the Church**, but certainly **he was not perfect, infallible or the foundation of the church as the Roman Church says!!** Peter certainly seemed to take the lead after the ascension of Jesus Christ. The scripture say “ And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples and said” (Acts 1:15), “Then Peter said silver or gold have I none (that's sure a lot different from the **Roman Pope**) but such as I have give I thee, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **rise up and walk.**” (Peter brought healing to a crippled man in the mighty **Name of Jesus Christ**, and that's a lot different than the **Roman Pope**) (Acts 3:6) **Peter was a great preacher, who was filled with the Holy Ghost, spoke in other tongues, cast out devils, raised the dead, commanded people to repent of their sins and be baptized in water by immersion.** (and that's a lot different than the **Roman Pope**) (Acts 2:38-39, Acts 3:19-21, Acts 2:4, Acts 5:15-16, Acts 8: 14-17, Acts 9:40-41)

**PETER MADE MISTAKES AND CERTAINLY WAS NOT INFALLIBLE**

**The Roman Church has made the statement that Peter was the Bioship of Rome** for 25 years and that he was the **first Pope**. This however is utterly **false and has no particle of truth in it**. **Firstly**, Peter never lived in Rome, never wrote from Rome, never wrote to Rome and **never was a Pope!!!** **Peter died in Jerusalem** (write for Factual Book - Peter's Tomb Discovered in Jerusalem – price \$1.00) Nowhere in the scripture s does it tell us that Peter was ever in Rome!! **Paul wrote to Rome, he was in prison in Rome, but in all his writing he never once mentions Peter.** If Peter was Bishop of Rome surely Paul would have mentioned him in his letters. That is also part of the **Great Catholic Confession!!!** **Nowhere in the Holy Bible can you find the word Pope, Archbishop, or Cardinal!** These are some more Roman fabrications. Peter certainly was not infallible – as the scriptures prove – Before he was filled with the Holy Ghost, Peter cursed, swore and denied the **Lord Jesus**, (Matt. 26:69-75), attacked a man with a sword and cut off his ear, (John 18:10) and was rebuked publicly before all the disciples by **the Lord Jesus** when He said, “**Get thee behind me Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savorest not the things that be of God but those that be of men.**” (Matt. 16:23) After Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, he still made mistakes proving that he certainly was not infallible and certainly no foundation for the Church of Jesus Christ!!! Here is what Paul had to say, “ But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him face to face, because he was to be blamed.” (Gal. 2:11) No, a million times **NO!!** **Peter was never infallible and never was Pope!!!** Peter had no priority over

the other disciples, and was even rebuked publicity by Paul as I have already brought out. The following scriptures bears this facts out: “**And when James, Cephas (Peter) and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship.**” (Gal. 2:9) Paul in this scripture made **no differentiation between Peter, James and John.**

### **PETER WOULD MAKE POOR FOUNDATION FOR THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD**

What a foundation **Peter**, or any man would make for the **Church of the Living God. How absolutely foolish and ridiculous to even consider making such a statement!!!** In verse 18, Jesus said, “And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this **rock** I will build **my church**; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.” Then just four verses further in the same chapter (Matt. 16:22-23) we read, “Then Peter took Him and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be into Thee. But He turned, and said unto **Peter**, get behind me **Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**” Certainly Jesus couldn’t have meant for such a person to be **the foundation upon which He would build his church!!! The Roman Church is built upon a man (St. Peter) and it will fall: and be destroyed!!!**(Read Rev. chapter 17 and 18) but the **Church of the Living God is built upon the solid rock, Christ Jesus and it will neve fail.**

**Hallelujah! It was the revelation that God gave Peter, that would be the great foundation truth upon which the Church of Jesus Christ would build and grow!! This is the great truth that opens the Kingdom of Heaven for lost men and women. Peter and all the servants of God have in their possession the keys of Heaven in declaring the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ, who is the son of the Living God!!! Then Jesus went on to set forth the law of binding and loosing that we as servants of God have through the Gospel. We can bind the powers of darkness in Jesus name and God's power in Heaven will come into operation to make ineffective the Devil's power: then we can loose people from the Devil's power in the name of Jesus Christ, and again God's power will come into operation to set the person free. Hallelujah! But you may say, "This was given only to Peter." That is not true! In Matt.18: 18-20 Jesus directs the very same promise to All Believers!**

Peter made the confession that every person must make if he is to enter Heaven when said, to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the Living God." The Ethiopian eunuch also made the confession that everyone that wants to be baptized should make, when he said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God." (Acts 8:37)

**Chapter V1**

## **WHO CAN FORBID WATER?**

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

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. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then answered Peter. “Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.” (Acts 10:44-48)

This story of God’s love and grace is certainly very heart stirring as we see how God leaps across **all** barriers and boundaries to bring **His Salvation** to a seeking soul. Here is a man by the name of Cornelius, a Roman centurion living in **heathen Rome**, but who has a deep **faith** in the Living God. Of course he had never been introduced to the **Gospel of Jesus Christ** or to the Christian Faith before, but he did have a strong faith in God and was a man of prayer. The Bible says **he feared God with all his house**. According to the light which he had received, he served the Lord the best he could. **Here is a classic example** of how God puts **hunger** in everyone’s heart for “his maker”, and also of how God answers the prayers of a seeking heart and meets **everyone** who souls seeks for truth. Cornelius was **Devout**, but he was not saved: he was a **religious man** but he was not saved: he was **generous**, but he was not saved, There are many **devout, sincere, religious, generous and even praying people** in the world today, **but they are**

**not Saved!** Millions Buddhists, Moslems, Hindus, Hindus, Shintoists, Papist and others are sincere, devout, religious, generous and even praying people, **but they are not Saved**, because they have not accepted the **Lord Jesus Christ** into their hearts and lives as their **Personal Saviour**.

The Apostle Peter said, “Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.” (than by the **Name of Jesus Christ**) (Acts 4:12) Jesus also said, I am the **Way, the Truth and the Life**, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.” (John 14:6) and also in (John 14:6) and also in John 10:9, Jesus declared , “I am the **door** by Me if any man enter in he shall be saved and go in and out and find pasture.” **Here is the glittering truth in this story:** If a person will direct his prayers to the Lord God Almighty who is the maker of Heaven and earth (not to a man, angel, image, statue, idol, or animal) in sincerity, then God will some how, some way bring the **gospel** to them, so that they can be saved.

Cornelius did not know the Gospel, but he prayed to God in sincerity and truth and God was compelled by his love to bring him the glorious message of Jesus Christ. God gave Cornelius a vision in which an angel came in unto him and said, “Thy prayers and thy alms are come up for a memorial before God. **In other words, you can move God by your praying and your giving.** Then he was given instructions to send men to Joppa to fetch **Simon Peter** who would tell him what

he should do, (Acts10:6) and who would give him words whereby he and his house could be saved. (Acts 11:14) The angel told him that he would find Simon Peter at the house of Simon the **tanner** who lived by the seaside. **What a place to find one of history's greatest, most powerful and famous preachers.** There he was living with a man who was a **tanner**. You can imagine the terrible smell at such a place, as the skins went through the various processes of tanning, and also remember a **tanner** was not a very **high class or rich** person, but was usually a lower class, and despised because of his occupation. **Why am I bring this out?** Only for this reason: I do not believe we have the same brand of consecrated, unselfish, dedicated and completely sold out to God preachers today as there were in Bible Times.

In the Early Church they were willing to give up everything, go anywhere or do anything **the Spirit of God asked of them.** They stayed in the homes of the people and ate what was set before them. (Luke 10:5-9) **They never had much of the world's goods but they did have God's power.**

But you may say, "Times have changed, and Peter and his fellow disciples didn't have any money to work with. **You are Wrong:** Peter and the Early Church Ministers had a lot of money at their disposal, **but they did not use it on themselves.** They used it to win a lost world for Jesus

Christ. **There will certainly be a reckoning day** for ministers, also, who have abused God's money – Listen to this: "Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of land or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, **laid them down at the Apostle's feet:** and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." (Acts 4:34-35) The Bible says that much money was given to the Apostles and yet **Peter could say,** "Silver and gold have I none." (Acts 3:6)

There is a story I heard some time ago concerning St. Augustine and the Pope of Roman. It seems that St. Augustine was invited in to see the Pope and was shown by **that man made Pontiff** all of the **Vatican's Great Treasures and Wealth.** The **Pope** smiling said, "No longer do we have to say with Peter of old, silver and gold have I none, **look at all our Treasures and Wealth.**" St Augustine answered the Pope and said, True, Oh Pope, no longer do you have to say with **Peter** silver and gold have I none – **but no longer can you say with Peter of old to the crippled man, "In Jesus name Rise up and Walk."** (Read Bible account in Acts 3:1-8) In other words the Pope now had the **riches, wealth and treasures, but he had no spiritual power.**

I would sooner be a poor man with God's power in my life to bring deliverance to multitudes of sinful, sick and diseased people than to be a millionaire with no spiritual power to help

people. **In other words, I would sooner be like St. Peter than a Roman Pope.**

Then the Spirit of God prepared Peter for the work He had for him to do in Caesarea. Up until this time the early Christian had taken the **Gospel Message** only to the Jews. Now God by a vision showed Peter he must share the Gospel with the **Gentiles** also. When Peter arrived at Cornelius house the scripture says, “and as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. **But Peter took him up, saying stand up; I myself also am a man.**” What a difference between Peter and the Italian Popes who claim to be his successors. Peter wouldn’t let a man bow down before him, and yet thousand have bowed before the Italian Popes kissing their rings and even **kissing their feet. Such arrogance, pride and blasphemy God will judge.** The scripture goes on to tell that when Peter began to speak the **Word** to them, **the Holy Ghost fell upon them and they were filled with the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues and magnifying God.** As soon as this happened Peter said, “Can any man forbid **water** that these should not be **baptized**, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

**Water baptism in the Early Church was not only common; but it was an established practice and a compulsory command for all believers.** There was no such thing as an unbaptized Christian. Water Baptism, following conversion **was a mark of a true follower of Jesus Christ.** As soon as people accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, in the Early Church, **they were baptized forthwith.** In this case Peter commanded them to be **baptized** Immediately after they

had received the **Gift of the Holy Ghost.** (Verse 48)

## **WHOSE HEART THE LORD OPENED**

“And on the Sabbath, we went out of the city by the river side, where prayer was wont to be made and we sat down, and spake unto the women that resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us, whose heart God had opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying if ye have judged me to be faithful to the lord, come into house, and abide there. And she constrained us.” (Acts 16:1) Here is another account of how the Early church Preachers won souls to Christ and then brought them the wonderful truth of **water baptism**. The Lord opened the heart of Lidia to believe and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the straightway she **followed the Lord in the waters of baptism**. Jesus said, “He that believeth and is **baptized** shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be dammed.” (Mark 16:16)

## **THE SAME HOUR OF THE NIGHT**

**Chapter V11**

“And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bands were loosed, and the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison door open, he drew out his

sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved, and thine house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.” (Acts 16:25-34)

This one of the most gripping, stirring and thrilling accounts in the **Books of Acts** about God’s delivering power, manifest in the lives of his believing, trusting, and praying saints. Paul and Silas had been led by God through a vision, to go to Macedonia to preach the Life-giving Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. God had given them an open door as Lydia, the seller of purple in the city of Thyatira had been converted and Baptized in Water. Now God was going to give Paul and Silas some more converts, even though they were going to have to suffer considerably in the process. Here is the Bible account of what happened:

“And it came to pass as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew

unto us the way of salvation.” After his fortune teller girl had done this for some days, Paul became grieved in the Spirit, and spoke to the Evil Spirits to come out of her. Instantly she was set free and had no more power to tell fortunes. When her masters learned of this, they were angry, as they realized the hope of their gains were all gone: therefore they riled up the rulers of the people against them. Their clothes were ripped off them, they were beaten, their feet were made fast in stocks and they were cast into the inner prison, (Acts 16:16-24)

Bruised and beaten, Paul and Silas lay in the dungeon; no doubt their backs were bleeding and their heads were aching from the many stripes they had received, but they were not discouraged. They were happy to suffer for the name of Jesus. With the rats scurrying all around them in the darkness of their damp, cold and smelly dungeon, they began to praise God. They praise God with a loud voice as they prayed and sang praises unto God. The Bible says that their phrases were so loud that the prisoners in the regular part of the prison heard them. But that’s not all – **God heard Them**, and sent a great earthquake that shook the prison and loosed everyone’s bonds. **The glorious outcome of the whole thing was that the jailor was converted and baptized in water, together with his entire family.** The Bible says, “And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, **and to all that were in his house.** And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes: and was **baptized, he and all his, straightway,** And when he had

bought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, **believing in God with all his house.**" (Acts 16:32-34)

## **CAN CHILDREN BE BAPTIZED?**

People have raised the question. "Can children be **baptized**?" They say that the Philippian Jailer's children were **baptized**, so what is wrong with children being **baptized**? You are absolutely right: **if they are believers they can be baptized...**If a child is old enough to **believe** he is old enough to be **baptized**. It is not the age that makes the different, **it is the belief**. Jesus said, "He that **believeth** and is **baptized** shall be saved, He the **believeth not** shall be damned." (Mark 16:16) All through the New Testament and **The Book of Acts** you will find when it speaks about **baptism**, it speaks about **a believer's baptism**. There is no other.

Now let examine the facts. The Bible says that Paul and Salas spoke the word of the **Lord** unto the Jailor and **to all that were in his house** (the children were old enough to hear the preaching of the Gospel) then we read further, that the Jailor was **baptized, he and all his straightway** (all the children was **baptized**). **Now hear this:** And when the Jailor had bought them into his own house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, **believing in God with all his house**. The children were old enough to **believe in God**). The Bible says they were **baptized, straightway, Water baptism** follows directly after **conversion**. In this Bible example, those who believed on the

Gospel message of Our Lord Jesus Christ were baptized the same night they believed.

## Chapter V111

### PAUL AT EPHESUS

“And it came to pass, that, while Appolos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? And they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye **baptized?** And they said, unto John’s Baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism repentance saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, **on Christ Jesus:** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came to them: and they spake with tongues and prophesied, and all the men were about twelve.” (Acts 19:1-7)

The foregoing is self explanatory, but I would like to enlarge a little on a few points. Paul in his travels find a group of about twelve men who were disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the city of Ephesus, He asks them if they have received **the gifts of the Holy Ghost**, since they have

become followers of **Jesus Christ** to which they answer that they hadn't so much as heard whether there be any **Holy Ghost**. Then he questions them further **concerning water baptism**, and finds out that they have been **baptized** under John the Baptist's ministry. Then Paul explains: "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." (verse 4) **Now here is the truth I want you to see from this portion of God's Word:** "**When they heard this they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus**" (verse 5) Notice. Paul did not hesitate to re-baptize those who had not been **baptized the New Testament way**. There was no hesitating and they were **baptized immediately**. Then the scripture goes on to say that Paul laid his hands on the twelve **believers**, who had just been **baptized in water** and the Holy Ghost came on them and **they spoke with tongues and prophesied**: (verse 6)

Notice, Peter said to the multitudes on the of Day of Pentecost, "Repent and be Baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and **ye shall receive the gifts of the Holy Ghost.** (Acts 2:38)

### **WHY TARRIEST THOU?**

"And Ananias went his way and entered into the house: and putting his hands on him, said Brother Saul, the Lord even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me that thou mightiest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately

there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized."

One of the most dramatic conversions recorded in the **Book of Acts** is the account of the **conversion** of the **Apostle Paul**. Here was a man who was a persecutor of the church, and one who hated the **Message of the Gospel**. He was a very zealous, religious Pharisee who actually thought he was doing God service by persecuting and putting Christians to death. One day, however, God **stopped** him in his tracts and knocked him to the ground so that He could speak to him: The bright light that shone upon him in the way, blinded his eyes and the proud self-righteous Saul of Tarsus lay trembling in the dust of the Damarcus road. The voice that spoke to him said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou **me?**" Saul cried out. "Who art thou, Lord?" The Lord said, "I am **Jesus** whom thou persecutes." Then Saul was to go into the city and wait for further instructions from the **Lord Jesus**, concerning what he should do next. He was led by the hand into Damascus because his sight had gone from him, due to the brightness of the **countenance of the Lord Jesus Christ** who appeared unto him in the way. For three days he waited in the darkness, neither eating or drinking: Saul of Tarsus was **praying**, and, yes, waiting for The Lord Jesus to speak again. (Acts 9:1-9)

Here is the rest of the story as it is recorded in God's Holy Word: "And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias: and to him said the Lord a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, arise, and go into the street which is called straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem and here he hath authority from the chief priest to bind all that call on Thy name. But the Lord said unto him , go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto **Me** to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how great things he must suffer for My name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house: and putting his hands on him said, Brother Paul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as calmest, hath sent me, that thou **mightiest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.** And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith and rose and **was baptized.**" (Acts 9:10-18)

What a wonderful picture of God's love, mercy and grace. Certainly God's ways are not man's way. (Isaiah 55:8-9) **Here is the point I would like to make clear at this time:** As soon as Saul was saved, healed and filled with the Holy Ghost, **he was baptized.** In rehearsing his great experience

as he testified to the Jews at Jerusalem, he said, “And when I could not see for the **glory of that Light**, being led by the hand of them that were with me I came into Damascus. And one Ananias, a devoted man according to the law having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul receive your sight, and the same hour I look upon him and he said, the God of our Fathers hath chosen thee that thou shouldest know his will and see **that just one**, and shouldest hear the voice of His mouth for thou shalt be **His witness** unto all men of what thou has seen and heard. And now **why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized**, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of The Lord.” (Acts 22:11-16)

This portion of scripture shows the urgency with which the Holy Spirit of God, speaking, through Ananias, **put upon him the need for Saul to be baptized immediately**. God has never changed, and I believe **today**, it is just as important for people that are saved **to be baptized and seal their confession of Christ in waters of baptism as soon as possible**, as it was in the time of Paul. Far too little is said **from the Pulpits of our Churches about water baptism**. **Far too little emphasis is placed upon this great doctrine of Christ in the church today**. I believe if we had more **water baptismal services**, we would win more souls to Jesus because there is a strong **testimony** and **Gospel appeal** to the unsaved, in watching a Water Baptismal Services: Beholding a Water Baptismal service also strengthens the **Faith** of the **Christians** that are present, and

makes them more zealous to win souls for Jesus.

## Chapter 1X

### WHAT IS WATER BAPTISM?

Water Baptism is actually a **funeral services** for “the old man”. It is a **public confession** of an inward **belief and faith** in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. By being Baptized in Water, a new convert tells the world, the Devil, the believers and God that he has died to the **old life**, having completely rejected the World, the Flesh and the Devil, and that his **Life is now under new management and new ownership**. It depicts a **complete changeover from the old life to the new life in Jesus Christ**. In other words, **Baptism** is a **Testimony** and **A Witness** that a new convert has accepted the Gospel message of the **Death, Burial and Resurrection** of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel message is the **truth** that Jesus Christ, the **Son of God**, came down from Heaven, that **He died upon the Cross for our sins**, that **He was buried and rose again from the dead on the third day and now lives to offer us eternal life simply** by our acceptance of Him into our hearts and lives by faith. (1Cor. 15:1-4) Again, Water Baptism is burying or immersing of a believer in water as a **sign** and a **seal** of his acceptance of the **Gospel of Jesus Christ**.

## **FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THE OLD MAN**

“God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us were **Baptized** into Jesus Christ were **baptized into His Death?** 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 should we walk in the newness of life.” (Ron. 6:2-4)

Baptism explains the Gospel message in a nutshell. **Here it is:** As Jesus Christ died on the cross, **so we died to the old man;** as Jesus Christ was buried, **so we are buried in the waters of baptism,** and as Jesus Christ rose again from the dead and received **all power** (Matt. 28:18) from **The Father,** even so we **come up out of the water of baptism to live a new life** and are then candidates to **receive the power of the Holy Ghost into our lives.** (Acts 2:38-39 (Acts 1:8))

Further, when a new cover is **baptized in water by immersion** (which is the only Bible method of baptism) he give his **confession publicly** that he believes that Jesus Christ is the **son of God,** that He died for his sins, and was buried and rose again from the dead. (Ron. 10:9-10) He also gives the **Testimony to all present and to those who will hear about it later, that he has chosen the Christian life for himself.** From now on he will serve the Lord wholeheartedly, denying himself, forsaking worldly lusts and taking up his cross daily and following Jesus.

(Mark 8:34-38) (Luke 9:23-26) **HE IS NOW A CHANGED PERSON.** “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold all things become new.” (11 Cor. 5:17) **HE HAS PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE:** “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that sent Me, hath everlasting life.” and shall not come into condemnation: **But is passed from death unto life.**”(John 5:24) He also gives the testimony of his solid, unshakable faith in **the resurrection of the human body, which is the Christian hope.** One day the dead in Christ shall hear the voice of the Son of God and shall come forth from the graves, at the last trump. (1 Thess. 4:15-17) (John 5:28-29) (1 Cor,15:20-23) **The resurrection of the human body is the Christian hope** and **baptism by immersion** also portrays and proclaims this great truth.

### **WHY DO BELIEVERS HAVE TO BE IMMERSED IN WATER?**

Here is the answer.

**FIRSTLY:** - Simply because it is the only way they baptized anyone in **Bible times.** In all the Bible examples I have shared with you in this message, **there is not a single one that gives us any other method THAN BY IMMERSION:** in other words: if we are going to do it, let us do it right – and of course the right way is **the Bible way.** Any other method is man’s way and **the wrong way.** John the Baptist used the method of **immersion**, and Jesus Christ was **baptized the**

**same way, All the early church leaders baptized by immersion, so why should we settle for anything less today??**

**SECONDLY:** - Immersion is the **only way you can** proclaim the **full meaning of the Gospel** (death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ). As Christ was buried, so we are **buried with him in the waters of baptism**. (Ron. 6:3-5). **Any other method of (so-called) baptism is not Bible originated but rather only the doctrines, rituals, ceremonies and tradition of man and have absolutely no spiritual value whatsoever: and are rejected by God.** (Matt. 15:6-9 (Sprinkling an infant or pouring water on a person symbolizes **nothing**, portrays **nothing** and **proclaimed nothing**: It is only a dead form, ceremony and ritual, with absolutely **no live, power of Bible truth**. The very word **baptism** means to submerge or dip.

## **Chapter X**

### **MY EXPERIENCE**

As a small child I was sprinkled with a few drops of water in a ceremony called “Baptism”, in the Lutheran Church. All through my early life, I was convinced that it was the right way. Many times I defended this “Baptism” in severe and vigorous arguments. I contended that it was the proper way because **it was the Lutheran way and Martin Luther could not be wrong**. Of course,

I never consulted **the Holy** Bible for any clarity on the subject. Like an ostrich I buried my head in the sand, with Martin Luther argument: and weren't all of my relatives and forefathers Lutheran, and hadn't they received the **same baptism?** Of course they had, and if it was good enough for Martin Luther and my forefathers and parents **it certainly was good enough for me.** Then in June of 1957, I was gloriously **converted to Jesus Christ and received the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost.**

My life was changed completely, and I was very happy and overjoyed. I began associating with Pentecostal Ministers because I heard that they also had this wonderful experience of speaking in tongues and the infilling of the Holy Ghost. We began to share our experience and I soon found out that they spoke of being **baptized in water by immersion.** We clashed at one, because I was a Deacon in the Lutheran Church and was not about to change my doctrine on Water Baptism or change my Church. The wise Pastor I talked to at the time, said, :Let's not argue about it, why don't you go home and read everything you can in the Bible on the subject. To this I quickly agreed, because I had been brought up to believe that **the Bible is the Word of God and is the truth.** At the time I was working as a commercial traveler and has much free time in the evening which I always use to study the Bible and prepare myself for the ministry I knew God had for me. I went to my hotel room that night and began to search the scriptures concerning Water Baptism. Before I began my search, however, I fell to my knees and **I prayed**

**for guidance**; this was very important for me and I had to find the truth out one way or the other from the Holy Bible, myself. I prayed thus, “Dear Lord God Almighty, in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, come to my assistance now and **show me the truth**. Now Lord, lead me into all truth; open Thy **word** to me and illuminate it to my heart and soul. In Jesus Name. Amen.”

Then began the long search for **truth**. I looked up every scripture I could find in the Bible on the subject. With the aid of a concordance I searched for more scriptures, scrutinizing them very carefully and studying diligently to gain further information: **The end result was, however, that I could not find a single verse in the entire Bible where they ever baptized infants or where they ever baptized by sprinkling.** In every instance where there was a Water Baptismal service, **only believers were baptized.** Also the only method I found used in the Early Church to **baptize** was by **immersion**. At first, I was disappointed because I was so sure I had been right; I looked again and again to find at least **one verse to reassure me**, but to my dismay, **there wasn't even one**. On the other side of the ledger however I had found numerous scriptures to substantiate the claims of the Pentecostal Preacher who believed in **water baptism of believers only, and that by immersion**.

Then I began to study further on the subject and as I read **church history**, I soon discovered

where my pet doctrine had come from; it was a Roman Catholic doctrine; the Early Church had always baptized by immersion and only believers were baptized, but the Roman Church had changed that and brought in the sprinkling of infants to take the place of the Biblical Baptism.

I was now glad that I had searched the scriptures and found out the truth. I was prepared now to throw out this man-made tradition and receive the real thing. It wasn't a Lutheran Baptism: I had after all – It wasn't the Bible Baptism: but rather a Roman Catholic originate ceremony that had not be removed from the church at the time of Luther. Instead of cleaning out all the old traditions, ceremonies, and rituals when they left the Roman Church, they had allowed some of them to stay in the Church. It did not take me long to make up my mind; I would exchange this man-made doctrine for the doctrine of Jesus Christ. It wasn't long before I had joined the glad number of Bible Baptized Christians who had followed the Master in the watery grave of water baptism.

Chapter X1

## SPRINKLING INFANTS

You may ask me, "What is wrong with sprinkling infants with water and calling it baptism?" First, I could answer your question by asking one. What is right with it? The answer of course is,

**“Everything is wrong with it and nothing is right with it.**

**No. 1 – It is a man-made ritual, ceremony, and doctrine, and is not according to scriptures.**

**No. 2 – It had its birth and beginning not in the Early Church (of the book of Acts) but rather in the deceptive, corrupt and wicked dark ages of Italian Popery.**

**No. 3 – It bears no testimony, portrays no truth and proclaims no message; while Water Baptism of a believer by immersion bears the testimony of a changed life portrays the truth of the Gospel ( the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ) and Proclaims the full message of the Gospel together with the Glorious Christian hope of the resurrection of the dead.**

**No. 4 – Infants are not capable of believing.** Jesus said “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mark 16:16) since **infants** are not believers, they cannot be considered candidates for water baptism.

**No. 5 - Sprinkling is not water baptism: it is only sprinkling.** Nothing is mentioned in the

Bible about **sprinkling** – but a great deal is written about Water Baptism. Sprinkling is ordained of man, while **water baptism (immersion)** is ordained of God. **Sprinkling infants is a man-made ceremony while water baptism by immersion is a Doctrine of Christ...**

## **IMMERSION**

**Please Note:** John the Baptist always used the **river** when **baptized converts**. Most of his baptizing took place in the river Jordan. (Matt.3:6) (Mark 1:5) Jesus Christ was baptized in the River Jordon. “And straightway coming **up out of the water**” (Mark 1:10) “And Jesus when He was **baptized**, when **up straightway out of the water**” (Matt. 3:16)

## **THE EUNUCH WAS IMMERSED IN WATER**

“And he commanded the chariot to stand still: **and they went down both into the water**; both Philp and the eunuch; and he **baptized him**” (Acts 8:38)

**MUCH WATER:** “And John also was **baptizing** in Aenon near Salim, **because there was much water there.**” ( John 3:23)

## **THE BIG WHIP IN THE PRIEST’S HAND**

The **Roman church**, together with some others who sprinkle infants have a **whip of fear** they

They used to persuade the parents with, so that they would bring the infants for baptism (**sprinkling**) Here it is: They claim that if a baby dies before he is sprinkled, he will go to **Hell**. This is a cursed doctrine of fear. By the scriptures I will prove to you how absolutely erroneous this statement is. “At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven? And Jesus called a **little child** unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said **verily I say unto you, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven**. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. **And whoso shall receive one such in my name RECEIVETH ME.**” (Matt. 18: 1-5)

The disciples of Jesus who were saved and were followers of the Saviour, came to him and wanted to know who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. Jesus answered by using a little child as an **example of one who was the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven**: He admonished the **disciples** to be converted and become as the little child... Again we read in (Matt. 19:13) “Then were brought unto Him little children, that He **should put His hands on them and pray**: (not sprinkle with water but **pray**) and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me. **For such is the Kingdom of Heaven.**” Matt. 19:13)

I am sure the two foregoing scriptures have **opened your eyes to the falseness of the statement that children will go to Hell unless sprinkle.** If anyone is fit for Heaven **it is the little ones who have not gone out into sin.** Of course it is true, that, “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God, (Ron. 3:23) but **according to Jesus’ words in the two forgoing statements** little children cannot be held accountable for their inherited sin until they have reached an age of accountability and understanding **so that they may choose themselves whether to follow the Lord or go their own way.** In his defense to Jonah of why He spared Ninevah when the **king and the people repented**, the Lord said, “and should not I spare Ninevah, that great city, **wherin are more than six score thousand persons** (infants) that cannot discern between their right hand and their left” (Jonah 4”11) When a child is old enough to understand between righteousness and unrighteousness, **then he must decide for himself to serve the Lord.** After he has made his decision to follow Jesus, **then he is baptized by immersion, as a believer.**

## **WHAT IS CHILD DEDICATION?**

When our children are born, we who are Christian parents bring our children to the church and **dedicate them to the Lord; the Pastor then brings the child to the Lord in prayer**, asking God’s hand to rest upon the child all through his early life, keeping him from harm, danger, sin, and all evil. The Pastor prayer of **faith** claiming the child for the Lord, believing that his parents

will bring him up in the fear and admonition of the Lord (Prov. 22:6), and that when he comes of age, that **he will take his stand on God's side**. Thank God that we can bring our children to God's House and to **God's Servant** and that God does hear and answers our prayers **Praise God Forever!**

In the Old Testament we have a classic example of **child dedication** where Hanna brought her child, Samuel to the Lord. (1 Sam. 1:22-28)

In the New Testament we have of course the example of the Lord Jesus Christ **taking the children in His arms, blessing them and praying for them.** (Mark 10:13-16) (Luke 18: 15-17)

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS**

The parents, in bringing little children into this world **have a great responsibility** in not only giving food, raiment, love and care, home and education, **but in giving the child a spiritual upbringing as well.**

The scriptures say, "Thou shall not bow thyself down to them (idols), nor serve them: For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the inquiries of the fathers upon the children unto

**the third and forth generation of them that hate me: and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments (Exodus 20:5-6)**

**LISTEN TO THIS AND TAKE A LESSON FROM THIS SCRIPTURE:** “And the women that hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. **For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified b by the husband: else were your children unclean but now they are Holy.”** (1 Cor. 7:12-14)

**I want to warn every parent; by your life and your example you are leading your children either on the right road or wrong road; either to Heaven or to Hell.** Seek the face of the Lord. **Now.** Repent of your sins, be **baptized in water** and bring your children up to serve the **Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Chapter X11**

## **BAPTISMAL FORMULA**

There is only one scripture that tells us what formula to use in **water baptism**, and that formula is found in the **Great Commission** of our **Blessed Lord Jesus Christ. HERE IT IS:: Go ye**

Therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the **Father**, and the **Son**, and of the **Holy Ghost.**" (Matt. 28:19) In the book of Acts, however, we find that the early church did use the name of the Lord Jesus in their **baptizing**, e.g., **Then** Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38) again in (Acts 10:48) "And he commanded them to be **baptized in the name of the Lord.**" Further, in Acts 19:5 we read, "**When they heard this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.**"

In times past in some parts of the world, there has been a certain amount of **confusion** caused by some good, well meaning **preachers and teachers** who have not stuck to the **word, but gone by what they call REVELATION** and caused much heartache. They were partly right, but they didn't stick with the **WORD**, so they fell into error, taking others with them. **Here has been their teaching:** Since the early church leaders used the name of Jesus in their **baptizing**, they have eliminated the use of the **baptismal formula** which our **Master** gave us, and they **only use the name of JESUS in their baptism.** I would not think that was so catastrophic, (since it is recorded that the early church **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, Jesus Christ and the Lord** in various scriptures) but the **terrible error has come** as a result of their trying to make the scriptures **fit their doctrine.**

For instance, in their trying to **explain away** the use of **Father, Son and the Holy Ghost** in the

Baptismal Formula they have come to the conclusion that **Jesus Christ is Father, Son and Holly Ghost all in one**. In other words there is no **Father, or Holy Ghost!** There is only Jesus. This of course is **gross error** and one error opens the door to other errors.

Then they continue – the Name of the **Father is Lord (and that is true) and the name of the Holy Ghost is Christ** (here is where they make their **Big Error**). You see there is only **one Christ** and **He is the Anointed One, the Messiah, the Saviour of the World, the Christ of God** and **His name isn't the Holy Ghost – His name is JESUS**. When they call the Holy Ghost Christ, they are calling the Holy Ghost, the Saviour and **that is not true**, Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, and **no man cometh unto the Father but by me.**” (John 14:6) You see, **The Holy Ghost draws men and women to God** (John 6:44) and the **Holy Ghost glorifies Jesus** (John 16:14) **But the Holy Ghost cannot Save anyone. Only Jesus who is the CHRIST, the Son of God can save souls.)**

The **message** of the Early Church was **Jesus Christ** crucified and the power of **His resurrection.** (Phil. 3:10) (Acts 8:35) (Acts 10:40) The Name of Jesus to the early Church Christian was the most valuable weapon He had against Satan and his forces, and **the name of Jesu to us today is just as important**, Jesus said, “**Whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name.**” (John 14: 13-14) and” **In My Name** they shall cast out devils, they shall speak with the tongues, they shall lay their hands on the sick and they shall recover.” (Mark 16: 17-18) The Scriptures says that the Scribes,

Pharisees and **High Priest** were so afraid of **the name of Jesus** that they forbade the early Disciples not to use **His Name** anymore. They were beaten and threatened again and again because they would not discontinue using **His Name** (Acts 4:2-3) (Acts 4:17-18) (Acts 5:27-28) They said, “We ought to obey God rather than Man.” (Acts 5:29)

Paul says, “And whatsoever ye do in word and deed, do **All in the Name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to **God the Father by Him.**” (Col.3:17) The Jews did not believe in Jesus Christ, and even despised **His Name**, but the Disciples and early followers of Christ certainly knew the power attached to **His Name**, so it is no wonder that they used **His Name**, in Baptism also. They preached Jesus Christ: prayed in His Name and saw Miracles in His Name, so it was natural for them to include His Name in the Baptismal Formula. They had received however, the direct command of **Jesus Christ** Himself as the **Baptismal Formula** which they were to use, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations **baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost,**” (Matt. 28:19) so I am sure they would not **disobey that.** Don’t you see they **baptized people in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost**, but they did it all in and through the name of Jesus. Upon the confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ they were **baptized into Jesus Christ**, but I am sure that that the **Baptismal Formula** they used was the one Jesus gave!

Here is the usual Baptismal pattern used among the Pentecostal churches ( which I consider

the most zealous for Jesus Christ on the mission field and in many parts of the world.

The Baptismal Candidate is usually given an opportunity to give a short testimony of his faith in Jesus Christ, or the Minister who is doing the Baptizing (If it is a large Baptismal services with many candidates) may ask each one personally if he believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and if it is his will to serve the Lord Jesus Christ the rest of his life. Then the Minister will raise his hand to Heaven and say these words. **“Upon the royal Command of our Lord Jesus Christ and upon your confession of Faith in Him, I now Baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, unto Jesus Christ and His Death.”** When the candidate comes up out of the water the Minister usually says, **“Risen with Jesus Christ unto a New Life.”**

The words a Minister says may vary with the Ministers and with churches, but they must always use **the Baptismal Formula** that Jesus Christ gave his to disciples and to the **Church** in (Matt. 28:19). Then also it should be stated that the candidate is being **baptized into Jesus Christ and his Death.** (Ron. 6:3-4) **“Know ye not, that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His Death.. Therefore we are buried with Him in Baptism into Death,** that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should also walk in newness of life.” The above method is used by the **Pentecostal Assemblies in Norway** and I

believe is the most scriptural I have ever heard.

In closing, **if you are not born again by the Word of God, then I would quickly say, “Accept the Lord Jesus Christ today as your personal Saviour, be Baptized in water, seek God until you are filled with the Holy Ghost, join yourself with a group of praying Christians in a Full Gospel, Bible Believing Church, become an active soul winner for Jesus and you’ll never be sorry.”**

- Amen

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