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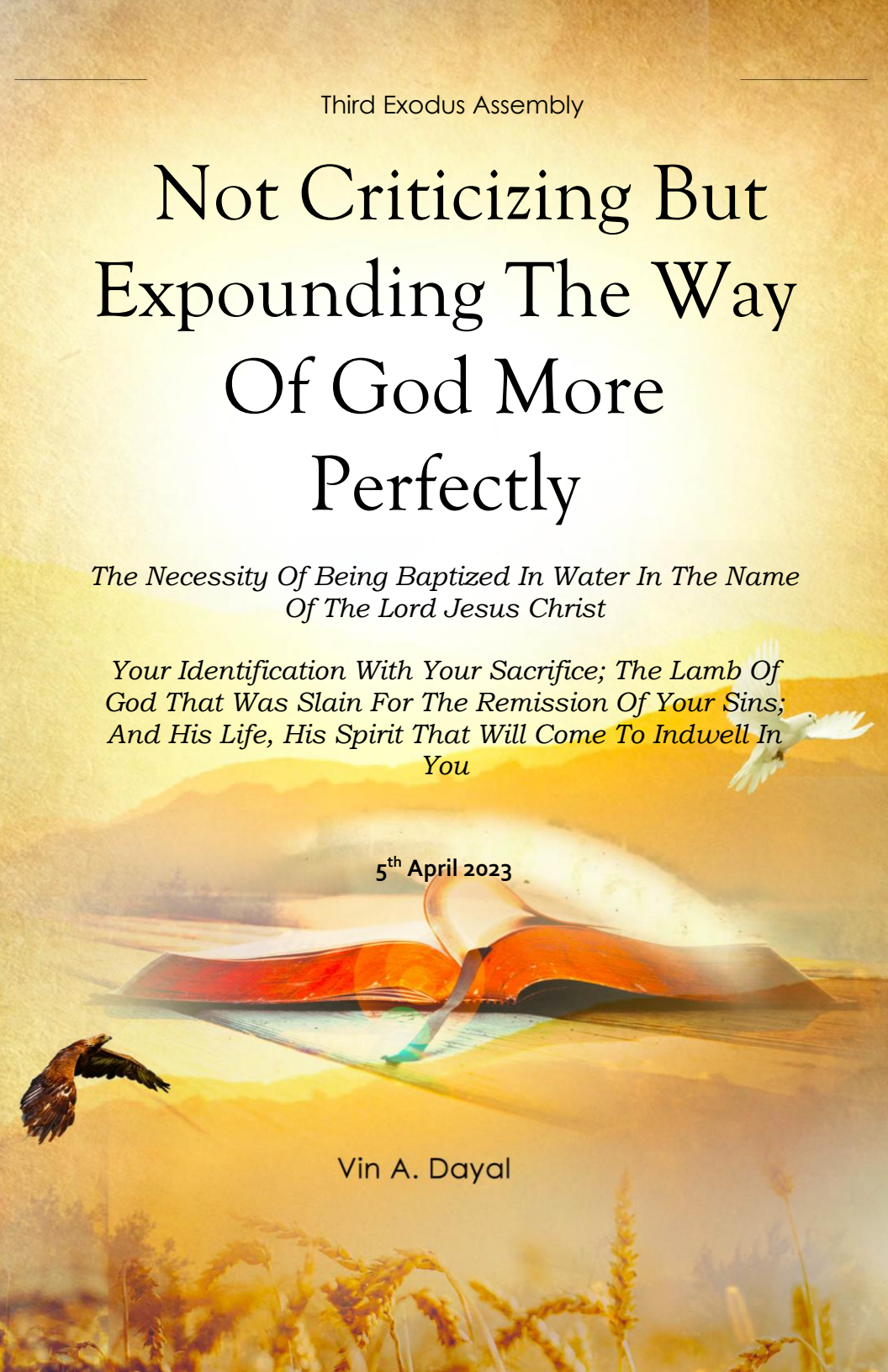
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[#851 I Stand In Awe Of You - Songs That Live -Ed.]

... I stand

... *in awe of You*

One more time, with confidence.

I stand, I stand...

Thank You, Jesus. Oh, it's so great to be in His Presence tonight.

... *I stand in awe of You*

Holy God to whom all praise is due

I stand in awe of You.

Oh, why don't the ladies sing that. Amen. "I stand, I stand in awe." Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord.

All together now, one more time. "I stand, I stand."

I stand, I stand in awe of You}2x

Holy God to whom all praise is due

I stand in awe of You.

Let's bow our hearts for a word of prayer. If you have a special request tonight—you draw close to this place tonight, you came, that you might sit in His Presence. Something in your heart moved you that you desired to be here. You could have done so many other things, but

you made a choice, you made a decision. And here we are tonight gathered together in Heavenly Places. The Bible says if we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us. We come in humility, we come with reverence, we come with sincerity, with expectations for we know where two or three are gathered together in His Name, there He is in the midst. That's one of His promises. And if we are sensitive, we know the Divine Presence of the Lord, surely, the Presence of the Lord is in this place.

What a time to believe Him. What a time to cast Your cares upon Him. He said, "Cast your cares upon Me because I careth for you." And if you have a care for something, a need in your life, something that you are expecting or desiring that God would do for you, that it seems so beyond your own human strength and your own human understanding of how it's going to happen, but there's a need. And you gather here tonight and there are many believers in here and we have sang, we have brought the fruits of our lips giving praise and thanks unto Him, worshipping Him in Spirit and in Truth. And now, we take this opportunity to draw even nearer, to present our supplications before Him, to make our request known unto Him. Blessed be His wonderful Name.

The Bible says we come by a New and Living Way through His precious Blood. It brings us before the Throne of Grace where we can find grace to help us in time of need. We can make our request knowing that if we ask for a bread, we will not get a stone. You ask for a fish, you will not get a serpent. He said, "Ask, that your joys may be full." God is so interested and so desirous to meet our every need. Can't we trust Him this evening?

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

Just to take Him at His Word

Just to rest upon His promise

Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

[#99 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus - Songs That Live -Ed.]

So, you hold that request in your heart as we go to prayer. Our thoughts speak louder in Heaven than our words on earth. He knows what each and every one of us is thinking right now. So, you hold that request in your heart, as a silent prayer to Him there in your heart, and you ask Him what you're expecting Him to do for you tonight. What has brought you here? Some of you might be at a junction in your life, in your earthly journey and this time might be important for you. And you embraced the opportunity, you accepted the invitation that was extended to you to come and be here. Now let God do something special for you.

He, the omniscient One Who knows our every need. He knows each and every one of us here. He knew us before we were even born. He knew when we were going to come into this earth and He was the One Who guided us down through life's journey, and is with us here tonight. And we are taking this moment to respect Him, to cast our cares upon Him, to put our trust and our confidence in Him, knowing He said it's impossible for Him to lie. If we ask for a bread, He'll give us a bread. If you ask for a fish, He'll give you a fish. Amen. Just what you ask for. "Seek, and you shall find," He says. "Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you."

Beloved Jesus, with gratitude in our hearts tonight, we bow to the dust of the ground from whence we were taken. The evening shadows have fallen and we are gathered together in this place. And, Lord, as the songs of worship and praise are being offered unto You, the fruits of our lips giving praise and thanks expressing from our hearts who You are and what You are to us; what You have made available to us through Your great sacrificial death and Your resurrection in sending back the Holy Spirit that the Spirit of Christ coming back into a surrendered heart and life, Lord, it can make us New Creations in Christ. For it is written in the Scripture, "Any man in Christ is a New Creation. And by one Spirit

we are all baptized into the Body of Christ,” this great, Mystical Body, this economy of God.

And Father, I pray this evening as we confess our sins, our shortcomings, our mistakes, our failures, we do not want anything, dear God, that can hinder the moving of Your Holy Spirit. We so want to be in harmony with You, to be united with You in heart and in purpose. Lord God, knowing that everyone that has a need, You the All-sufficient One, You the One Who said, “Is there anything too hard for the Lord?” We know there is nothing too hard for You. You are the very Creator Who created the heavens and the earth by Your very own Word spoken.

You spoke one time and said, “Lazarus, come forth.” A man who was dead and the body was rotting in the grave, dear God, four days already. His sister said, “Lord, by this time he stinketh.” But, dear God, when You said, “Lazarus, come forth,” and You called his name, oh God, if You didn’t call his name every dead in that cemetery would have come up. But You wanted Lazarus to come forth so You called him by his name and he came forth, dear God. And You said, “Loose him, and let him go.” And they unwind all the grave clothes and all the things that were upon him, oh God, and then here he was standing there, no sign of corruption. You brought him right back, dear God, where the body was like in perfection standing there.

And You did that and said, “I am the resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in Me shall never die, and though he were dead, yet shall he live.” And if You did those things in the Bible, (it is recorded in the Scriptures in St. John 11), and here we stand, Father, tonight, knowing You are the same yesterday, and today, and forever. And we are asking, dear God, that You in Your great omniscience, Lord God, You know every need in every heart, Your ear is attentive, Lord God, to every whisper, every cry of the soul, every desire that Your children have; casting their cares upon You

this night, dear God, Father, that You, Lord, can give them an expected end. You can give them the blessed assurance and the confidence that You will meet their every need. What they ask for they shall receive. You said, “Ask, and you shall receive. Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.” And so, dear God, as they take You at Your Word, may they find that You are faithful Who promised.

Bless each and every one tonight. We thank You for bringing us safely to this place once again. We so appreciate the people and their response and the gathering, and we pray that Your Holy Spirit will lead and direct us in everything that is to be said and done, that it will be pleasing, acceptable in Your sight, that Your Holy Spirit will just move in Your great, sovereign grace. Oh God, You the God Who is rich in mercy; how it is written in the Scripture, “God rich in mercy had quickened those who were dead in sins and trespasses and raised them up into Heavenly places in Christ”; Lord, from a death to a spiritual resurrection to be raised up, Lord, into that Heavenly place.

And may, when this service is over we all feel like that; that that Quickening Power of the Holy Spirit has quickened us and we feel that inner man in this physical, terrestrial body, oh God, being quickened on the inside and we get raised up into that elevated place, Heavenly places in Christ, the believer’s position, oh God, where we can enjoy the blessings that You have achieved and made secure for us through Your death, burial and resurrection.

So may tonight this be a blessed service to all that have attended and, Lord, it will be something special. We will remember it in the days to come for a long time. Grant it, dear God. We pray and we ask these mercies in the All-sufficient, Almighty Name, the greatest Name in the universe, the Lord Jesus Christ, with thanksgiving. Amen and amen.

Praise His wonderful Name. God bless you tonight. Welcome to the service. Amen. God bless you. You may have your seats.

I trust the service will be a great blessing to you tonight. As I mentioned to you in the last couple of services, when we came to the last service there, last Wednesday, I told you I would like to speak on water baptism, something that some were asking that I should speak on, because it is something that is necessary. This is not just a thing we do and this is not just a thing we do as a tradition. This is an identification. And I trust that God could give me the grace to bring it to you tonight that you can see what it means to be truly identified with the Lord Jesus Christ, and this great sacrificial work of His through which He achieved something; a way that He can share His Life with each and every one of us. God so loved that He gave.

And the Love of God, as one songwriter says, “*Should we have the ocean filled*” and that is like ink. And “*we have a stalk*” like a scribe who can take a pen and write and we have these things, “*to write the love of God,*” something like that. [#160 The Love Of God - Songs That Live -Ed.] Those words were found in an insane institution. That is where those words were found. That some man in an insane institution thinking about the Love of God, *so measureless, so strong*. This great Love of God, that down from His Glory, God would condescend, the Almighty God.

We were singing just now “*I stand, I stand in awe of You.*” And to see how it comes out of Isaiah, where Isaiah was in the temple and he saw the Lord high and lifted up, sitting on His Throne. And he saw seraphim. They had six wings; a certain category of angels there. Two wings were covering their face, speaking of reverence to the King of kings and the Lord of lords, this great mighty God, the Creator sitting on His Throne. They had two wings over their feet, speaking of humility. Then they had two wings with which they flew, speaking

of action. A people who are in action, with reverence and humility before God, recognizing He's the One on the Throne that rules the universe.

Every blade of grass, every little tree, every shrub, every flower, it was created by His Word. Think of how many different kinds of flowers there are. Think of how beautiful flowers are. Think of how people just love flowers. They see it and they get attracted and pull towards it. When they have funerals, they bring flowers. When they have a wedding, they bring flowers. Everything around the house, they have flowers. God created it. God created it.

Then you see out of all the botany life, trees, then marine life. God created marine life. People love the sea, people love the fish, people love the oceans. People feed off of the food that God put, not just in the earth, but in the sea as well. And you know, it's such a thing when we realize God created this. And think of it, before there was a creation, it had to be in His mind.

Like any great architect, he sees a house. It's going to be like a dream house, a great house for him and his family or something. And he sees it. And the architect has it drawn out. And he knows how many storeys he wants, he knows where the staircase is going to be, he knows where he wants with glass, where he wants with tiles, where he wants with just the cedar and all of these different things; and something so beautiful. But before it was expressed, it was a thought in the mind of the architect. All the dimensions, everything was there.

So when you think of this God Who could create the universe like this. We get up each day and we look in the sky, we see the sun. We were coming here tonight and they were taking a little photo of the moon, full moon tonight in all its glory right there. And the moon has no light of its own. The moon is really reflecting the light of the sun in the absence of the sun. Because the sun and the moon are a type of Christ and His Church. This is what the Church is. In Him is Life and His Life

is the Light of men. So, we are reflecting His Light because we are partakers of His Life. See? Because He is the Way, He is the Truth, He is the Life. Without the Way there is no going, without the Truth there is no knowing, without the Life there is no living. It's a great thing to serve God.

And to see how the Bible tells us in this last Day, the god of this evil Age will blind the minds of the people. It says, "Gross darkness upon the earth and upon the people." And it's such a dark Age. And darkness speaks of ignorance. See? Ignorance. Light is what drives the darkness away. This place could be dark; if we take off those lights there, we'll find ourselves in darkness right here. Then you flip that switch and you look for the darkness that was once in the building when the light was turned off and you couldn't even move around, you wanted to feel your way around. Then you look and you can see everything again because the light has been turned on and the darkness can't stay where the light is.

And all of these things that God has made, we look, we watch, we see, we bump into things every day. But if we are insensitive to God and His ways, if we are desensitized that we don't have the perception to look at something, to examine it closely... See, that's why God gave us eyes so we can look at something. We can take a mental picture of it and after we look at it, and we study it, and we see how it's made up, and we walk away, we will have the picture of what we were looking at, what we were examining inside of us. Then you can go home, and if you are an artist or something, you can bring out that memory of that picture that you took when your eyes were looking at it, when the brain was functioning there and you were able to captivate that, keep that, then go home and reproduce that.

God put so much potential in each and every one of us, that we fail to realize how much God has invested in a son, in a daughter. He put you on the earth with a

desire in your heart to want to know this God. And yet, there are others, they go through life and don't even think about God. They don't even believe in God. They have no concept that there could be a God. They look at a creation, and they can't see before you could have a creation, you must have a Creator. Because it is the Creator Who creates the creation. The creation is the work of a Creator. You understand?

It's like you see a big house here, and you say, "Gosh, isn't that a wonderful house?"

They say, "No, that just happened." Nobody will convince you of that. Yet, people look at nature, they look at these things, they look at all the animals, look at all the birds, look at all the fishes, look at all the trees, look at all the flowers, look at everything, and then say there is no God. It just happened. And then you tell them, "Well, you just happened too." And they wouldn't want to accept they just happened.

Then somebody could say, "You have the characteristics of your father. Are you from this family? You resemble someone I know."

You say, "Oh, yes. That's my uncle, my father's brother."

They say, "I could see the resemblance in the family." Yet, the person doesn't know you but they know part of your family. And they realize you have characteristics that resemble that particular family.

Now, if that is a natural thing with a natural person, the Bible says, "The Family in Heaven and the Family on earth is named after the Lord Jesus Christ." God has a Family too. Think of it! And when God's children (you know) get around the Presence of God, something happens.

Because the body comes from your father and mother. That is just a house we need. We need five senses. The body is see, taste, hear, smell, and touch. Even though you are not seeing, you could feel your way around here. You can walk. You know there is a door;

you feel your way and you go through there. See? ‘See’. You come home and you realize somebody didn’t turn off the gas, and you are smelling the gas. You say, “My goodness! This could be dangerous.” You’re not seeing it, you’re not touching it, you’re not hearing it, but you could smell it. And that same nose you are smelling the gas with, you could smell a perfume and say, “Hey, you’re wearing that perfume. I know that perfume.” See? Then, you can say, “Somebody cooked roast beef or stew beef or something today.” You didn’t see it yet, you didn’t taste it, you didn’t touch it, you haven’t even reached the kitchen yet, but you can smell it. See? That’s a discernment. You could distinguish gas from food, from different things just by your sense of smell. You can say what kind of perfume that is, not even seeing or touching it, just by the smell.

People don’t realize how God made them. And that’s just the body. This dies. This comes from the dust of the earth and goes back to dust. Think of it.

You could hear... We are hearing a truck out there, right? You know that’s not a motorbike. You stay right here—You are not even seeing it, but you hear it. You could hear somebody playing a saxophone and know that that is not a piano.

You say, “Somebody is playing a saxophone.”

They say, “How do you know that? Are you seeing it?” No. You are hearing it. Your ear could give a distinction of sound. Your nose could give a distinction of things you smell. That’s like a discernment.

Taste; if you are blind and deaf, you could taste something and say, “This has too much pepper. I don’t like so much pepper.”

They say, “How do you know it has pepper? Did you see anybody put pepper in it?”

You say, “No, I’m tasting it.”

You use these things every day in the body, and when you come out of your mother’s womb, you come out with

these senses. And if you are fifty years tonight, fifty years you have this and are using it.

And those are not the only senses you have. You have reasoning, in the spirit. You have memory. So long you haven't heard that song you used to sing in school, elementary school; little school song or something you liked. And then somebody is whistling and you hear the whistle. And when you hear the whistle now, the words of the very song come back to you and you say, "I haven't heard that for so long." And that comes normal to you and you don't realize, no, God made you with all of these powers. And you are conscious that you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

I'm a strange person, you know. I'm just trying to talk to you to get adjusted to you. And when this starts and starts to go this way, I realize I have certain things I need to talk to you about tonight. Because I promised I'm going to come and speak on water baptism and these things. I even printed out a little something and gave it to everybody. But let me just go for a couple more minutes to see. Maybe it might be somebody hanging on to something there, and just waiting for me to finish that. See.

So, imagination, you could sit right here and begin to imagine things. And if it's places that you have seen at one time, and you haven't gone there maybe in years as a child, you saw those things, then inside of you have memory. The memory is like a retrieval system. The memory brings it back.

Today, people have their phone, their computer, their iPad. They talk about memory. They need a certain amount of memory in that. Then the person says, "I have a hundred songs in there, you know. I have two hundred photos in there." Well, all of that is stored there and it has a way to retrieve it and bring it back. They made these things off of a human being, off of the mind of a person. Science sees this. They made a plane by watching a bird. They made a submarine by watching a

fish – how that goes under the water and stays under the water. And they brought it from the reality of what God made it, and they brought it now in another form.

Now, when we look and see these things, you realize how people will go through life and not even think about why they are on earth, why they are here, what their purpose is; and go to church too. But certain churches—And I have to be careful with this because sometimes you speak things and your mind is on truth and fact. And then somebody says, “You are criticizing other churches.” And they kind of feel, “I don’t like that.” To every true, there is a false.

How many here have ever seen a nineteen-dollar bill? Do you know why you’ve never seen a nineteen-dollar bill? It doesn’t have an original nineteen-dollar bill. So, if a man comes with a nineteen-dollar bill trying to pass that off as money, they will lock him up right away. But if he takes the original bill, a twenty-dollar bill, and he makes one close to that, until you can’t even tell the difference, you don’t know what to look for; you could hold the fake thinking you have the true. And then somebody does so and puts it under a certain light and says, “This isn’t worth a cent. You made somebody con you with this.” You understand?

This is where we are in an Age like this. That’s why the Bible says, Matthew 24:24, “If it is possible, it will deceive even the Elect.” It is because the Elect means they are chosen. And the Bible says, “We are chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. Those He foreknew, He predestinated; those He predestinated is them He called; those He called, He justified; those He justified, He also glorified.” So, because we know God has a chosen people—He says, “You have not chosen Me, I have chosen you.” St. John 15. He’s talking to them. He says, “You didn’t choose Me; I chose you.” Many are called but few are chosen.

You know when you start to realize that you’re one of the chosen ones—not because you get emotional and

you want to feel chosen, no. You have to have the evidence and the characteristics to identify you're not the fake.

How many know there are wheat and tares? How many know the Good Sower didn't sow wheat and tares, He only sowed wheat? How many know the evil sower sowed tares? And it's so close, he said, "Leave it alone. Don't try to separate it right now because you're going to root up the tares [wheat -Ed.] too because it's so close." He said, "Wait until it's the harvest. At harvest time the tree is known by the fruit." So then you don't have to guess anymore what kind of tree it is, what kind of fruit it's bringing forth. And when you look today you see in people's lives what kind of fruit is coming out of that life. They want to look at themselves, examine themselves.

But Satan has manipulated people in such a way that he confused them with religion and God. My last service I spoke to you and told you that the Bible is before Hinduism, before Islam, before modern-day Christianity. The Bible is long before that. "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" [St. John 1:1 -Ed.] Now Moses, writing Genesis, says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." [Genesis 1:1 -Ed.] But John, in the Gospel of John writing, he says, "In the beginning was the Word." John takes us into a beginning before Moses' beginning that Moses was speaking of. Moses said, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." John said, "In the beginning was the Word."

What is a word? A thought expressed. If I stay here tonight and I'm speaking, (and some people can't hear but know sign language), there is somebody who is hearing my words because I'm expressing my thoughts. If I don't express—If I keep my thoughts to myself, then you wouldn't know what I'm thinking; you wouldn't even know what I'm saying. When I'm speaking, I'm expressing my thoughts because I'm thinking on a

subject and I'm opening something and I'm making certain applications and you're sitting there and you can follow that, because you're realizing like I'm telling a story and I'm coming with a progression in the story and the story is building up, and it's becoming more interesting as you listen and as you follow, because you realize it's something unfolding.

Well, when Moses was saying, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," he went straight like that. But John said, "No, in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." He said, "And all things were made by Him; and without Him there was nothing made that was made." [St. John 1:3 -Ed.] So it means to say, God, where John is taking us, before God began to speak and create, God had thoughts in His mind.

The first thing God created was botany life. Then God created marine life – the fish of the sea. Then God created bird life. Then God created animal life. The last thing God made was man. And the reason God never made anything beyond a man is because man is made in the image and likeness of God. When God came on earth, It was a man, when God was manifested in flesh. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. Without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness; God was manifested in the flesh." [1st Timothy 3:16 -Ed.] God in man. See?

"Know ye not you are the temple of the living God? That I will dwell in you and I will walk in you and I will be your God and you shall be My people"? The Most High doesn't dwell in tabernacles made with hands. You are the temple of the living God. God designed man to be His temple. God doesn't live in animals. Satan goes into animals. How many know when Jesus delivered Legion from those devils? And those devils were saying, "Please, please, don't put us back in the deep. No!" They said, "Let us go into the swine. Let us go into the swine."

And He said, "Go ahead."

And all those devils went into the swine and the same epileptic demons that had Legion, you know, wild like a maniac and everything else, all the swine, they went down into the river and drowned.

God dwells in man, not animals. Man is the temple of God's rest. Satan will enter an animal and you'll see that animal start to behave a certain way and get ferocious. When Satan gets into a man or a woman, you see the same behavior and especially when you have discernment to know the characteristics of God's Spirit and Satan's spirit.

Because Satan can't—He said, "I will be like God. I will be worshipped as God." But he can't be like God. You have to have God's nature to be like God. He doesn't have God's nature. He doesn't even have God's wisdom. God told him, "Your time is short. You will end up in the lake of fire." Why? He is a creation. He is not a creator. He is a creation. He is a perverter; he perverts what God has created.

That's why religion today is perverted. It's so perverted we have thousands of denominations and one Bible. And you know God is not the author of confusion. Everybody fixed it to suit themselves, suit their thinking. But that very same Scripture tells us if we add one word, all the plagues in the Book will be added. If we take away one word, our name will be taken out.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every – (not some of the words), but by every Word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. And whatsoever God has spoken, His Word shall not return unto Him void. It shall accomplish the purpose where unto It was sent. [Isaiah 55:11 -Ed.] Why? Because a word was a thought first. And when God is speaking His thoughts, it becomes words; it's expressed as words. And that Word goes forth to achieve the purpose God spoke that Word for. That's why He could say, "Peace, be still," and the winds get calm. Speak to the waves, you know, speak to those

devils, "Come out of him," and they have to go because they recognize an authority greater than them.

Now the Bible tells us Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. A real Christian is somebody God is living in, because 'Christian' means '*Christ in you*'. But we have a kind of Christianity today that's not according to the Bible. And some people... Let me say this tonight: You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free. Freedom is connected to knowledge of the Truth. If you don't know the Truth, you cannot be free. You shall know the Truth, and that knowledge of the Truth, will make you free. Because, what is a lie? A lie is the truth perverted. Satan just...

God said, "The day you eat, you shall surely die."

The Serpent tells the woman, "You shall not surely die. Would God kill you, His own children? You're making a joke, man. Do you think God is a mad man to kill His own child? No, no, no. You shall not surely die."

They did die. Up till this day, nobody... A day with God is a thousand years, the Bible tells you, 2nd Peter. Up till this day, it doesn't have a man on earth who lived a thousand years. The oldest man was Methuselah, nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died. But the Millennium, the Bible speaks of the Millennium, a thousand-year reign with Christ. There will be a people who will be with Him, will live through that and fulfill that Day because God had to come out of His rest when man fell. And God came down, "Adam, where art thou? Where art thou? Where art thou?" It was not Adam looking for God. It was God searching for Adam. Jesus said, "The Shepherd leaves the ninety-and-nine and goes and looks for the sheep."

You are not searching for God tonight. You might think you are searching for God; it is God searching for you. No man can come except the Father draws them first. It's God drawing you to Himself.

And when you recognize God is drawing you, it means God is interested in you. And then you say, "Well, my

mother and they don't like me, and I have family, they don't like me. And the neighbors and they are against me. And the place where I am working, do you know how much pressure I am getting on that work? Nobody there likes me because I am making a stand for the Lord," or whatever it is. And you find that you have so many enemies. And after a while you feel so frustrated, you feel you want to give up, you feel that you just can't go on, only because you are insensitive that God knows you, God cares for you, God is preserving your life, God is trying to get your attention.

You know how many times God tries to get His children's attention? He said, "My people see My acts, but they don't know My ways." When you know God's ways, to know...

Why do two people, a husband and a wife, quarrel and fight and all kinds of different things? Do you know why? They don't know one another's ways. If a person knows, "My wife is gentle, she can't take..."

Give honor to the woman as the weaker vessel. If a woman is being dominated and stepped on and not treated a certain way and doesn't feel protected by the husband but feels abused by the husband most of the time, you'll find that that will be an unhappy woman. And God didn't make His children to be unhappy. Because, you have God in your life and you are unhappy? I mean, think of it. How could you have the Creator in your life and you think you're unhappy? Come on. So, it just shows, there are certain things even good religion and good religious works can't really help you. It's not sufficient. That is why God made a way to share His Life, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit. See?

That is nice. I said something right there and it kind of zoned me back to where I need to be. Because we are talking about: there is a water baptism but there is a Spirit baptism. John said, "I am not He Who is coming. I am sent to tell you there is One coming Who is mightier than I. I am not even worthy to go down and loose the

latchet of His shoes; He, this One Who is coming.” He said, “You see me, I am baptizing with water but when He comes, He will baptize with the Holy Ghost and Fire.”

Do you know what the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire does to you? Not just make you scream and run around the building, you know. It is the Holy Spirit coming to indwell you; Christ walking in your feet, speaking through your lips, thinking with your mind, believing with your heart, working with your hands. You become a living epistle read of all men. You become a tree with the fruits, the nine fruits. Do you know the Spirit has nine fruits? Galatians 5: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, all these things, meekness, gentleness. When that Spirit comes in you, It brings change. Water baptism does not change you, but water baptism brings you into identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now I want to show you tonight, and you have it right there, (I will read and you will follow as I read), that if you are not baptized according to the Bible...

Now today we have a system when the child comes, the little baby child, they take some water from the font, sprinkle the child and they baptize the child; they call that baptism. The word ‘baptism’ means ‘*to bury, to immerse.*’ That is why John was baptizing where there was plenty of water in the river there. Why? Because the river is a symbol of the grave. The river cannot take away sin. Water does not remit sin; water is a symbol of a grave.

Hear what the Bible says, Hebrews 10 [Hebrews 9:22 –Ed.], “Without the shedding of Blood, there is no remission of sin.” Not animal blood, not human blood; that cannot remit sin. It is the Blood of Jesus Christ, because the Life that was in that Blood was God’s own Life. And He laid down that Life so He could make a way for the Spirit of God to be given through His sacrificial death. He was wounded for my transgressions. Each one of us has to know that for ourselves. He was bruised for my

iniquities. The chastisement for my peace was upon Him. By His stripes, He paid the price for my healing. It's a finished work. He achieved something.

In the Old Testament, for four thousand years, they had animal sacrifice. Remember in the Bible when God came down and saw Adam and Eve running and hiding, clothed with fig leaves? Adam was the first tailor; Eve was the first seamstress. They had the first unisex clothing. They had their own garment industry. Because before that, they didn't know they were naked. There was a Glory that covered them, they could look at each other and have no lust. And when that left them, because she ate from the tree... And it was not an apple tree. Christmas season went about two months ago, and apples are still coming into the country. Well, they have all those apples coming and it is not helping anybody put on clothes. You understand? Eating an apple doesn't give knowledge of nakedness. How...

Now you know where that came from? Somebody drew a picture, and saw two Anglo-Saxon people, a male and a female, and saw a snake by a tree with an apple in the mouth and said, "Oh, that is what happened in the garden." Now, they are not going in Genesis to read, you know. They are letting that picture talk for them. That picture now took away their mind from the Bible and made them think that is what happened. No. That is not so. This is why, search the Scriptures. And if a person doesn't have the desire, you will live in darkness, you will live in ignorance, and you won't even know anything about God. You might know a lot about church and religious tradition, and that has nothing to do with God. That is a man-made invention.

Look at Solomon, he built a great, big temple; the Glory filled it on that day of the dedication. They sang as one, they played as one, it was so glorious. And then the Scripture said, "The Most High doesn't dwell in tabernacles made with hands. Know you not you are the temple of the living God?" We are lively stones building

up a spiritual house. See? That was a shadow of a greater reality. And when we can look in the Scripture and find Truth, you will not find the Bible contradicting the Bible. You may find the Bible exposing false religion.

Now some people are baptized and they say, "Well, I am baptized already."

Say, "Unto what then were you baptized?"

I'll read it out of the Bible for you, tonight; it's right in the sheet too.

"Unto what then you were baptized?" Paul asked them.

They said, "We were baptized unto John's baptism."

What! They were saying that with confidence. Do you know why? John the Baptist got the Holy Ghost in his mother's womb. And when John the Baptist came forth baptizing people, he even baptized Jesus too. But John's baptism was not for the remission of sin. John's baptism didn't take any sin from anybody.

You say, "Well, how can you say that?"

Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. And that's not just human blood through sexual union; that is the Blood of the Lamb of God. That's why he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world!" That takest away the sin of the world. Because the animal lamb is animal life and animal life comes from animal blood. When the animal blood cell was broken and the blood came forth, the life is in the blood. Human beings have human life, but human life is not God's own Life. That is why a human being: "In sin did my mother conceive me. I was shapen in iniquity," David, Psalm 51. Ezekiel 36, "I will take away the stony heart and I will give you a new heart. I'll take away that spirit and give you a new spirit, and then I'll put My Spirit in your new spirit (see?) to make you a New Creation." Because any man in Christ is a New Creation. It's a work that God does in the person's life.

Ninety-nine percent of church people do not look at the Scripture. They go to church, they go down in a pool,

boom! Water. Some baptize... “I am going on the mourning ground. I have to go on the mourning ground before I get baptized.” You don’t find that in the Bible. This is a lot of superstition and some people get vexed if you tell them that because they love superstition, they love false religion more than the Word of God. He said, “You shall know the superstition, and you shall know the denominational teaching and you shall be free.” No! You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free. And the Truth is a Person. “I am *the* Way, I am *the* Truth, I am *the* Life.” Without the Way, there’s no going. Without the Truth, there’s no knowing. Without the Life, there’s no living.

“A woman who liveth in pleasure while she’s alive,” the Bible says, “is dead.” She’s dead. People only know the death of the body. No! “The soul that sinneth shall surely die.” There’s a death of the soul, and the soul is you in that body.

Now, you can tell I am not on membership. You could tell I am not here to sweet talk anybody into anything. And anything I say, I’m trying to choose carefully how I say it, what I say, and when I’m presenting it to you, I’m giving you the Scripture for it. Because my responsibility before God: “How shall they hear without a preacher?” the Bible says. “How shall he preach except he be sent?” When God sends somebody, they will have to have the credentials that they are sent of God.

If a man walks in with a police uniform and says, “Come, come, come. You, you are going down tonight. We are charging you for so and so and so.”

You say, “Wait, wait, wait. Let me see your badge before you start all of this.”

He says, “What do you want to see my badge for? Look, the police van is out there.”

You say, “I didn’t ask you where the police van is. I asked you to let me see your badge, with all respect to you, officer.”

You understand? You don't have to fall apart and panic and say, "Oh God, you know, the police are advantageous!" No, no. Just get calm. See?

So, this is where we have to be thinkers. Too many people are so shallow that they think Christianity... You see, it is what it comes down to today. So, they can choose out of thousands of different kinds of Christianity, one that they like more than the next, and kind of settle there. Do you know what you get there? You become part of a system, a religious system. That is not relationship with Christ, that is not fellowship with Christ. That is not living your life under the leadership of Christ. Jesus isn't dead; He's alive. God dwells in His people. God leads His people. God works with His people. "Lo, I am with you always. I will never leave you nor forsake you." That's His promises. The Bible said it is impossible for God to lie. If He said He's with you always, He's with you always if you are His, if you identify yourself with Him.

Remember Elijah challenged those people? Choose this day whom you will serve. If God be God, serve God. If Baal be God, serve Baal. And then they made... He said, "Okay, if God is with you, call down the fire to consume this sacrifice." They shouted, they called, they rolled, everything.

He said, "I don't think you're calling loud enough, you know. Call a little louder. Maybe God isn't hearing you. Maybe your God..." That is what Elijah was telling them. He said, "Maybe your God went for a walk." And in the end, he said, "Okay, you all had enough time now." It was time for the evening sacrifice. Since morning they had been here. But the evening sacrifice now, at evening time, (see?) the ninth hour of the day... Watch and see how this is happening here now.

We see he said, "Father," after he put everything there, he said, "I have done all of this at Thy Word. Now make Yourself known that You are the One True and Living God." He aligned himself with God's ways, with

God's thoughts, with God's plan. He had the right approach to God and everything else.

You know if you write a cheque; you have money in the bank, and you write out that cheque, and you spell somebody's name wrong and give it to them; and the person comes and says, "May I have your ID, sir?" You realize now, the name is spelt differently. They say, "No, no, no. I think you have to take this back. We can't cash this." One little thing like that and you can't get what is yours.

If man is so, what do you think God is? Just free? Everybody has everything how they want it? No, no, no. God has a Word too. "Try every spirit," he says, "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good." He said, "because there are many spirits that have gone out into the world." There are many evil spirits but there is only one Holy Spirit. There are many spirits, but there is only one Word; that's the Word of God.

Man's word is nothing. That's man's imagination, man's own thoughts and man's own ideas. But God has one Word and that Word, God measures everything by that Word. Not what a person claims, not what a person feels, you know and say, "Why God did so and why is God so?" And then we see somebody with their little human mind, they can't even find their way. Maybe their car is parked somewhere and they are already kind of lost and they are standing up there and they are trying to call on their phone, and they can't get through to call on their phone and they want to get to the car because they want to move, and they don't know somebody—"I thought the car was parked here," and they are going through all these problems in their mind. And then you realize they are under pressure and they are falling apart.

You want to be able to know exactly, precisely where it is, how to get there. When you get there, you pull out your key, you open the door, you go in, and you start your car, and you are on your way. Now, if we take

caution and try to do everything in the right way; there's a right way and a wrong way.

The same way it says, "One way: you can't go down here," and somebody tries to go down, they'll get charged; they'll get locked up. They're breaking a law there. They say, "Didn't you see this sign here?" If somebody tries to run through a red light, he says, "Do you understand this? Do you have a license? When you passed, what does "Red" mean?"

"Stop."

"What were you doing?"

See? Everything in our life is governed by something.

When we come to God, what is higher than God? When we come to God's Word, do we really believe that Jesus is coming for a people? Do we really believe that? Do we really believe that we are in the last days? Now to some people, they say, "Well, I'm not so sure. I heard people saying that for a long time."

In the Bible, we can know what time it is. When you want to know what day of the week it is, do you look at last year's calendar? No, you look at the calendar for the month in which you are in. When you want to know what time of the day it is, do you say in your mind, "I see the sun; it is directly overhead. Maybe it's kind of...I'll put an hour less"? No. You have a watch. It tells you the seconds, minutes, and hour. It even has the date inside of there too.

Now, if all of this is necessary for you to move about, normal, natural things, what about the Word of God now, that shows to us where we were before we came into this life; showed to us our earthly journey; showed to us our Eternal destination, where we are going; showed to us how God had brought others? Examples! All these things are written for our examples!

See how God called Abraham out, see how God dealt with Abraham. See how God called Moses out, see how God dealt with Moses. See how God dealt with Joseph, see the hardships Joseph went through and different

things, but see how God was with him in the prison. See how Joseph was hated and rejected, but see how he handled rejection, and humiliation, and lies and false charge; see how he carried himself. Why? Because God wasn't somebody in the sky. He had a relationship with his God. He knew he was chosen by God, he was equipped by God for certain things. And the father, who was a prophet, could look and know that there was something about Joseph that's different from the other brothers.

How was it they lived back in that day, and they didn't—they just had portions of the Scriptures. They didn't have the whole canon of Scriptures from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22 as yet, and they could walk with such faith and moved and were so clear and everything. And today, we have the whole Thing and then somebody is confused, they don't know what to do, they are going through here, you know, they kind of give up and all these things, and they're 'just living their life'.

Let me tell you: a Christian, a real Christian, any man in Christ is a New Creation; old things are passed away. The Bible says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind."

When you see people with all the things of the world on them, and are looking like the world, and are going around like the world and everything else and talking about God, they might impress somebody who knows nothing about God. But when you come up against somebody who knows reality...

It comes as if you have a plastic apple, or you have a bunch of grapes that are plastic and you say, "Would you like an apple?"

The person says, "To do what, as an ornament or to eat? Which one are you talking about? But that is plastic; you can't give me that to eat. I don't eat plastic." In other words, they can recognize that. Artificial – it is not real. Who wants to be that kind of Christian?

Now, the church makes people all different kinds of Christians, you know. The Baptists make people one way. The Jehovah's Witnesses make somebody the next way. The Seventh-day Adventists make somebody a different way. Hinduism makes people one way. Islam makes people one way. Everybody is making so many mixes. It is with all religions.

When God said, "Let us make man in our image and our likeness," when God was creating the first man, it was a man; not half-donkey, half-pig, you know. No, no, no. It was a man in God's image and God's likeness. Do you mean to say that God forgot how to make people in His own image and likeness? Come on.

Let me come down a little bit. I'm talking to you like you are my own children, you know. You see, that is how preaching is. You see, the church that I preach in, Truth is what is important; not entertainment, not trying to make somebody feel good, but to speak the Truth in love. And, sometimes, you have to say, "No, that is wrong. That is of the devil." But somebody gets upset, "How could you tell me that's of the devil?" See? This is a person who can't submit to anything. You watch and see how their life goes zigzag; they end up here, they end up here, they end up here. There's never any real progress.

The Gospel is not a thing to please us, you know, and what we'd like and how we'd like it. It's not a restaurant. "I didn't get enough pepper. I find, you know... Whoever made this, I don't like..." [Bro. Vin laughs. -Ed.] The Gospel is not this. This is life and death.

Look at these girls here. Well, they're having a time because, you see, they know Truth, and they realize now, in the simplicity of Truth, because to them, this is not complicated. And then you see some old people sit there all of their lives, and say, "This is complicated. I don't know that. I've never heard that from my grandfather, I've never heard that from my aunt. I never heard this over here."

Well, at one time, the only light that people had was torch light. Then the time came when they got electric light. Then the time came when they had light all around the house. They have security lights outside, different lights here. Why? As they keep going, there's an evolution. Things are getting greater and greater and greater.

Look at this. People used to ride bicycles long ago; now watch the cars on the highway, watch the planes in the sky. Do you understand? There's always advancement.

Now, if natural man is continually advancing and bringing things out, do you mean that the Church of God is still here, down here? No, no, no! Look and see in the Old Testament, there was so much idolatry and different things. They didn't know who God is, what God is. Everybody had their own personal god. When God became flesh and walked upon the earth, started to speak to the storms, started to raise the dead, started to do these things, they said, "What manner of man is this!" But the Bible told them that God was going to be made flesh and dwell among them. And what did the priest call It? Beelzebub. They came together and rejected It and crucified It, to keep their Sadducee religion, to keep their Pharisee religion. But what did He call those religions? He said, "Whitened sepulchers, full of dead men's bones." He said, "The snakes in the grass."

"The axe is laid at the root of the tree. It will be hewn down and cast into the fire!" That was John the Baptist preaching, and the other one was Jesus preaching. They didn't pull punches at religion, because they saw how religion was corrupting the minds of the people. And that's why He said, "You shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free."

Now, if a person's heart is not hungering for Truth, and if a person is not searching back the Scriptures to see: "Where is he getting that from? How could he say

that?” They say, “Oh, my dear! You know, I’ve never read that.”

So, follow me now. We’re going to read. I was talking about water baptism here. And I’m starting with Matthew 28, verses 18 to 20. It’s right on your first page there. This is Jesus before He ascended into Heaven. He died, He rose, He appeared to the apostles, and now He is commissioning them before He ascends into Heaven.

Matthew 28, verse 18.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Not ‘some power’, not ‘three-quarter of the power’; ‘all power’. ‘All’ means A-L-L, all, the full spectrum. He said, “All power.” In other words, if He has all power, Satan’s power cannot compare to God’s Power. This is God manifested in the flesh.

“Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh.” [1st Timothy 3:16 -Ed.] Jesus was the physical man that God dwelt in. In Him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Colossians 2, verse 7-9.

[Matthew 28:18 -Ed.]

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,

He is telling them, “Go ye therefore and teach all nations.” What am I doing here tonight? I’m trying to teach. I am trying to teach.

... baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Did you catch anything in there? If they are three persons in one, it should be Names. He said baptize in the Name; not in the Names: Father’s name, Son’s name and Holy Ghost’s name. No, no, no. Baptize them in the Name. He didn’t tell them to go and repeat what He said.

People would carry them in the water, “I baptize you in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost”; they are repeating what He said.

“Go and do what I told you.” What did He tell them? Baptize them in the Name. If they don’t know the Name, they just repeat what He said, and don’t do what He said. That is simple. If you didn’t baptize in the Name, if you were baptized like that, you weren’t really baptized. I’ll show it to you and you’ll read it for yourself; it’s not my word.

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

Tonight, where two or three are gathered in His Name, He is there.

20 ... lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

And the end of the world is coming upon us. We are seeing the whole world is again falling apart.

Mark 16. That was how Matthew wrote it. This is how Mark wrote it.

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

See? Preach what? Preach the Gospel. The ‘Gospel’ means ‘*the Good News*’. What is the Good News? Jesus conquered death. He was wounded for my transgressions, He was bruised for my iniquities: the chastisement of my peace was upon Him; and by His stripes I’m healed. [Isaiah 53:5 -Ed.] He made a way to send back His Holy Spirit. Except a man be born of water and of Spirit, he can’t see the Kingdom of God; he cannot even enter the Kingdom of God. [John 3:5 -Ed.] By one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body, the Mystical Body of Christ. [1st Corinthians 12:13 -Ed.] See? So this is what His death, burial and resurrection achieved for us.

[Matthew 28:20 -Ed.]

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

And Mark 16:15-18.

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

This Gospel – watch it, “into all the world” and “every creature.” All the world; not just in your village, not just in one place, but preach it to every creature – all persons and all places.

¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized...

Now notice He is not saying, “He that is baptized and believeth.” Believe first, then you act upon that Word. Do you understand?

¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized...

You see, “and” is a conjunction.

You may say, “Well, I believe!” You need to be baptized in the Name.

“Well, I was baptized already.”

“How were you baptized?”

“Well, I can’t remember how they baptized me, you know.” Or “I was baptized when I was a baby.”

I’ll show you that baptism is for the remission of sin. Baptism is not just something that you do as a commandment type of thing where you just go and do it, “I don’t know why I did it; I was supposed to do this, and now I think I have favor with God.” No, you went down dry and came up wet because there is no consciousness there. You don’t know why you are doing it, you don’t know how to do it and you don’t know if you are doing it right. You are trying to do something of yourself. But when God gives us a commandment to do something, He shows us the way He wants it done, and we have to come in obedience and come into harmony with the will of God, with the plan of God, with the Word

of God to do it because God is not going to receive it if it's not done how God said to do it.

We cannot push anything down on God and say, "Hear this, You have to take this, you know, because I have no time for anything else right now. I'm giving You this and that is Your business. You are God, so You see about this." No, no, no. We have to do it the way that God wants it.

You are doing your work in the bank, or you're doing your work in some firm or something, and then you do so and they say, "What is this?"

You say, "How do you mean what is this?"

They say, "We don't do that in that way. First to begin, look at this, who is this for? You didn't even say who this is for here."

Then you start to realize, "Oh yes, I didn't realize."

But you carried it up expecting them to accept it because you have an appointment and you would like to move quickly. You want to get out of work early or something. And then you get blocked, and then you get upset.

But then you are not watching, no, this is what you are getting paid for, this is your job description; this is your responsibility so that is why you are employed in the firm here. And if you do not do it according to how the company wants it, the company has no other alternative but to 'hi and bye!' [dismiss you -Ed.]

This is how people go through life. They want things their way and they don't see that there is an individual responsibility. And if it's that way with your job, how much more your life, how much more your eternal destination when it comes to the Word of God? Do you understand what I'm saying?

Now maybe they do not preach it this way in your church, but I think that I'm striving to show you not what I think, but what the Word is saying, that we are looking at.

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

Believe what? You are going to get baptized, but believe what? Because your baptism is an identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The word 'baptism' means *'to bury or to immerse, to put under the water'*. When they immerse you, the water is the symbol of a grave. The water has no virtue to make you holy. That's pipe water; that's WASA [Water and Sewerage Authority of Trinidad and Tobago. -Ed.]

Understand this. This is not where someone comes and performs some 'simi dimi' [ritual, magic -Ed.] over something and says it has now become holy. No, no, no. God's thing is different. We meet all of this in our life's journey and we see this all over in religion, but because we have the Word of God, we don't have to listen to each person's idea. We go to the Bible because this is the one Truth. This is the one Truth. Because you will find that in all those churches that have the Bible in their hands are doing things differently to how it is in the Word of God. And this is why we see this necessary.

I don't just want to entertain you. I didn't come to entertain anybody. I was asked to come for a little meeting. At first, they thought that it was a little family meeting, then others came. Then we came back again and so we are trying to present Christ. We are trying to present the Word of God in a very late Hour, in a very dark Hour; that the Word of God could be the Lamp unto your feet and the Light unto your pathway. That you can know the Truth and the Truth can make you free from superstition, from religion, from ideas, from false interpretation, from denominationalism and all these kinds of different things and you can come to walk with the One Who is the Word Himself. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." So you are coming to God Himself and you are walking by God's Word.

God's Word was before there was a church building. God didn't build a church building for Adam and them, and they used to go down in that church building and get down on their knees and genuflect. No. They didn't have that. All of this is superstition and these things came along the way.

That's why they take away the Bible and they give people the prayer book. People don't even understand and do history and research and see, how could a prayer book that a man wrote replace the infallible Word of God, the inspired Word of God? But they just go along like this. And they hold men's person in admiration and then cast the Word of God aside. And then you are going to find out that what you hold on to has no salvation in it and the salvation is in the Word, because the Word is God. Jesus Christ was the Word made flesh that dwelled among us. So watch.

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

Now, you don't believe... You believe with your soul. Your body is see, taste, hear, smell and touch. Your spirit is reasoning, conscience, memory, affection, imagination. Your soul is faith or doubt; belief or unbelief. Without faith, it's impossible to please God. Faith will never go contrary to the Word. Faith only has one resting place, that is God's Word. That's why Jesus says, "Upon this rock I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against It." He's not talking about a piece of rock, a natural rock. He's talking about the revelation. The rock is the revelation of Jesus Christ. This revelation of Jesus Christ, who He is, what He is, why He came, why He died, why He rose, what He achieved for us, how now we can come and be partakers of His Life, and then walk in union with Him. And by one Spirit He set us into the Body. And God has set into the church five office gifts: apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists; nine spiritual gifts: wisdom,

knowledge, faith, discernment of spirit, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, interpretation of tongues, speaking in tongues. These are nine spiritual gifts and five office gifts in the Body of Christ.

God has a Church called the Mystical Body and to be part of that, it comes by a New Birth. Except a man be born again. That is why He said, “Nicodemus, you marvel not, but I say unto you, you must be born again.”

He said, “What do you mean born again? I am an old man. Do I have to go back in my mother’s womb and come back out?”

He said, “You are a teacher in Israel and you don’t know this? What kind of church do you have then? If you don’t understand this, what kind of church do you have, Nicodemus? You are getting a thought now, you are an old man going back into your mother’s womb?”

No. He is talking about a spiritual Birth. You had a physical birth, that is this body that came through the mother womb. But the inside man, who in sin did my mother conceive me; this man who had a stony heart and a worldly spirit, this man now has to go through a transformation. This is the man who was dead in sins and trespasses, who God has quickened and raised up in Heavenly places. The inner man had a spiritual resurrection because the inner man was walking after the course of the world, the prince of the power of the air, fashion of the world, going down into the world, everything in the world.

But then the Gospel Light comes and strikes him and he begins to realize where he is at.

“What is your purpose?”

“I don’t know my purpose.”

“What is your age?”

“Well, my age is such and such.”

“You mean to say... How long are you a Christian or consider yourself a Christian?”

“Well, the last thirty-five years.”

And you don't know anything about God? And you don't have a vision of your future and where you are going?" If you don't know where you are coming from, are you going to know where you are going?

The road map is God's Word. You come through from Genesis 1, that Word goes all the way to Revelation 22. Not one jot or one tittle can be added or taken away. So watch.

Verse 17:

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name...

What did He say in Matthew 28:18-20? Baptize them in the Name. Hear what He's saying here:

... In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

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

I saw a man just recently there, some minister; he wanted to kind of project a self. No leadership of God, he took poison and drank it, quoting this Scripture. Crazy! Tempting God. He wanted to impress people that he's a man of God. No. God has a way to confirm to you, and if you have the New Birth, you will understand the Word better than that.

Colossians 3, verse 17.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all [all] in the name [in the Name] of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Whatsoever you do in word or in deed, do it all in the Name. So I'm showing you, in the Name, in the Name, in the Name.

Let me go to the next Scripture. Acts 2, from verse 29.

Now we are coming to the... We see where Jesus is telling them about the baptism. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." He tells them, "Go and

baptize in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” I tell you that is not three people. I’m a son, I’m a husband, I’m a father. That doesn’t make me three persons. It’s one God in three offices. God above us, like how He came to Moses in that Light. “I AM that I AM. I’m the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I have heard the cries of My people and I am come down.” God was talking to Moses right there. Moses was seeing a fire, but there was a Man in that Fire speaking out to Moses and calling Moses by his name. And it shook him; “How does—whoever in that Light knows me.” Then we see how God was making Himself known to His own.

So watch here. Acts 2:29. This is Peter... This is the first time now we are going to see the first recorded water baptism in the Scripture. And this is taking place after the ascension of Jesus and before the coming of the Holy Spirit. We see Peter preaching the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and water baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the promise of the Holy Spirit.

So, we’re going to read this Scripture now. This Scripture is going to show us this.

Acts 2, verse 29.

29 Men and brethren,

This is on the Day of Pentecost. They had just come out of the upper room, filled with the Holy Spirit, staggering under the power of the Holy Spirit, and the people saw them.

And they said, “They are drunk.”

He said, “No, these are not drunk as you suppose.” He said, “This is the Holy Ghost that has come,” because they were waiting for It. Jesus told them, “Go and wait, the Holy Spirit is going to come.” Why? Because through His death, burial and resurrection, He achieved this to make a way now that the Life that was in Him... In Him dwelleth what? The fullness of the Godhead bodily. Now He’s sharing this Life with His

sons and daughters. Everyone is getting a portion of that very same Life. What does that do? Make them a New Creation in Christ; set them positionally in the Body of Christ.

So, Peter is preaching.

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

Now these people Peter is preaching to, and these Jews and they who they were hiding from in that upper room, but now the Holy Spirit came and they came out in the open and now they are making a declaration. Because Jesus was killed by the Jews, remember that. And He could have stopped it if He wanted, but that was His plan—to make this Life available for us also. See? His children, by giving them a New Birth. The first birth, the sex birth, we come in sin, shaped in iniquity. We came as sinners. We came dead to the things of God, but when the Spirit comes in, that is a Quickening Power that quickens us and raises us up into heavenly places.

So Peter is speaking here and is showing how David knew (and was looking) that Christ was going to come because God made a covenant with David. I have the Scripture there. You can search some of that for yourself when you go home. I've put the Scripture there for you – 2nd Samuel 7, it's called the Davidic covenant. And Jesus died and rose and appeared unto them, fulfilling these Scriptures.

Verse 31.

31 He [David] seeing this before... [seeing what?] the resurrection of Christ, [and the coming of the Holy Spirit]

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ,

Because Isaiah and all of them prophesied that this Messiah, when He comes, He will die. But the Jews didn't believe in a dying Messiah. They believed that the Messiah was going to come and drive away the Romans and give them back the kingdom. But when Messiah came, He was born in a stable. He came poor. He didn't go to school. They said, "Where does this Man get His wisdom? Which school did He attend? How does He know these things? He is twelve years old and He is confounding the doctors and lawyers in the temple."

Then here, Jesus Himself now is standing in the synagogue and He's telling them, "This day is this Scripture fulfilled. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me." That is the first Scripture I used the first night. Jesus saw Himself in the Scripture and He knew the time, He knew the season.

What time are we living in in the plan of God? What season is it? What is our expectation for at this time? What is the condition we must meet? What requirement of God we must meet to know we can lay claim to this promise and this promise and this promise? If we don't meet the requirement, we can't get it.

Do you think you can go into a store and try to beat down the price for a pair of shoes and the price that you're asking for is ridiculous?

And the person says, "Lady, you need your brains examined? You want to give me this amount for this? Do you think that this is some cheap thing like Bata [cheap shoes sold in Trinidad -Ed.] or something that they made somewhere?" He said, "Do you know the cost of this pair of shoes? Look, if you're not buying it, please give me a chance to deal with somebody who is serious."

Now, that is how these things are. You can't beat down God's price. We have to pay the price. Jesus couldn't beat down the price and say, "Well, I don't want to die. I can take a few lashes with the whip, that is okay, but don't kill me." You know? "I don't want all my blood to bleed out here," and negotiate.

No. God came down to do a work. The Word said what was to happen; He was to fulfill it; He fulfilled it to the letter. That proved that He was the real Messiah, not somebody claiming something. You and me, we say, "I believe in Jesus." Yes, the whole world can say that. That is just saying words. When the crisis comes, when you have to stand alone, when the pressure comes, when everybody's against you, when people are lying on you, what are you going to do? Are you going to fall apart? Would you start to blame this or that? Or where is your God in that Hour? Where is the God Who is living in you? Do you have an outside God, or do you have a God Who said, "I will dwell in you, I will walk in you and I'll be your God"? [2nd Corinthians 6:16 -Ed.] Where is your God?

Like Elijah told them, "Your god has gone for a walk." He said, "Call a little louder. I don't think he's hearing you."

And he's mocking them to show them: look at your religion. Look at your religion.

And then he said, "Father, I've done all this at your command. Let the fire fall."

And fire came down and showed where God was, who God was with. Now that is God in the Bible, friends.

I've been trying to gain some ground here, but I don't want to run over things, because the objective is: I must speak on baptism to let you know that baptism is a decision thing between you and God, not you and any church or you and this or that. Not even you and me. Baptism is between you and God, but I'm showing you what it is. I'm showing you that God requires it. I'm showing you that God says it must be done in *this* Name. I'm showing you that even people who were

baptized (which I'll show you) had to be re-baptized. And if you think that is not Scriptural, you are going to see that is Scriptural. You see, a lot of people doubt things, reject things, refuse things, because it doesn't sound good to them. But if they were somebody who was searching the Scriptures... They say the people in Berea were more noble than those in Thessalonica in that they searched the Scriptures and they found that it was so in the Scriptures.

When you turn around and say, "Well, I haven't seen that. I don't think that that is so. That is not for me." Be careful. Before you do that, go and search the Scripture, because if it is in the Bible, you'll be one found rejecting the Truth. And when you reject the Truth, there is only one thing left: for you to believe the lie. And if you're walking in the lie and then the Truth comes to take you out of the lie and you want to stay in the lie, your business is bad. Because to refuse God's Word is to refuse God, because He is the Word. He and the Word are the same! Man shall not live by this creed and this dogma and this church and this religion. "Man shall live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

[Matthew 4:4 -Ed.]

Now you know that I didn't write those things in the Bible. I'm just quoting those things for you to tell you that is so. The responsibility is no longer mine when this Word is delivered. I can say, "Father, I've told them the Truth." And then this one goes back this way, and this one goes that way, and this one doesn't want to search the Word. This one feels so and so; they think they have a special thing with God, that God will accept them a certain way. If it wasn't so with the first, original church on the Day of Pentecost—that was not denomination, that was Jesus telling them, "Go, the Holy Spirit is coming." The Holy Spirit came, which was He Himself who had come back in the form of the Spirit and divided up Himself in Spirit form and each one had a measure of the Spirit; and God had set them in the Church.

And Peter is telling them, verse 32 [Acts 2 -Ed.]

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Because remember, Jesus appeared to them after His resurrection. Remember Thomas, he said, "It's a ghost!"

He said, "Come believing. Stop doubting. Put your hands and see."

And he put his hands, Luke 24, and he realized, "Oh my God, we thought You were dead. But You're alive."

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

This is Peter preaching to the people, telling them, "We are witnesses that Jesus whom the church people killed, all of the Sadducees who said, 'Away with Him, crucify Him; we have no king but Caesar,'" he said, "He arose and He appeared to us. We are witnesses."

He said,

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

Because all of them were drunk there, staggering under the power of the Spirit and the people were thinking that they were drunk with new wine.

They said, "How is it that they are drunk and they haven't opened up the bars yet? It's too early for that."

He said, "This is not what you think that it is. This is the Holy Ghost which has come down upon them." You see?

Verse 34.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he [David] saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord...

See? Verse 36.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

This is the verse. Catch it here.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, [what did He make Him?] both Lord and Christ.

So He is what? Lord Jesus Christ! He is Lord Jesus Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized...

Now ‘repent’ means—it’s a word that means ‘to turn around’. In other words, you’re going this way and God met you and stopped you and turned you around, and now you’re going in the direction you were supposed to be going. You are going God’s provided way. You were going your own way, going this way, leaning on your own understanding, but then God came. And that is what Peter is doing there. He said, “The one you crucified and think that He is dead and gone, that you all got rid of Him,” he said, “no, He rose, He appeared to us, and this what you are seeing here, this very Life...”

And then they started to do the very works of Jesus. And they say, “How come they are doing the same things Jesus did?” He said, “Because I live, ye shall live also. The works I do shall you do also.” Why? Because it was He coming now in them. “I will dwell in you and I will walk in you. I will be your God and you shall be My people.” Why? Because you are the temple of the living God. Not religion. Reality, experience, revelation of the Word.

Verse 37.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

You see how the Word could convict people? Now this was the first Church, people. They were not ashamed and said, “Ahhh, you are some fisherman, you want to talk to me about God? Go, go get a life, Peter. And you, John and James, you fishermen in Galilee, want to come and teach us about God? What happened to you all at all?” See? “What Bible school you went to? Who taught you?” See? There were people like that. But there were those who knew, “No. The Spirit of God is in these men.” They spoke as ones having authority. See? They saw their motive and objective.

*38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of [Father, Son and Holy Ghost?]...
... in the name of Jesus Christ...*

Because this Jesus is made both Lord and Christ. Lord is Father, Son is Jesus, Christ is Holy Spirit – three offices of the one same God. “Unto us a Son is given, His Name shall be called Immanuel, which by interpretation means God with us. Unto us a Son is born, unto us a Child is given: His Name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, *the* Prince of Peace, *the* Mighty God, *the* Everlasting Father.” Jesus is Mighty God and Everlasting Father. Is that so? He is God with us, is that so? Yes, that is exactly what He is.

Like I told you the other night, you believe in more than one God, you are a heathen. “Hear ye, O Israel: the Lord thy God is one,” not three. You understand?

That’s why I didn’t come to try to put something else to you. I print the Scriptures for you. So when you see it, you can know, that is coming from the Scripture. Because you still have that to go home with you in your hand, and open your Bible now on the same verse and see if that is how it is in the Bible.

Why am I taking the pains to do this? I don't know you. But God said, when He gave the commission, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel in every nation unto every creature. And he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Don't let this upset you, please. Don't let this put pressure on you. I am not here to put pressure. I am not here to be dogmatic and try to control anybody's life here. That's why I am reading. That's why I'm reading and trying to explain. And if my explanation is not clear, I'm sorry, but I... Maybe another time you and I could sit and I can explain more in detail. But in trying to move on, maybe some might want a little more explanation. But God help me too.

³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...

See, for what? The remission of sins, the only way that sin is going, because His Blood was shed. His Blood was the ransom price. You are not your own, you were bought with a price. The precious Blood of Jesus Christ was the price paid. You are redeemed not with the corruptible things like gold and silver, but by the precious Blood of the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. [1st Peter 1:18-20 -Ed.] I am quoting the Scripture again.

³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children,

You could imagine a father and mother tonight who have children and realize, "Oh, my God, I am so glad that I could embrace this Truth, this promise." Now remember Heaven and earth will pass away but this Word cannot pass away. And remember, God does not change His mind about His Word. He is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

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

No man could come except God calls him. You are *the* called according to His purpose. Those He foreknew, He predestinate, and those He predestinate, is them He called. And you are *the* called. See, God is calling, God is calling. He is blowing that Trumpet, that Gospel Trumpet. He is calling.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

All this transgender, all these LGBTQ [Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender, Queer -Ed.], save yourselves from all this hell on the earth. Save yourself from this gross darkness on the earth and upon the people. Arise and shine, because thy Light is come! That you don't be in the darkness, you walk in the Light as He is in the Light. And what happens when you walk in the Light? The Blood of His Son cleanseth you from all sin. The basis for cleansing from sin is walking in the Light. And what is the Light? His Word being revealed, His Word opening up, and it becomes a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your pathway.

41 Then they...gladly received his word...

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine...

Where did the apostles get their doctrine from? Jesus, Jesus! Who commissioned them? Jesus! Who said go into all the world and preach the Gospel? Jesus! Whose Spirit came into them on the Day of Pentecost? Jesus!

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Now, you all know John 3:16. I want to move on there just to stay with the baptism. I want to go to Acts 18. On the next page, you'll see Acts 18, verses 24 to 28.

24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, [what a profile we are getting of this man here] came to Ephesus.

25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord;

That is the kind of man we are supposed to have today, people who are instructed in the Truth of God's Word, and know the way of the Lord.

25 ... and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

This man is mighty in the Scriptures, instructed in the Word of the Lord, fervent in spirit, teaching diligently the things of God, knowing only the baptism of John.

26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them,

Aquila and Priscilla were a couple who were Paul's helpers, the apostle Paul's helpers. So they took him, this mighty man, eloquent in the Scriptures and they pulled him aside. Let's see what's happening here;

... they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

This man was instructed in the way of the Lord, verse 25. But Aquila and Priscilla now, they took him—they were hearing him, *and they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.* You see, a lot of people are instructed in the way of the Lord, but they don't know it as they ought to know it. They know it in part. They need to be taught more perfectly to see the whole picture.

27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the

disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed though grace:

²⁸ For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

So when he came to meet Aquila and Priscilla, he started to understand now, John was a forerunner. John baptized in water. John pointed out, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” Nobody knew who the Messiah was. That revelation was going to come to John, because John was told, “The One you see the Spirit of God coming down from Heaven in the form of a Dove and resting and remaining upon Him, that’s the Messiah.” So, John is baptizing, baptizing and preaching; baptizing and preaching, you know, and he’s looking, and then one day he sees Jesus coming. Oh, my! He sees Him coming. And then when Jesus walked in the water, he said, “I have need to be baptized of you,” because John was a prophet, okay. He had the Holy Ghost from his mother’s womb. And Jesus said, “Suffer it to be so; it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness.”

You see, Jesus had no sin to remit; He’s without sin. This was the fulness of the Godhead bodily. John saw the Spirit of God coming down into Him. But the thing was, the sacrifice was always washed before it was offered, and so He’s coming here... and we’re going to get this clearly now. You’re going to see something here.

Acts 19, next Scripture. We drop down from Acts 18 to 19. This is Paul, and I’m going to show you Paul preaching in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and he re-baptized those people, those disciples of John the Baptist, who were baptized with the baptism unto repentance. So I want you to understand something. Maybe these things you have never maybe seen in the Word or understood in the Word, but watch it closely here.

¹ *And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth,*

You see, Apollos and they were John's disciples, but what did John do? John said, "*I must decrease now and he must increase.*" He said, "*I only baptize with water but He baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire.*" He said, "I was only sent to introduce Him to you. Behold the Lamb of God that what? Takest away the sin of the world."

Now what it means there, the animal lamb, the first one God killed in the garden of Eden to make coats of skin for Adam and Eve, and the one that Abel offered up, and all down through the Old Testament, Moses killed a lamb and put the blood on the lintel; Abraham had a lamb, he killed the lamb instead of Isaac, you know the story. See? They offered animal sacrifice. Well, animal life, it comes from animal blood. Animal is a lower species to a human. Animal is not made in the image and likeness of God. Man is made in the image and likeness of God. That animal was only a substitute sacrifice saying one day the real Lamb would come. And when the real Lamb comes, it is not going to be an animal. Isaiah said, "*And He was like a lamb dumb before His shearers.*" Isaiah 53. He opened not His mouth. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him. By His stripes we are healed." See? It was speaking of a Man.

So when John saw Jesus now, he said, "*Behold the Lamb of God,*" not the lamb, animal lamb, the Lamb of God, that takest away the sin. Why? Because animal blood could not remit sin. Animal blood is a substitute blood because it has animal life. Animal blood only covers sin; it can't remove the sin. But this One takest away the sin, every molecule, so you stand before God justified as you never did sin. Every molecule of sin is gone from you. And that's why that baptism, you are coming to be baptized into likeness of His death,

because He died, and after He died what? He was buried. And after He was buried, what? He rose.

Well, I'll read it to you when we get to it. I don't want to get ahead of myself there.

So, Apollos here, is at Corinth now.

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

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

Because John's ministry was baptizing in water for them to believe on Jesus who was going to come, the real Lamb. That's why when he saw Jesus, he said, "*Behold the Lamb of God that takest away the sin.*" And that sin—where that Blood was shed? On Calvary. And then what happened after that Lamb was slain? He was buried. Is that right? And what happened there Easter Sunday? We are going to this Easter weekend here. He rose. Is that right? And what happened after? For forty days He was appearing among His same disciples and then He gave them the commission: Go and preach the Gospel to every creature, unto all nations, (see?) baptizing them in the Name, because there's only one Name given under Heaven whereby a man could be saved.

Father is not a name; that is a title. Do you think you can go to the bank and they give you a check; you are filling out the check and he says, "Write your name here," and you put father, husband and son.

The man says, "What is this here? Do you think this is a joke? This is a bank, man. We deal with serious things here. We have no time for this. Don't you know that is not a name? Father is not a name."

If you are father, son... I am a father, I am a son and I am a husband, but I have a name. My name is not

father, son and husband. Every man is a husband who has a wife; and he was born from a woman, he's a son. He has children, he's a father. He has a wife, he's a husband. So he's a father, son and husband. He's not three people. That is a title. His children cannot call him husband; he's not their husband. That is their father. His wife can't call him, you know, a child. That is the husband. He's the father, the head of the family. You see? It's a title, but behind the title is a name, and behind the Name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost is Lord... Father is Lord. Here ye, O Israel, the Lord thy God is one. Son: and His Name shall be called Jesus. He will save the people from their sins. And Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit will come, and any man in Christ who receives that Holy Spirit is a New Creation; old things pass away. It has to do with your redemption.

So, Paul met these people and asked them, "Have you all received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

They said, "What Holy Ghost?"

² ... We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Now these people had been baptized, okay.

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

"The same man who baptized Jesus, baptized me, you know. And that man had the Holy Ghost since he was a baby in His mother's womb. That is the man who baptized me. And he baptized Jesus too."

He said, "Is that right?"

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

John didn't come preaching about Himself. John said, "I'm a forerunner. I'm announcing there is One

coming Who is mightier than I.” He said, “I’m baptizing in water here; that doesn’t remit any sin. When this One comes, His Blood, when It is shed, will remit sin, and then you will baptize in His Name.” Do you understand?

⁵ [And] *When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

You say, “Do you mean they were baptized over?” Of course. Because they had a false baptism. The baptism they had, had no remission of sin, because it wasn’t connected to the Blood of Jesus Christ. John wasn’t baptizing for the remission of sin. John was baptizing unto repentance. “Get your life right. The Lamb of God, the Messiah will be coming on the scene. I am sent to forerun His coming.” And he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world.”

Now they had to come now and leave John and follow Jesus. But they held unto John. Nobody got the Holy Ghost under John’s ministry. They got water baptism and that was not even for remission of sin because Jesus didn’t die yet, so no blood was shed yet, so all their sins were still on them. That was repentance, getting your life ready because the coming of the Messiah is at hand, and when He comes, then you will have to be identified with His death, burial and resurrection. Because when He comes, He’s going to die, because He’s coming to pay a ransom price. Isaiah said, He will be wounded for your transgression. He’ll be bruised for your iniquities. The chastisement for your peace is upon Him. By His stripes, when you are sick, healing is made available to you. See?

That is why people run in, people baptize people, baptize them, baptize them, and baptize them, and they don’t know what they are being baptized unto. I’m showing you all the baptisms in the New Testament from when the Holy Ghost came on the Day of Pentecost and Peter baptizing, when Paul was baptizing, when Philip was baptizing, and you see all of them baptizing with the same one revelation. Why? Because they all

had the same Spirit of Christ in them. One didn't have a Baptist spirit, one didn't have a Jehovah Witness spirit, a Seventh-day Adventist spirit, a Hindu spirit, an Islam spirit. No, no, no.

Remember, the Bible is before all religion. The Bible is the Word and God Himself is that Word, and God was the One Who created Heaven. God was before the world. We don't have the word of man; we have the Word of God. That's what man lives by.

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

They didn't get that under John. They got that when they were baptized correctly, being identified with the Lord Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

⁷ And all the men were about twelve.

Acts Chapter... I went through for you already in Acts 2 with Peter baptizing for the remission of sin. I went through with Paul rebaptizing these people who were baptized unto repentance, not for remission of sin. They were baptized by John, but they had to come and be identified with the death, burial, resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for those sins to be remitted.

Since you have this [Scripture References -Ed.] in your hands, I'm making a jump. It's the Word, but for me to go through all—I don't want to keep you too long. I know the chairs that some of you are sitting on, they are not the most comfortable chairs. And as you sit, after a little while you find it difficult to sit because you are feeling a little pain here, you can't concentrate, different things, you know.

So, you have this [Scripture References -Ed.]. This is yours to go with. I'm on page 5. Acts 8, we are going to read from 26 to 40.

So we see Peter baptizing the people in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We see Paul baptizing the people in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We see Philip here now baptizing. Acts 8 verse 26.

26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27 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 to worship,

Now if you are a Bible reader, you understand already that this here is happening—this is Acts 8. Acts 2 is when the Holy Ghost came. This is Acts 8. So that means this eunuch, this Minister of Finance, who is under the administration of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, because he was in charge of all her treasure, and he came to Jerusalem to worship.

Now remember, Jesus was rejected by the Jews. Remember, Jesus was crucified. “Away with Him, crucify Him. Look at Him. You, deceiver, come down from the cross; we will believe. You saved others, you can’t save yourself now,” and all these different things. And they ridiculed Him and they reviled Him and humiliated him and these things.

Then Acts 8, it means to say that this eunuch does not know these truths because he wants to worship and he’s going to Jerusalem, and that is the headquarters where they rejected Jesus. That is where Jesus died in Jerusalem. He was killed there. Do you understand?

You see, I want to inject that so when we read you can stay in the continuity of what I’m presenting and you can see from the Scriptures, from Jesus giving the commission telling them how to be baptized – baptize in the Name, and we see how Peter and they baptized in the Name, even as many as the Lord thy God shall call, it will still be the same. And here we are in 2023. That was in AD 30 when the Holy Ghost came, when Jesus died and rose. And here we are in this time and God is

still calling. God is still calling people. And people are still baptizing. People still need... Because there is only one way provided by God for everything. What was true back there, is true here today. But today we have a thousand different religions, but God's Word remains true.

So now, we are watching here, Philip—verse 29. It says in verse 28,

28 [This eunuch] Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

He is reading the Book of Isaiah, the scroll of Isaiah. He is reading Isaiah 53 when Jesus was wounded for our transgression and bruised for our iniquity. You will see that for yourself.

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near [Go near], and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

You know how some people are. He is reading and he is trying to understand the text but he can't grasp it, so he is reading aloud to himself. So Philip now is hearing him talking to himself to understand. Philip says, "Do you understand what you are reading, sir? But watch, the Angel of God is directing Philip to this man. My!

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me?

He did not say, "Young man, you look like a farmer. Do you know who I am? I am the Minister of Finance for the Queen Candace of Ethiopia. Have some respect for me. You just come up to my chariot like that. All my guards could have driven you away from here. One of them even went for his sword and I had to tell them, 'Relax, relax. Who is this man here?'"

The first question the man asked was, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

What if I ask you tonight, do you understand what you have been reading all these years? Understandest what thou readest? Watch this educated man. Watch the rank and profession of this man, and he in humility says, “How can I understand if some man doesn’t show me?”

I might not look like the man a lot of people would like to see me look like, but the thing is, I think I understand a little bit of this, that’s why I am reading it out of the Scriptures for you and making the application. Because the Spirit told Philip, “Go near and join thyself to this chariot.” So Philip asked him, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

Now this man doesn’t know the Spirit is talking to Philip, you know. This man doesn’t know the Angel is right there with Philip, you know. So he says... Philip climbs up into the man’s chariot and sits in the man’s chariot now.

Watch this farmer, Philip. Watch him here with this Minister of Finance from Ethiopia, this high ranking, this professional man. And the man now is a godly man because he is reading the Bible too.

³¹ And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Verse 32:

³² The place of the scripture which he read was this,

Watch how the Holy Spirit put this in the Bible so we the readers could understand what was the drama that was happening there, you know.

³² ... He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

That is Isaiah 53. This man has a question now: Who is Isaiah talking about?

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

“And preached unto him Jesus.” Jesus is in Isaiah 53. Jesus is the Lamb. That is why John could say, “Behold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.” That is why the Lamb had to be slain and the Blood shed – to release the Life. Understand people.

36 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?

It was not the people telling him he had to get baptized, and asking him if he was baptized and forcing him to be baptized. No. When the Truth started to be opened, he said, “What doth hinder me to be baptized?”

When they heard Peter and they preaching, they said, “These men are drunk.”

He said, “No, they are not drunk as you suppose. This is the Holy Ghost that came upon them here.”

And then Peter began to teach them and preach to them and said it is not only to you, but to as many that the Lord our God shall call, and it is to you and to your children and to your children’s children; that you have this Light now, you can walk in this Light.

And then Peter baptized them in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Paul comes now and the people now are saying, “But we only know John’s baptism. You mean to say we need to be rebaptized?”

He said, “Yes, John baptized unto repentance, but the Lamb is slain, and your sins are still on you. You have

to be identified with the Sacrifice (see?) to be truly justified, (amen) that your sins are gone.” You stand without condemnation. There is now no more condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. And the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made us free from the law of sin and death.

³⁶ And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said,

While Philip is preaching, this man is looking for water, you know. He said, “I want to get baptized before I go back, boy. What is going on here? I understand something now. I was growing up in this big morgue, Sadducee and Pharisee in Jerusalem. They killed the Messiah.” He started to see this. He started to see that Isaiah prophesied exactly that: wounded for our transgressions and these things, bruised for our iniquities.

³⁶ ... and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

³⁷ And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.

You see how straight these men were? He didn’t say, “Yes, yes, I am coming. For a long time I haven’t baptized anybody, let me baptize this man. I’m baptizing a high-ranking man.” No. They were not on that. If you believe with all your heart, this thing could happen. You’re asking for something, but do you believe with all your heart? Or do you still have your own idea about the Word of God? Or do you still have some denominational understanding? Now watch.

³⁷ And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

But he didn’t go to any converts’ class. He didn’t have to go on the mourning ground and they turned him around three, four times and they beat him with cocoyea broom [broom made from dried coconut branches -Ed.] and all

kinds of different things. I think it's a little wisdom that God gave me to print the Scripture for you and give It to you. You could imagine I am standing here and preaching and you are not seeing that at all in front of your face like this, you'd say, "Why doesn't he shut up? He is only talking and raising up his voice on people and different things. You think I have to listen to him?" No. Don't listen to me. Take the Word. It is not about me. I am a human being. I, myself, had to take It when It was preached to me the first time and I was a sinner and saw the water and came down there. In 1973, Sea Lots, the water was high about this, [Bro. Vin demonstrates -Ed.] greasy and oily, and it was at midnight, and they were singing a song: *Coming home, coming home, never more to roam. Open wide Thy arms of love; Lord, I'm coming home. I've wandered far away from God, but now I'm coming home. The path of sin that I have trod, but, Lord, I'm coming home.* [#778 Lord, I'm Coming Home - Songs That Live -Ed.]

The prodigal son was coming out from among the swine and the filth and said, "Look at me, look at what I've come down to." He left the father's house and went into a far country. He got among friends with riotous living and parties. He became a party animal. When all the money finished, now he's feeding swine, and he was a prince in his father's house. Now he's down there, and when he saw it, it got to him so much, he said, "Look at me. Look at the condition I'm in." He said, "I'm going back home. I'm going to tell my father, 'I'm not even worthy to come close to you.'" He said, "Let me just go with the hired hand."

The father was sitting there and he knew one day that boy was going to come back. The father knew his prayers were going up day and night for his son. See? Jesus told the parable. It started off in the father's house, he left the father's house, he went into a far country. He reached quite there, he hit rock bottom and then he's coming back around, and then he's coming back. And when the father saw him, the father said,

“What?” He said, “Who is that?” He said, “That’s my boy.” Ragged, dirty. When the father saw that, he said, “My son.” He’s telling the people in the house, “My son, who was dead, is alive!” He said, “Go, kill the fatted calf, bring out a fresh garment, bring the slippers, bring everything here.” He said, “Kill the fatted calf!” And the next son stood up there and he’s grumbling, “He never did any of this for me. And look where he went and look at the kind of life he lived – he womanized, he did all kinds of things, became a party animal. Look how low he came down there, and then he wants to come back here and you want to take him back in!”

But Jesus is showing the love of God. Jesus is showing the unconditional love of God. Though your sins be as scarlet, it shall be white as snow. Though it be red as crimson, it shall be white as wool! That’s right. He made a way. *Jesus paid it all! All to Him I owe! Sin had left a crimson stain, but He washed it white as snow.*

[#39 Jesus Paid It All – Songs That Live –Ed.] Sinless, spotless, virtuous, son and daughter of the living God. All your sins are gone. Brother, that prison door opened. He said, “The Spirit of the Lord hath anointed Me to bind the broken heart, set the captive free, give sight to the blind; open up the prison doors.” That’s the first Scripture I read the first night. God opening our prison doors, God mending our broken hearts, God bringing us from the degradation of sin and these things. And God is showing in 2023 here just as we’re approaching Easter...

You know the Sunday that went there was Palm Sunday. They called it Palm Sunday when Jesus was coming, “Blessed is He...Baruch Hashem Adonai: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

And the scribes and the Pharisees were saying, “Stop these people, man. They’re making noise, man.”

He said, “If they hold their peace even the stones will cry out.”

Amen. Because the people were recognizing the Lamb, the Messiah coming, and He's coming to die in Jerusalem. That's right.

We have a couple more days and we come back to Good Friday to remind us, Jesus died in our place. This is God's plan. This is God's provided way. People, don't miss these things. I have nothing to bring you in and pull you into. I'm giving you the Word of God. You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free. And faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word. And when you begin to understand the Word and the Light shines on the Word, and the Word opens to you, you see it there, you know that's the Truth. And to walk away from Truth is a dangerous thing. See?

So, Philip said—Verse 38.

³⁸ 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.

³⁹ 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.

Philip was translated into another place. Think of it. He saw that he and Philip came out of the water and they hugged each other and Philip saying, "Bon voyage. Go back to Ethiopia. I'm so glad I came to know you. We only had a short time, but the Spirit of God is the One who told me to come and draw near to your chariot and talk to you."

And He said, "You go to Arima. I will bring people around and you will speak the Word there and show them. Then when they see that Truth, they go on where they need to go on to. But they know they are walking in the Light. They see the errors of their ways. They see different things and they begin to line up themselves because they understand the lateness of the Hour."

Remember when the bridegroom came, you know the story: five had oil and five didn't have oil. And the door was shut and they came knocking, "Lord, Lord, Lord, open to us." He called them foolish virgins. Ten virgins. 'Virgin' means '*sanctified, clean*'. But the thing was, five had oil. Oil represents the Holy Spirit.

A little more oil in my lamp, keep me burning. A little more oil in my lamp, I pray. [#371 A Little More Oil – Songs That Live –Ed.] See? Oil, the Holy Spirit in the heart, coming in.

Acts 10. Peter... I am closing up here for you. This is the last one. I'll leave you with this here. Thank you for your patience tonight that we could sit and read the Word of God together.

Do you realize it takes the working of God for us...? We don't even know each other. We sit here and we are recognizing we are God's children, many of us, because we are not pushing the Word aside when we see It. It's making us ponder. And that is what the Bible says: to ponder it in your heart. The Bible says, "God opened the heart of Lydia to attend unto the things that Paul spake." Acts 16. A businesswoman, but she wanted Truth. She had religion all the time and different things, wealth in the business, big house and these things. And when she met Paul, and they heard that Word, and God opened her heart, she recognized, "That is the Word." She said, "If you judge me faithful, come into my house."

That was in Philippi. That's where we get the Epistle to the Philippians from, because God led them straight to this woman. And this woman's heart was opened and she could receive the Word. She never saw them before. She didn't know them and these things. But it is deep calling to deep. It is the Word. It is two of God's children magnetized to Jesus Christ and the Lord working His will through the members of His Mystical Body.

So, we'll close on the last one here: Acts 10, verses 34 to 48.

*34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said,
Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter
of persons:*

This is when Peter went to Cornelius' house. Do you remember how the Angel came to Cornelius and told Cornelius, "Send to Joppa, in the house of Simon the tanner, there is a man in that house called Simon Peter"? Remember, Peter is the man God gave what? The keys to the Kingdom. Not some big key that you put in your door. Key is the Mystery Truths, the revelation that opens the Word. See, Peter had the keys, and so, here it is Peter... That is why we see on the Day of Pentecost, Peter preaching, and I am closing with Peter preaching here too.

*34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said,
Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter
of persons:*

Because Cornelius and they were Gentiles. They were Romans. They were idol worshipers down in Rome, but their work...because Palestine was under Roman dominion, and Rome was the ruling power in the earth, because Jesus was crucified under the Roman system. Pilate, you know, was the one who had to give the word whether He died or not. And then he said, "Take Him."

And he asked Jesus, he said, "I could take your life."

He said, "No. You have no power. You don't have any power to do this."

Jesus knew He came to fulfill the Word. He is laying down His Life. Nobody is forcing Him into anything here. That is why He said, "Unto this end was I born, for this cause came I into the world. Father, not My will, but Thy will be done." See?

*35 But in every nation he that feareth him,
and worketh righteousness, is accepted
with him.*

Every nation. Let us say Trinidad and Tobago. Let's put Trinidad and Tobago in there. In every nation, in Trinidad here, in Arima in Trinidad here.

35 ... he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word,

This is Peter preaching.

... I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem;

Peter says, "We are witnesses," because remember they followed Him, they saw Him die hanging on the cross and everything. They were so afraid, they ran too. Peter even denied Him. And when the cock crowed, Jesus looked at him like this, and he went out weeping because Jesus had told him, "You will deny Me three times before the cock crows."

You see, sometimes we break under pressure, and that is what happened with Peter back there. But watch Peter here now. Watch Peter here now because of the grace of God.

Verse 39:

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

*41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses
chosen before of God, even to us,*

Because Peter is saying we are witnesses. God chose us to be part of the ministry of Jesus, and we walked with Him, and we saw Him before He ascended, and He told us to go into all the world, and preach, and baptize in the Name and these things.

*42 And he commanded us to preach unto
the people, and to testify that it is he which
was ordained of God [talking about Christ]
to be the Judge of quick and dead.*

*43 To him give all the prophets witness,
that through his name whosoever believeth
in him shall receive remission of sins.*

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

*45 And they of the circumcision which
believed...*

The circumcision was speaking of the Jews, because these were Gentiles. See, they were Romans, but they came living now in Palestine and they started to hear about this Jesus. They started to see the miracles He had done. They started to see the works that were being done through His apostles, and they started to believe. And then the Angel of God appeared to Cornelius and said, "Send for this man," and they sent for Peter and Peter came. Acts 10, you will read that in your Bible at home.

*43 [And] To him give all the prophets
witness...*

Right, verse 44 now. [Acts 10:44 -Ed.]

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

*45 And they of the circumcision which
believed were astonished, as many as came*

with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

He said, "We were Jews in the upper room when the tongues of Fire came and we received the Holy Ghost." He said, "But these people are Gentiles. They are not Jews." But they started to realize, God had elected Seed among the Gentiles too because the Church is made up of Jew and Gentile. You understand. And this was the first witness of seeing it here in Cornelius' house because he was a devout man. The Bible tells you. You read it in the Book of Acts there, the story, Acts 10. See?

And so when they saw...

⁴⁵ ... that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

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

⁴⁷ Can any man forbid water,

They were not even baptized in water yet and the Holy Ghost fell. You see the grace of God? But then watch how straight the Word is. He said, "Now we see the Holy Ghost fall, we see these people were filled here, but can we forbid water?" No. Water is part of the commission given unto us. And these same people... You see, this shows you water baptism is not a trivial thing you throw aside. God gave us the blueprint and we work with the blueprint of the Word. And here we have the example in Cornelius' house when the Holy Ghost fell. While Peter was preaching those people started to get in the Spirit, started to hear that Word and started to believe that Word, and that Word started to move inside of them until the Holy Ghost came down upon them. And then when Peter saw this, he said, "But they got It just like us in the upper room." But now he said, "We cannot bypass the water. We have to go to the water."

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

48 *And he commanded them to be baptized in the name...*

See? Come back to the Name again.

... of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

So, I'm finished here. I will stop there tonight. I'm trying to bring to you the necessity of being baptized in water in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. You see in all of the baptisms: Philip, no Father, Son and Holy Ghost; Peter, no Father, Son and Holy Ghost; Paul, no Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The Name.

So, God is good. We will just have a word of prayer.

Now, there were some people before (I think it was when we started the first night) who mentioned that they wanted to be baptized. And from my understanding, the brothers up here, Bro. Tony [Tony Pereira -Ed.], this is their place that they made available for us to have the meetings, and tomorrow they have the baptism carded. They have a pool and everything, and the baptism will be right here on the premises, and that is for you who asked for baptism. And tonight, preaching the Word here to show you that baptism is a place of decision if you want to walk with Christ. Everyone must come into that identification with His death.

I didn't read for you Romans 6, I think from about verses 1 to 15. You can read it when you go home. And in there Paul is showing that you don't bury living people. If you go down the road and you see somebody digging a hole and they are putting a living man inside there, you know the police will be on their case because that is murder. You bury dead people. If you see a person is dead and they are putting them down in a grave, then that is normal; everybody is accustomed to that.

Well, the water is the symbol of a grave and that is why they put you under the water, not sprinkle some water on your head, not put some water in a little thing

and shake it on you like a shaker or something. No. Because when you go under the water, it shows—because ‘baptism’ means ‘*to bury or to immerse*’. See. That is why you are being identified with the death because Jesus had to die first and then be buried. He was not buried and then died. He died first and was buried. And the Bible says, “You reckon yourself dead.” ‘Reckon’ means ‘*to count*’. Count yourself as dead. Death is a separation from life. And that means, we are walking after the course of this world, we are in the fashion of the world, we are in everything of the world, we are going along with the world, we are conformed to the world and everything, and then one day God stops you and turns you around, and when God turns you around now, you come to the end of going that way, going down in that way. And you come like the eunuch – he’s looking for water, he’s looking for water, and when he sees the water, he says, “Look water is here. Why can’t I be baptized?”

He says, “If you believe, if you really believe, it can happen.” And Philip took him down and baptized him.

So this is what baptism... The person who is going to be baptized must know, “I reckon myself dead.” In other words, “I have come to the place where I have separated from all unbelief, I have separated from the world and the things of this world, and I’m offering myself a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God which is a reasonable service. I’m bringing my life into full surrender to the will of God, to the plan of God for my life.” That is what you do there.

And when you go down under the water, which is you being buried, then you’re raised up. That is a type of resurrection because Jesus died, was buried, and Jesus rose. So you are identifying with Christ’s death, His burial and His resurrection. So when you come up here now, you are walking in the newness of life. The old things are gone. All those things are gone because death is a separation. You lived in the world, the pleasure of

the world, the things the world could offer, because Satan is the god of this world. And you have separated yourself to walk with Christ, to be identified with Christ that we could say, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: it is the power of God unto salvation." And we who were dead in sins and trespasses hath He quickened and raised up into Heavenly places. We are no longer just walking down here in the world and blind and everything. No. We are raised up into Heavenly places. We have a spiritual resurrection.

Because when you come out of that water there now, the next thing to follow that water baptism would be Spirit baptism. See? Spirit baptism is the Seal. You are sealed unto the Day of your Redemption. By one Spirit we are baptized into the Body of Christ.

So, I trust that you have digested this; you have listened. And remember, like we showed you the other night, everything that is being spoken here is being recorded and is given to you. Every song that has been sung is given to you. They have that little app that anybody could have that, so when you go home and say, "I wish I could hear back that from yesterday. Something was being said. It was speaking to my heart while I was in service and I can't remember it." No. This is not for us to keep. This is for you. Because you are who we're sent to speak to. And God brings the ones He wants to be under the roof here to hear these words.

Thy Word now, as David said, have I hid in my heart. If it is the Word, if what I have spoken is the Word, and Thy Word is the Truth, and that is the Truth, then man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then they mixed the Word with faith, in them who heard It, and It profited them much. See? They mixed the Word with faith. What happens when faith is connected to the Word? The Word becomes operative. It's not just a repetition, a quotation. No. It's a living Word that is operating in you and through you that you are seeing

the Holy Spirit making the Word manifest in your life as a true believer by the grace of God.

So, let me pray. I'll ask the song leader and they to come, and we will have a little worship.

Tomorrow, you want to be baptized, anybody who wants to be baptized, the brothers here, they will see you, they will talk to you, they will tell you what time it is. We all will be up here whatever time is convenient. Because I guess when we know the time of different ones, I am sure they are going to fix the time in a way suitable for everyone who wants to be baptized. And so, you don't have to go driving to find the place. It's the same place. The pool will be right there, the baptizers. Everybody will be right there and the candidates for the baptism will be right there, and it will be a great time. It's coming up to Easter. I don't say, do it because of Easter. I say, do it because God chose this time to gather us to hear these things that it can be of great benefit to us all.

So, you have a prayer in your heart and I am going to pray as we bow our hearts in His Presence.

We are grateful, dear God, first of all for You, for Your Word, the Word of God that has been preserved for thousands of years that today we have the Scriptures. As Paul says, all Scripture is given by inspiration, is profitable for doctrine, teaching, Lord, that we might be established in the faith. The faith of our fathers is living still in your sons and daughters in this Day, because that original Word has been restored in these last days. The Scripture says, "Behold I will send Elijah the Prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful of the Lord. Elijah will truly come and restore all things. The heavens must receive Jesus until the time of the restitution or the restoration of all things."

And so, dear God, we know it's an Hour of restoration where we are coming back to the original, apostolic faith of our fathers. No wonder the Voice cried out in Revelation Chapter 18, "Come out of her, My people!

Come out of Babylon! Babylon is fallen, is fallen!" And they who were called out were made ready, for the Marriage of the Lamb had come and the Wife hath made Herself ready.

Lord, You called Your Bride, Your Church, a glorious Church without spot and without wrinkle, the Bride of Jesus Christ. Is there such a Church? Lord, if Your Word says there is, there is. And I believe, dear God, that we are a part of this great, ransomed Church of God that is saved to sin no more because of the original teaching, the original Truth. And we are not trying to lean on our own understanding and inject our own ideas, but we are walking in the Light of the Word knowing the Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway.

The Light has shone tonight, Lord, in the Scriptures. The Light of the glorious Gospel has shone into our hearts to give us the Light of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, that this knowledge, this understanding, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened that we can know the hope of our calling, the exceeding greatness of Your power and the glory of the riches of the inheritance of saints in Christ.

What a privilege it is, Father, in this dark, evil Age with so many intellectual voices trying to deaden the Scriptural Voice, but yet, dear God, You say Your sheep will hear Your Voice. There is something about a believer, they want to see it in the Bible, they want to see it in the Word. They do not want to hold on to some man's word. Man's word will fail every time. But it is impossible for God's Word to fail because you say the Word that proceedeth out of Your mouth will not return unto Your void but It shall accomplish the purpose where unto It was sent. And faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word. And faith is the victory that overcometh this world: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life that is causing so many,

oh God, to sink so deep, like going down in a quicksand in this evil Age.

But if we walk in the Light as You are in the Light, the Blood of Your Son cleanseth us. The basis for cleansing is walking in the Light. Oh God, we don't just want to rejoice in the Light. You said, "Walk in the Light while you have the Light because the night cometh that no man can work." It would be dark. But while we have this Light, may we walk in the Light. And may the Light shine bright, Father. May the path be clear that, Lord, we can see the bloody footprints of Jesus Christ and we can follow that trail that will take us from time into Eternity, take us from this temporal world to that Eternal World where You said, "I go to prepare a place for you. In My Father's House there are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you, but I will come to receive you unto My Own Self."

We see how when the Bridegroom came and the voice said, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him," Lord, there were ten virgins, but only five had the oil, showing us the necessity of having the Holy Spirit, to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Not just water baptism because that is only to blot out our past sins, not our future sins. Every time we do something wrong we'll have to repent for it there. And by faith we put it in the bleach of the Blood of Jesus Christ where it can go back on the accuser, the devil, who tries to bring things, Lord, to hinder us so many times.

But, dear God, Your children tonight, witness Your Word in their hearts. Give them Your blessed assurance even as they would take time in their own sphere when they can go back through these Scriptures, and as they go back through, they can see, Lord, that all that was spoken to them was showing them the original way, the way that You provided, the way that You ordered Your apostles, Your Church to walk in, the way the believers in that day when they heard it, they received it gladly into their hearts.

Lord, we believe that if You had believers back there in the beginning, surely in the ending here You will have believers also who will hear that same Word and believe that same Word and walk in It.

May You bless them, dear God. You know every heart. You know the places where some are struggling. You know the pressures the enemy might try to bring on some, but Lord, it is not anybody trying to talk somebody into something. It is You the Revealer of the Word will have to make It clear to them, and as they examine It, and like the people in Berea, search the Scriptures and see whether these things are so, when they search and find it's so, then they will know, they will have a double confirmation it is from Your Word. You said it is Your Word, You prove it is Your Word, and then they search the Scriptures in the things pertaining to them, and the junction where they are at in their journey and see that they are confronted with this, and could receive It like that Ethiopian eunuch looking to see where that water was while Philip was preaching to him. And he said, "Look, there is water. What hinderest me?"

Oh God, even in Cornelius' house, when the Holy Ghost fell, the people, Lord, in their heart, when Peter said, "Could any man forbid water?" and Lord, they went and they walked and were baptized. They made their identification with You, not some man on earth, not some man-made religion or something because we sure haven't presented that, Father. We have presented to them Your Word of Truth.

And as they see It and walk in It, may Your blessing be upon them and may Your leadership be in their lives. Young or old, Father, there is only one way provided by God for everything. There is a way that seems right unto a man but the end is death. We don't want the way that seems right. We don't want the way that is not in the Scripture. We want the way that has been made plain to us because You are the way, You are the Truth, You

are the Life. And when we see Your way, Your provided way, then we walk in it and find that Your blessings are true and they are real because You said You rather obedience than sacrifice.

We don't want to be making sacrifice and doing all kinds of sacrifices and these things, but obedience, submission to the revealed will of God, the plan of God, to come into harmony with the Word of God, that the Word could be alive and lived out through us that others can look and see and know that these are genuine Christians and they can be influenced also. Because that is what You need today, Father, the genuine article, influential Christians, true Christians, Bible Christians like the apostles and they were. The people took note that they had been with Jesus. Let them take note, Father, that we are not just some strange creatures that crawled out of the woodwork, somewhere; we are Your children, washed in Your Blood and born of Your Spirit just telling them the Truth like the early apostolic fathers did. So let it be.

When we would have to leave, may Your peace and Your Presence go with each and every one. But Lord, we just want to worship You with some songs as we close the meeting, Father. And tomorrow the Lord willing, when we come for the baptismal service, Lord, that it can be something that can bring change. And today while we hear Your voice, as the Bible says, may we harden not our heart.

Oh God, we do not know what tomorrow holds for us, but while it is called today, while the opportunity is presented to us, Lord, may we search the Scriptures and be satisfied that this is Your Word. Would You do it, Father?

May You grant it, dear God. We pray sincerely asking these mercies and blessings upon all in the Almighty and precious Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Come, my brother. [Bro. Vin calls the song leader -Ed.]

So, if you want to find out anything, there are some of the deacons, the elders outside there. They will talk with you, I am sure, and everything will be arranged for you by God's grace.

God bless you.

WATER BAPTISM

**NOT CRITICIZING BUT EXPOUNDING THE WAY of GOD
MORE PERFECTLY.**

**+ The NECESSITY of BEING BAPTIZED in WATER in the
NAME of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

**Your identification with Your Sacrifice: the Lamb of God
that was slain for the remission of your sins; and His life,
His Spirit that will come to indwell you.**

+ Cottage Meeting: Wednesday 5th April, 2023: Arima,
Trinidad.

Mt. 28: 18-20; Mk. 16:15-18;

Acts 2: 29-42; Acts 8; Acts 10: 34-48; Acts 19;

Romans 6:1-14.

**+See: Baptism of the Ethiopian Eunuch; The Baptism of
Cornelius & His Household.**

Matthew 28: 18-20.

18 And **JESUS** came and spake unto **THEM**, saying, **ALL
POWER** is **GIVEN** unto **ME** in **HEAVEN** and in **EARTH**.

19 Go ye therefore, and **TEACH** all nations, **BAPTIZING
THEM** in **THE NAME** of **THE FATHER**, and of **THE SON**,
and of **THE HOLY GHOST**:

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

Mark 16: 15-18.

15 And **HE** said unto **THEM**, Go **YE** into **ALL THE WORLD**,
and **PREACH THE GOSPEL** to **EVERY CREATURE**. **[This
is GOSPEL. THIS must be preached in all places, to all
persons].*

16 He that **BELIEVETH** and is **BAPTIZED** shall be **SAVED**;
but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In **MY NAME** shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

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

Colossians 3:17.

17 And **whatsoever YE DO in WORD or DEED, DO ALL in THE NAME of THE LORD JESUS, giving thanks to GOD and THE FATHER by HIM.**

NOTES: *[M.H. Commentary].

1. *To whom they were to preach the gospel.* Hitherto **they had been sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,** and were **forbidden to go into the way of the Gentiles,** or into **any city of the Samaritans;** *[see: Mt. 10: 1-15]

+ But **NOW their commission is enlarged, and they are authorized to go into all the world, into all parts of the world, the habitable world, and to preach the gospel of Christ to every creature, to the Gentiles as well as to the Jews; to every human creature that is capable of receiving it.**

+ Proclaim the 'Good News' of 'God so loved: Who HE was; Why HE came; What HE achieved by His Death & Resurrection; and What is NOW available and accessible to US; that WE can NOW live in the Benefits & Blessings that HE has achieved for US.

Acts 2: 29-42. [*The first recorded Water Baptism in the Scripture after the Ascension of Jesus & the Coming of the Holy Spirit. We see Peter preaching the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus; and Water Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Promise of the Holy Spirit*]

+ 29 **Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch DAVID, that HE is both dead and buried, and HIS sepulchre is with us unto this day.**

+ 30 **Therefore being A PROPHET, and knowing that GOD had SWORN with an OATH to HIM, that of THE FRUIT of HIS LOINS, according to THE FLESH, HE would raise up**

CHRIST to sit on HIS THRONE; *[see: 2 Samuel 7; Ps. 89; Luke 1: 26-35]

+31 **HE** *[David] **seeing THIS before spake of THE RESURRECTION of CHRIST**, that HIS soul was NOT LEFT in hell, neither HIS FLESH did see CORRUPTION. [cp. PS. 16:10]

+ 32 **This JESUS hath GOD RAISED UP, whereof 'WE ALL are WITNESSES'**. * [Acts 1: 1-5].

+ 33 **Therefore being by the right hand of GOD exalted and having received of the Father THE PROMISE of THE HOLY GHOST, HE hath shed forth THIS, which YE NOW SEE and HEAR.**

+ 34 For **DAVID is not ascended into the heavens** *[that is after he died; All the O.T Saints had to wait in Paradise, until the Redemption Price was paid by the Kinsman Redeemer, with the Blood of the Lamb of God]: but **he** [David] saith himself, **The LORD** said unto **my Lord** *[Jesus, the Son of David], Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. *[Ps. 110: 1; Mt. 22:41-46].

++ 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that **GOD hath made that same JESUS, whom ye have crucified, both LORD and CHRIST.**

+ 37 **Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, WHAT SHALL WE DO?**

++ 38 **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.**

+ 39 **For THE PROMISE is unto YOU, and to YOUR CHILDREN, and to ALL that are AFAR OFF, even AS MANY as the LORD our GOD shall CALL.**

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then THEY that GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD were BAPTIZED: and the same day there were added unto them about THREE THOUSAND SOULS.

42 And they continued stedfastly in THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

John 3: 16-21.

16 For GOD SO LOVED 'the world', that HE GAVE 'HIS only begotten SON', that whosoever believeth in HIM should NOT perish, BUT have everlasting life.

17 For God sent NOT his Son into the world to condemn the world; BUT that the world through HIM might be SAVED.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in THE NAME of the only begotten SON of GOD. [*JESUS: Jehovah Saviour*].

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved

darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

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

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

+ This is GOSPEL. THIS must be *preached* in all places, to all persons."

Acts 18: 24-28.

+24 And a certain JEW named APOLLOS, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in THE SCRIPTURES, came to Ephesus.

+ 25 THIS MAN was instructed in 'THE WAY of THE LORD'; and being FERVENT in THE SPIRIT, HE spake and taught diligently 'THE THINGS Of THE LORD', knowing only 'THE BAPTISM of JOHN'.

+ 26 And HE began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when AQUILA and PRISCILLA had heard, THEY took HIM unto them, and EXPOUNDED unto HIM 'THE WAY of GOD' MORE PERFECTLY.

27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when HE was come, **HELP THEM MUCH which had BELIEVED through GRACE:**

+ 28 For **HE mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, SHEWING by THE SCRIPTURES that JESUS was CHRIST.**

Acts 19: 1-7. **[Paul preaching baptism in the NAME of the Lord Jesus Christ and He rebaptized those disciples of John the Baptist who were baptized with the baptism of repentance which John preached.*

**Jesus the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world had to die first, His blood must be shed before there could be remission of sins: Heb. 10: 11-18].*

+1 And it came to pass, that, while **APOLLOS** was at **Corinth**, **PAUL** having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

+ 2 **HE** said unto them, **HAVE YE RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST since ye believed?** And they said unto him, **We have not so much as heard whether there be any HOLY GHOST.**

+ 3 And **HE** said unto them, **'Unto WHAT then WERE YE BAPTIZED?'** And they said, Unto **'JOHN's BAPTISM'**.

4 Then said **PAUL**, **JOHN** verily **BAPTIZED** with **THE BAPTISM** of **REPENTANCE**, saying unto the people, that **THEY** should **BELIEVE** on **HIM** which should **COME** after **HIM**, that is, on **CHRIST JESUS**.

++ 5 When **THEY** heard **THIS**, **THEY** were **BAPTIZED** in **THE NAME** of **THE LORD JESUS**.

+ 6 And when **PAUL** had **LAI**D **HIS HANDS** upon **THEM**, **the HOLY GHOST** came on them; and **THEY SPAKE** with **TONGUES**, and **PROPHESED**.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

Acts 4: 5-20. **[Baptism, Healing & Salvation in the NAME of JESUS CHRIST].*

+ 5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And **Annas** the high priest, and **Caiaphas**, and **John**, and **Alexander**, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

+ 7 And when they had set **THEM** in the midst, they asked, **By what POWER, or by what AME, have YE DONE THIS?**

8 Then **PETER, filled with THE HOLY GHOST, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,**

+ 9 **If we this day be examined of the good deed done to THE IMPOTENT MAN, by WHAT MEANS HE is MADE WHOLE;**

+10 **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 here before you WHOLE.**

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

+ 12 **NEITHER is there SALVATION in any other: for there is NONE other NAME UNDER HEAVEN given among men, whereby WE must be SAVED.**

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

+ 14 **And beholding THE MAN which was HEALED standing with them, they could say nothing against it.**

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny *it*.

17 **But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in THIS NAME.**

+ 18 **And they called them, and commanded them NOT JO SPEAK at all NOR TEACH in THE NAME of JESUS.**

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

+ 22 **For THE MAN was above forty years old, on whom this MIRACLE of**

HEALING was shewed.

Acts 8: 1-17. *[Philip baptizing in the Name]

1 And Saul was consenting unto his *[Stephen] death *[see: Acts 7:54-60]. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

+ 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

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

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

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

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

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

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

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

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

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

Acts 8: 26-40.

+ 26 And **THE ANGEL of THE LORD** spake unto **PHILIP**, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27 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 to worship,**

+ 28 **Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.**

+ 29 **Then THE SPIRIT** said unto **PHILIP**, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And **PHILIP** ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

+ 32 **The PLACE of THE SCRIPTURE which HE READ was THIS, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:**

33 **In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.**

+ 34 And **THE EUNUCH** answered **PHILIP**, and said, I pray thee, **OF WHOM SPEAKETH THE PROPHET THIS? of HIMSELF, or of SOME OTHER MAN?**

+ 35 **Then PHILIP** opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him **JESUS.**

+ 36 **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?**

+ 37 **And PHILIP said, IF THOU BELIEVEST with ALL THINE HEART, THOU MAYEST. And HE answered and said, I BELIEVE that JESUS CHRIST is THE SON of GOD.**

38 **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.**

+ 39 **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.**

40 **But PHILIP was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.**

Isaiah 53: 1-7.

1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 **For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is no beauty that we should desire him.***

3 **He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our faces* from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

4 **Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.**

+ 5 **But he was wounded for our transgressions, *he was bruised* for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.**

+ 6 **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

+ 7 **He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.**

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land

of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Acts 10: 34-48.

34 Then PETER opened HIS MOUTH, and said, Of a truth I perceive that GOD is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth HIM, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with HIM.

36 The WORD which GOD SENT unto THE CHILDREN of ISRAEL, preaching PEACE by JESUS CHRIST: (HE is LORD of ALL:)

37 That WORD, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after THE BAPTISM which JOHN PREACHED;

+ 38 How GOD anointed JESUS of Nazareth with THE HOLY GHOST and with POWER: who went about doing good, and HEALING all that were oppressed of the devil; for GOD was with HIM.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which HE did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 HIM GOD raised up THE THIRD DAY, and shewed HIM openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto WITNESSES CHOSEN before of GOD, even to US, who did eat and drink with HIM after HE ROSE from THE DEAD.

42 And HE commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is HE which was ORDAINED of GOD to be THE JUDGE of QUICK and DEAD.

43 To HIM give ALL THE PROPHETS witness, that through HIS NAME whosoever believeth in HIM shall receive remission of sins.

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles

+ 44 While PETER yet spake THESE WORDS, THE HOLY GHOST FELL on ALL THEM which HEARD THE WORD.

+ 45 And THEY of THE CIRCUMCISION which BELIEVED were ASTONISHED, as many as came with PETER, because that ON THE GENTILES also was POURED OUT THE GIFT of THE HOLY GHOST.

+ 46 **For THEY HEARD THEM SPEAK with TONGUES, and MAGNIFY GOD. Then answered PETER,**

+ 47 **Can any man forbid WATER, that THESE should not BE BAPTIZED, which have RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST as well as WE?**

+ 48 **And HE commanded THEM to be BAPTIZED in THE NAME of THE LORD.** Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Luke 3: 15-16.

15 **And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of JOHN, whether HE were THE CHRIST, or not;**

16 **John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed BAPTIZE you with WATER; but ONE mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: HE shall BAPTIZE you with THE HOLY GHOST and with FIRE:**

John 1: 29.

29 **The next day JOHN seeth JESUS coming unto him, and saith, Behold THE LAMB of GOD, which TAKETH AWAY the SIN of THE WORLD**

