

## **Message# 159 - 10-02-2021 - Predestination vs Whosoever Will**

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Good morning everyone. Thank you for taking the time to listen to the message this morning.

Alright - first and quite possibly foremost. Michael sent me his latest Minute last night and I started reading and just wrote back to him with wow wow wow. They just keep getting better and better. I know I say this often - but this may be the best one yet. I don't know how he can top some of his others - but the very second this message ends today - I hope - if you have not already read it - you will go to the website at [www.godsendusmen.com](http://www.godsendusmen.com) - click on the Michael's Minutes link - you can find one at the top of all the pages - and then the latest Minute is called "The Tyranny of Man."

I actually thought I might read it to you myself - just to make sure that everyone heard it - but I'm just going to trust that you will go and read this Minute. It is fantastic. His mixture of what is going on today - with what has happened in the past - with what we need to be considering as action - is just fantastic. Please, I can't urge you enough to go and read this latest Minute and encourage others to read it, too. Michael believes in Fulfilled Bible Prophecy, he believes in the Kingdom now, he believes in the Biblical teaching of Creation and the shape of the world from how the Bible teaches it, he's one of us - and it is awesome reading his viewpoint.

Which brings me to another point I've been thinking about this week. You know that I was in the "church business" many years ago. I know how that game is played. In the "church" business, though, there is a very distinct division between the "church staff" and the people. There's a catholic phrase - that has actually been adopted by the protestants as well - and it's actually quite sickening - to the point again - where I said last week and said it a thousand times before - those who insist on "church" - you better watch out. Those men who allow someone to call them "reverend" - watch out. That is not of God. Those who use the terms "clergy" and "laity" - watch out.

Those are unBiblical - kind of esoteric - nuances in that business that is designed to make the common man lessor or inferior to the "pastor" or "teacher."

Listen to me, please, I want every single one of you to know this book, inside and out, cover to cover. I want you to take the things that you have heard and read for yourself -

sure - I have no problem knowing that I may have had a part - a small part for some of you - a larger part for others - but take the things you have heard and read - and I hope you end up knowing 10 times more than what I have ever known about the truths in God's Word. I enjoy nothing more than hearing from you and having you point things out to me that I either maybe didn't know about or haven't read in a while.

We have not reached the pinnacle of understanding that God wants for us. Actually, I believe we are just now beginning to scratch the surface. We've been lied to for so long - every single thing we thought we knew - men's little g governments - both their political poisoners and their religious poisoners - their science poisoners - their health poisoners - they've lied about every single thing they've opened their mouths about - and we are finally beginning to catch on. We're finally getting to the point where we understand that all truth - must originate from the Creator - and even more specifically - all truth comes from the foundation that Christ is King - He is the Only One that God has Ordained to rule in His New World that began in the first century - and anyone who does not know this - anyone who does not teach this - anyone who presents something that is not coming from this foundation is part of the group that lie and love to make lies. (Revelation 22)

As we begin to build on the foundation of the faith once delivered to the saints - the sky is the limit as to what our Father in Heaven - the Creator - the One Who made the Heavens and the earth - the One Who wants to give us the earth for an inheritance - oh my - once we realize that if we will simply choose to obey Him - and yes - that means we must rise up and defy those who are the opposers of Christ - the opposers of His Kingdom - by our obedience to the King and His Ways - the God of heaven wants us to be the ones that rule and reign with Him - as opposed to being the ones who are constantly trampled on by His enemies.

Our listeners are getting it. They are putting it together. We have listeners that have been Bible students for most of their lives. We also have listeners that have been followers of Christ for just a year or so. And to watch them start to put the pieces together is awesome. There is no "clergy and laity" here. There is no "reverend" in the Ecclesia. We are a body fitly joined together and cannot function one without the other.

Several days ago, I sent out an email letting you know that I was going to be on a conference call with a man that I have known for almost 30 years now. He's Daniel Joseph from the House of Prayer down in Arkansas. He has been in the ministry of trying to help people who are under attack from men's little "g" governments and (he

was a huge help and a blessing to me in my battle) explores pretty much all the options on the table with which people can fight back against those attacks. And, I believe it's bi-weekly, he has a free conference call where people come on and basically share their wins and losses in their battles in hopes of maybe helping others who are being attacked.

Anyway, about two weeks ago, he called me and asked if I would come on his call with him and specifically to talk about "futurism." Well why? Why "futurism" in his "legal" phone calls? Because he, too, realizes that the greatest opponent to freedom is the false doctrine of "futurism." For the masses of people - not for one man here or one man there - but for the masses - futurism has been like putting people in a coma. It takes away all the fight. It takes away the urgency for resistance.

"Everything that is happening is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, so there is no need to resist. In fact, to resist the fulfillment of Bible prophesy, would be to resist God Himself. So, just sit back, shut up, mow the grass, and whatever happens will happen because this is all the plan of God."

And, for those who are not sitting by waiting, it is very aggravating being in the trenches fighting a war - and fighting not just for yourself - but fighting for the people who won't join the fight - but it's aggravating to be in a fight - bullets whizzing past your ears - and looking around seeing millions of people watching football games and guzzling beers. Or worse than that, people who claim to be followers of Christ, sitting there watching the war and telling those that are getting bombarded that this is all fulfilling Bible prophecy - this is what God wants. Just go to "church" - sing some songs - give some money - and God is getting ready to do great things.

Last week I told you about the video from the World Economic Forum that Jeff sent me. He was disgusted. I was disgusted. It was sickening - and they said - this is your future. One of the things they talked about was - one day - you won't go to the grocery store - everything will be delivered to you. There will be no need for interaction between people in this great new world. Blah blah blah. The delivery person shows up at the door with their mask on while the homeowner rushes to put their mask on before opening the door. Or the delivery person leaves the package on the doorstep and a text message is sent to the homeowner telling them to open the door. And more disgusting stuff was in that video - and this IS what your future will look like so says the World Economic Forum.

<https://vigilantcitizen.com/latestnews/worldeconomicforumhowourlivescouldsoonlook>  
Last night, Teresa and I watching a video. And commercial after commercial - I think at one point there were three in a row - and each one of them was something pushing home delivery. One of them was the grocery store. The last one was an app that let you manage all your in-home deliveries for the month.

We are seeing such major changes occurring before us right now - in ways I have not seen in my entire life. And these things are not good.

This past week, Illinois, the morons who have laid claim to running the lives of the people who live in Illinois, and sadly, there's not enough resistance in Illinois to make a dent in what those maniacs are doing - they claimed that they banned fossil fuels - supposedly by the end of 2045.

Really? I don't know how these people think the farmers are going to be able to raise enough food for the people going back to hand-driven oxen and plows. Oh. I forgot, they have a plan. Their meat is going to be grown in laboratories now. Their produce will be genetically redesigned to be delivered through your toilet. Who knows? These people are absolute maniacs and they have ZERO - no resistance to what they are planning and it is because of two major reasons - and I believe the two are basically inseparable - they go hand in hand.

The wicked, despicable lie that all of this evil is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy - therefore there is nothing we could do - or nothing we should do to stand against it.

And two, God is in total control. Nothing is happening in the world today that God Himself is not orchestrating. So, just sit back and enjoy the ride - or make the best out of it you can.

Friends, neither of those responses are Biblical - and they are the reason why we are in the shape we are in - and I hate to constantly be the bearer of bad news - but things are not going to change until God's people stand up and say - "That's it. We are no longer going to play ball with you. We hate the game. We hate the rules. We are going to go and start our own country - our own nation - with a King Who is infallible - with Laws that are perfectly flawless - and a Shepherd that will lead His sheep to better pastures."

Futurism is the problem. It has completely neutralized any opposition to the forces of evil in the world. And our generation has proliferated futurism like none other.

So, my friend Daniel, in his world, in his fight for freedom - the way he's fighting - he has identified the enemy of futurism and he asked me to come on his conference call and present Fulfilled Bible Prophecy to his listeners. I think it would be safe to call most of his listeners "Christian patriots." I mean, that's probably what they would call themselves. Still fighting for the U.S. Believing that the U.S. at least - was a Godly nation - the CON being a Bible-based document. But - even with that - I have told you before - I am for (I'm on their side) whoever is resisting - almost in every instance.

But I have also known for many years, that if I had the opportunity to present Fulfilled Bible Prophecy and the Kingdom of Christ - to the "Christian patriot" - they would see the ultimate source of freedom - that coming from the real, true Kingdom of Christ and His Kingship exclusive of all others. And, when the "Christian patriot" realizes that he has all power and all authority from the God of heaven to resist evil men - it's like saying sic'em to a bulldog.

The phone call started with me being given the time to make a brief introduction to Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - which actually - as you well know - really can't be done. Especially with people who have never even heard of such a thing. My Matthew 24 series on Missouri Liberty Radio - lasted for more than a year - and the reality is - I could still be going on continuously still with that series. The book, "The Religion of the New World Order" is an attempt at providing a brief overview of Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - but it falls short because the brain washing that needs to be done - many times takes years for people for finally shake off all the dirt from the constant barrage of lies that they've had on them for their entire lives.

But I tried to do what I was asked to do. I was kind of under the impression that it might be somewhat of a hostile crowd - but knowing that they believed themselves to be freedom fighters - I began by sharing my own testimony of living a life that certainly appears to be non-conformity to men's little g governments - though - it isn't. I do not live in rebellion to men's little g governments. Rebellion is not a good thing. I am trying to live a life of conformity. I try to conform to the Laws of the Commonwealth of Israel. I can't help it if other people think that is rebellion. It's not rebellion to the U.S. - I don't claim to be a citizen of the U.S. No more than Russians are required to live according to U.S. "laws" because they are "Russians" - I am a Citizen of the Commonwealth of Israel and those are the Laws I choose to be Governed by. This is not a life of rebellion, it is a life of conformity.

Remember, how I read to you a couple weeks ago - where the members of the United

Nations clearly said - those coming to New York from other countries - are not subject to the “statues” of New York. That's what they said. For the whole world to see.

The same is for the follower of Christ. We are not subject to the “statues” of other men. I'm going to get side-tracked for just a minute - but I need to make you mindful of something I saw in the news yesterday. The headline said something like, “Christian man arrested for luring three people back to his home to sacrifice them.”

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/man-often-seen-reading-bible-125043835.html>

That's is pure propaganda garbage. NO NO NO Christian man would ever be arrested for killing people to sacrifice them because God told him to. That is pure garbage and it has a purpose in their world - it is to demonize people like US who say we are not bound to man's statues.

Just because we are not bound to man's statues does not mean we are not bound to God's Laws - but that's what these people believe. That's something they said to me in court. “Well, you think you can just do whatever you want to do.” That is garbage.

God's Laws restrain evil a thousand times - a million times more than their puny “statues” say. Their rebellious statues say that “doctors” can murder babies right up until the time the rest of the baby's body comes out of the mother. These wicked people will do anything and say anything to promote their “statues” and assault the righteous.

God's people - who are ABSOLUTELY ABOVE men's “statues” - “Well, you think you are above the law” - well, if you are talking about your “laws” then - in the vernacular of the day - “YOU GOT THAT RIGHT.” You better believe we are above your godless statues.

No, the world has no worry whatsoever from the follower of Christ. We're not murderers, we're not thieves, we're not rapists, we're not kidnappers - leave us alone.

Conforming to the Kingdom of Christ is actually the greatest way to love your neighbors and to be a light to a dark world - that is the greatest way to demonstrate caring for others around you.

But know this, the enemies of Christ and His Kingdom will not perceive your obedience to Christ - as anything other than an act of rebellion. And if that's the way it is, then

that's the way it is.

So anyway, I explained the way I have tried to live for the past 40 plus years. Then I got to the reason why. They weren't because of a CONstitution or a declaration of independence. The reasons were because we have another King, One Jesus. I was then able to explain and provide some Bible verses as to why Christ is King right now. And of course, it is because all Bible prophecy has been fulfilled - which means that Christ has already been revealed as the King of kings and Lord of lords. He brought down all the little g governments of the world. He took all the kingdoms of the world back for Himself and He shall reign forever and ever.

After my introduction ended, Daniel opened up the lines for questions and I was actually quite amazed. There was no hostility. There was a genuineness that actually made me believe that the Kingdom of Christ was advanced in the minds of many of those who were listening. The questions were more of a "okay, tell me more, help me fill in some blanks, and this is making sense." I was very encouraged by the question and answer section of the event. This was pretty much the opposite of what took place last summer with the "churchmen debate."

One of the reason is, too, because nearly everyone "Christian patriot" that I know of - who has been in "church" - has been kicked to the curb by the "pastor." As soon as the "Christian patriot" begins talking about the "faulty 16th amendment" and things like that - he usually gets shown the door - and swiftly and usually it's not a pretty sight. So, we didn't have - well - I think it's probably safe to say that when I exposed "church" with these people - it struck a positive chord with them.

Among these great questions, there was one in particular that stood out. In fact, as the question was being asked, I made the comment that every single hair on my body was standing straight up. I could not believe the question - or actually it was this man's statement - because he was putting two and two together and it was a wild moment for me. To my knowledge, I have never spoken to this man before that evening - and he has never heard me preach.

But he said to me - in a nutshell - "based on what you are teaching about Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - is it possible that predestination was for the Old Covenant World and Whosoever Will is for the New Covenant World?" Can you believe that? That was wild that he was asking me that. He said he hoped that Whosoever Will means that people can choose to be followers of Christ. And, of course, I agreed and was just blown away

that he would come to that conclusion based on the things I was saying about Fulfilled Bible Prophecy.

Well, Sam called me the day after and told me that he had recorded the conference call. I don't even know how he did it - but he said he did - and he ran it through some processing applications he has - and he improved the sound quality - and after this morning's message - he is going to pre-empt Chuck Baldwin - and play the conference call in its entirety. So, if you want to stick around and listen, if you haven't already heard it, it will be available for you today. I will also post a link to it on my website when I get it from Sam. I have a transcript available of my introduction - but I won't have a transcript of the entire call.

Kingdom Conference 2021 Fall edition is coming up on us quickly. I hope you are making plans to attend. It's at the end of this month, the 28th through the 31st. Ted will be here preaching, I will be preaching, Jerry, Doug, Matthew, Sam. This is a great time to get together for fellowship - to get away from the world. Please let us know if you are planning to attend. The facilities are excellent. The only cost is the cost of the room. I believe it's around 60.00 per night. We provide the food and all we ask is for donations to help us pay for the food.

In this series of messages on Predestination versus Whosoever Will, one of our loyal listeners, has sent emails almost weekly with questions and even challenges to this teaching. Which, is great. I love it. And as I have said before, this is not a matter of fellowship. If a man does not agree with the conclusions I have come to in these messages - that's not something you break fellowship over. Lord knows there's not enough of us already that agree on the major points of Scripture - we can't afford to lose fellowship over something like this.

But I believe Whosoever Will is what everything in the Old World was creating a foundation for. The day where a man could choose to look at the lifted up Christ and say, "I choose Christ." And I believe - and quite possibly even more now than ever - since I've been preaching this series - that this is the correct way to see "salvation" if you will - in the New World.

I have spoken each message concerning Jacob and Esau. The Scriptures say- before those boys were even born - their lives were already determined. That being the case - they did not have a choice. Even when Esau repented - and tried to make the correct choice - he was rejected.



The actions of Judas were prophesied many years in advance. There was nothing Judas could have done to prevent his actions. They had already been prophesied. If Judas had a choice to change the outcome of his life - the prophecies would have failed. The Scriptures had already been written concerning Judas. They could not have been retroactively changed because Judas had a change of mind. It simply could not have been.

The same with John the Baptist. Malachi prophesied concerning John the Baptist, many years before his birth. The steps of John the Baptist, the teachings of John the Baptist, none of that was "left to chance" or left to "choice." His life was planned before the foundation of the world.

But people ask me, "Why does it look like the people in the Old World had choices?"

And several of you have provided instances where it certainly looks like they had choices.

My answer is because the Old was a foundation for the New. The New World is all about choices. The Old World provides all the resources we need to look at and see, "Well, this is what happens when we make the wrong choice. This is what happens when we make the right choice."

The wrong "choices" were planned, they were recorded - it was all to show us right and wrong - good and evil - righteous and unrighteous - so that we - who DO have the ability to make choices - will look at the history of the children of Israel - and make the right choices in each of our generations.

Predestination and foreordination, which I believe are the same thing and Whosoever Will are both taught in the Bible.

But I have yet had anyone been able to provide a logical answer as to how they can exist at the same time.

I've had some people say, "God doesn't want us to know. His ways are higher than ours and He can make the two exist at the same time." And I get that. Absolutely I get that.

But we are taught that God wants us to know His mind. He wants us to know His Will. The first century saints knew the answers to these questions - but through the

generations - they've been lost to us. I believe it is vitally important that we get this understanding back. It's a major part of the faith once delivered to the saints.

Look with me to I Corinthians chapter 1 this morning. And we will begin reading in verse 1. Now, before we get started. Let me ask you this? Were these people Paul was writing to - were they living in the Old Covenant? Or were they living in the New Covenant World? Ok. They were living in the Old Covenant World. The New World had not yet officially began. The New World began when? Christ said in Matthew 24 - when the temple was destroyed - not one stone left standing upon another that shall not be thrown down. That's when the end of the world - the end of the Old Covenant age - would officially take place - and that happened at AD70. These people were in the end of the Old Covenant age - standing right on the door step of the New Covenant World. Verse 1.

[1] Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

Ok. Was it God's will or was it Paul's will? It was God's Will. Paul didn't have a choice.

[2] Unto the Ecclesia of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

[3] Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

[5] That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

This is what God wants for His people. Not just some knowledge. All knowledge. And this is what we need to be striving for...

[6] Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

[7] So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

I made mention the other night that once you see Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - you will see it everywhere you look. And here's another great example. This is Paul writing to the

Corinthian Christians in the first century - confirming that THEY were waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. That is awesome. Verse 8.

[8] Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Beautiful. Confirm who? Them. The Corinthian Christians that the first verse clearly says this book was written to. Confirmed to what end? The exact same "end" - the only "end" that Christ ever talked about. The "end of the Old Covenant age." The harmony of the Scriptures are phenomenal and should be so encouraging to all of us. We have a book that we can rely on. The recorded history found in the pages of this book - when rightfully and skillfully taught is amazing.

[8] Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In what day of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord at His coming?

There be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom.

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

[31] And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

[32] Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

This is Jesus speaking to His disciples.

[33] So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

[34] Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Jesus - to His disciples in the first century.

This is all talking about the same thing. This is the testimony of Christ - confirmed in these first century Corinthian Ecclesia citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel. Verse 9.

[9] God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hmm. Interesting. Were they called? Were they chosen? Or did they choose? You could say they were called and they answered the call. I won't argue that.

[10] Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Now isn't that a novel concept. Impossible? Right? We can't all believe the same thing can we? This is impossible. We can't come to the same conclusions. We can't come to the same belief system - the same faith? No. I totally refuse that. We can come to the same conclusions. We can have the same faith, the same mind, the same judgement. That's what God wants for His people. But while we're getting there - we can't be fussing and fighting. We can't be kicking each other to the curb. We can't be backbiting and gossiping against each other. We need to be focused on achieving this - this is what God wants for His people. And, it's not always easy. It's work. It takes hard work sometimes - but this is what our Heavenly Father wants for His Sons and Daughters.

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

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

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

I am going to say this - listen to me now - we need to start thinking when we hear the word "baptized or baptizing" - are we talking about being fully immersed into Jesus Christ? This is what baptizing is. It is being fully immersed into Jesus Christ - and we really need to reexamine what the method is. How is this done? Is it the H2O ritual washing of the Old Covenant? Or is it a confession of faith - confessing a system of belief that renounces the world - it renounced the course of this world - it is coming our

of the sheepfold which is the world - and following - becoming fully immersed into the King and His Kingdom? Verse 14.

[14] I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

That's what Paul said. I thank God I didn't baptize any of you.

[15] Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

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

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

Now I'm telling you Paul is talking about H2O water baptism. Once again. I'm asking. Are these people that Paul is speaking to here - are they still in the Old Covenant World - or are they in the New? They are in the old. Did H2O water baptism have its place in the Old World? Yes it did. Do we know exactly what it looked like? No, we do not. There is nothing - no where in the Bible are details recorded as to what H2O water baptism is supposed to look like. And I believe that is done on purpose. But we DO KNOW what being fully immersed into Christ looks like in the New Covenant world.

And these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another King, One Jesus.

That is the testimony of people who have been fully immersed into Christ. Christ is everything in their lives. He is the Head of everything they do. Everything they say. He is their Lawgiver, He is their Judge. He is their Director of the Health Department. He is the Director of the Environment. He and He alone is Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords and beside Him there is no other. One who is fully immersed into Christ bears no marks of the world in his body - because all those marks have been washed away by the blood of Christ.

No amount of H2O water can wash away sin like the cleansing water of the blood of Christ by His Word. There is no mistaking one is who is fully immersed into Christ. Friends, I've known thousands of people in my life who have been H2O water baptized but are no more fully immersed into Christ than the man in the moon.

The H2O ritual water cleansing of the Old Covenant was a picture, it was a type and

shadow of what “baptism” - being fully immersed into the life of following Christ - would someday mean in the New Covenant World in which we now live.

I had no intentions at all of getting into this today, but in light of what I just said, I want you to look at a familiar passage of Scripture. Turn with me please to Matthew chapter 3, and we will read beginning in verse 1. This is Matthew 3, verse 1:

- [1] In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,
- [2] And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- [3] For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Again, let me remind you again. This says that John the Baptist was the one spoken of by Isaiah. Did John the Baptist have a choice in this matter? No. Isaiah prophesied John's life and it was predestined - foreordained before the foundation of the world.

- [4] And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.
- [5] Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,
- [6] And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

I want to ask you something. We see here, this was baptizing and is seemingly for the remission of sins. It doesn't exactly say that - but I believe we can safely say this. Now this is before Christ. This is before the cross. This is before Christ spoke one single Word in His ministry. The Bible does not tell us exactly what John was doing. The word baptized here does not say anything about water. The context does - and I absolutely believe that John was H2O water baptism - but the word doesn't. The word here comes from the Greek baptizo which means to make whelmed (for instance, fully wet) of ceremonial ablution, especially of the ordinance of Christian baptism. That's what Strong's says.

Alright, wait just a minute. This is John the Baptist baptising and baptising under the Old Covenant. John's baptism - even though the Bible is not clear as to what he was doing, how he was doing it - what it looked like - John's baptism was a ritual of the Old Covenant World. Strong's Concordance misses this badly. Christianity was not even on the scene yet. This was John's baptism which was part of the Old Covenant method of

washing away sin. Christ had not changed any of that, when John the Baptist came on the scene.

Strong's also says that baptizo comes from bapto which means to overwhelm, to cover wholly with a fluid. In the N.T. (what Strong's says) only in a qualified or specific sense, i.e., to moisten a part of one's person, or by implication, to stain as with dye, - dip. This is not accurate when Strong's says this is New Testament only.

If that's the case, brethren, then we need to dig even further - because H<sub>2</sub>O does not stain. You can dip yourself in H<sub>2</sub>O for hours and hours but it will not stain you. You can wash your clothes in H<sub>2</sub>O and they will not stain. But washing yourself in the blood of Christ will absolutely stain you. It will dye you - it will also die you. And that's the type of baptism that happens when we become fully immersed into Christ. John's baptism - whatever that Old Covenant H<sub>2</sub>O water ritual was - it was a picture - it was a type and it was a shadow of what New Covenant - New World baptism is - which is when a man leaves his old life - embraces Christ - and becomes fully immersed into Christ. Verse 7.

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

[8] Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

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

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

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

We need to reexamine what John is saying here.

[11] I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance:

John is saying, "Look, all I am doing here is baptizing with water. This is an Old Covenant H<sub>2</sub>O ritual - it's just water."

but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to

bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

John is saying, "I'm a nobody. All I do is baptize with water. But the One Who is coming after me is going to baptize you in a totally different manner. He shall baptize you - it's the exact same word - but He is going to baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

It's immersion. No question about that. It's still being fully immersed. Fully wet. Fully stained. But it's not the same. I have said this before and I'll say it again - a man cannot be in the Kingdom of God if he has not been baptized. He must be fully immersed into Christ. But Christ's baptism - baptism in the New Covenant World - is not the same as John's baptism.

Friends, if I have a choice between John's baptism and Christ's baptism. I'll assure you, I'll take Christ's baptism every single time. I'm telling you today, that if our generation had been preached to that men MUST BE FULLY IMMERSSED into Christ to be in His Kingdom - our generation would not be in the miserable state we find ourselves in today. I know - you know - thousands - thousands of people that have been H2O water baptised - but they are no more fully immersed into Christ than the man in the moon.

Open our billfolds. Look at our identification cards. We identify with everything in this world - except for Christ. We identify with every nation and little g government in this world - other than the Only God Ordained Government - the Commonwealth of Israel.

We're baptised - we're fully immersed - into the laws and statues of the United States of America, Canada, England, Phillipines - fill in the blank - we're baptised into everything in this world - except for the Kingdom of Christ. Had men and women, boys and girls been taught that unless they are fully immersed into Christ - they are lost - we would be living in a world totally unlike what we are in today. The United States of America today has millions and millions of people who have been H2O water baptized and the United States of America is the most God forsaken country to quite possibly have ever existed in God's Creation.

We must be baptized. We must be baptized by the washing of water by the Word of God and be placed into - fully immersed - stained by the blood of Christ in order to be in the Kingdom of God. Verse 12.

**[12]** Whose fan is in his hand, and He will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.



[13] Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

Many times I have heard people say that because Jesus was apparently H2O water baptized and I believe that He was - we, too - are to be H2O water baptized. And as respectfully as I can be, sincerely without being condescending - but just wanting people to think about what they are saying -

**are you telling me that Jesus was baptized for the remission of sins?**

Is that why Christ was baptized? Let's finish the rest of the story of Christ's baptism from Luke's account. Turn to Luke chapter 3, please. Let's begin in verse 1.

[1] Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

[2] Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the Word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

[3] And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

Again, I ask you. Was this the Old Covenant method? Was this part of the Old Covenant method for repentance - or was this the New? Friends, the new had not yet come. This was still the Old Covenant way. Christ had not even began His ministry yet. Verse 4.

[4] As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

[5] Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

[6] And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

[7] Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

[8] Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

[9] And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore

which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

[10] And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

[11] He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

[12] Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

[13] And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

[14] And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do?

And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.

Now wait a minute. This is not the New Covenant Plan of salvation, people. In no way shape or form, is the New Covenant Plan of salvation. Christ isn't even mentioned here. Now, I would argue, if I had more time today, that it is. But we've never heard any of this as being the Plan of Salvation. But this is Old Covenant theology here for the most part.

[15] And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

Now watch.

[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:

Again, John is saying, "All I am doing here is baptising with H2O. That's all I'm doing here. I'm not the Christ. I am not the Messiah - I'm just baptising with H2O water as part of the ritual cleansing of the Old Covenant. The One you are talking about is coming and again - I'm a nobody - I'm not even worthy to loosen His shoes - but when He comes He is going to baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

[17] Whose fan is in his hand, and He will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff He will burn with fire unquenchable.

[18] And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.

[19] But Herod the tetrarch, being reprov'd by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,

[20] Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

[21] Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized,

This is absolutely talking about H2O water.

and praying, the heaven was opened,

[22] And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

[23] And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

Alright. The baptism of Christ. I ask you again. Was Christ baptized for the remission of sins? And friends, if you dare say yes - we've got a major problem. You cannot say that because Jesus was H2O water baptised for the remission of sins - then you just be, too.

In the Old Covenant world - there were MANY MANY MANY baptisms. The H2O ritual cleansings in the Old Covenant world numerous. Baptism - baptizing - was not introduced in the first century. It was introduced with Moses. It was ritual cleansing and it's all through the early writings of the Bible. When Moses led the children of Israel through the sea while they were escaping from Pharaoh - don't you remember that was called being baptized? That's what the Scripture calls it. But you know what? They didn't get a drop of water on them. But it was called baptism.

I have got so much to tell you on this subject. It's going to be mind-blowing the deeper we get. But it's the truth - and it must be told - because so many people think they are in Christ - because they are white and wet - but they've never been fully immersed into Christ - and it's the reason why the Kingdom of God is not advancing like it should be. So rather than go off into even more details this morning - let's focus on the baptism of Christ.

How old was Christ when He was baptised by John the Baptist? I grant to you that there could be a little bit of obscurity here in this passage, but I believe it is correct to conclude that Christ was 30 years old when John baptized Him.

But again. Was Christ baptized for the remission of sins? And brethren, don't you dare say yes. We would have major major problems if this is what we believed.

Oh boy. Where do we begin. I had not planned on this this morning. But I believe this is the direction God wants me to go based on where we were in I Corinthians 1. Turn to Numbers chapter 4. Time is not going to permit me to go into great detail this morning. But we will continue next week. We need to read the whole chapter, but we will not for time's sake. Begin in verse 27. The book of Numbers. We will see why Christ was baptized at the age of 30 and that it had nothing whatsoever with the remission of sins. Verse 27.

[27] At the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.

[28] This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

[29] As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them after their families, by the house of their fathers;

[30] From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

The age of 30 was the age for those who would be entering into the service of the work of the tabernacle of the congregation. Age 30 and upwards to 50. Christ began His ministry at age 30. And, this is why He was baptized at age 30.

Now, you say, but what does that have to do with His baptism? Turn with me to Exodus chapter 30. Again, we should read the whole chapter but time will not permit it. Begin in verse 17:

[17] And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying,

[18] Thou shalt also make a laver of brass,

and we'll get into this a little bit later.

and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

[19] For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat:

[20] When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn

offering made by fire unto Yahweh:

[21] So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

This is what the baptism of Christ was and this is why it happened at age 30. It had nothing whatsoever to do with the remission of sins. This was an H2O water ritual in the Old Covenant world and the priests did this when they entered into the temple to do the service of the tabernacle.

In the Old Covenant world - there were many many many baptisms. Let me show you one more. Look at Mark chapter 7. Begin in verse 1.

[1] Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

[2] And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.

[3] For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

I want you to take your Strong's Concordance and look up the word wash.

For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

The word "wash" is baptizo. Unless they baptize their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

I'm telling you, people that say that baptising did not come onto the scene until the time of Christ - are not accurate. There were many many baptisms in the Old Covenant rituals. Verse 4.

[4] And when they come from the market, except they wash

EXCEPT THEY BAPTIZE - and when they come from the market - EXCEPT THEY BAPTIZO

, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.

The washing of cups.....look up the word washing here. It is baptisimos. These were H2O water cleansing rituals and ceremonies in the Old Covenant world.

John said, "All I'm doing is washing in water - but One Who is coming after me is going to baptize in a totally different way."

Not only that - but the further we get into this - I'm going to show you another major problem the Pharisees had with Christ. Give you a little nugget - the priesthood was supposed to come from the tribe of Levi, right? The Levites were the ones supposed to be baptised into the priesthood. Christ was from the tribe of Judah....Hebrews 7:12

For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

Oh my goodness. Verse 5.

[5] Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?

[6] He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

[7] Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

[8] For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

Brethren, look up the word washing here in verse 8. Once again, it's 909 in Strong's - baptism. Baptisimos.

For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the baptizing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

Make no mistake of what I am saying today. I go further with teaching of water baptism than any preacher you have ever heard. I guarantee it. A man, woman, boy or girl, **MUST BE WATER BAPTIZED** - absolutely must be water baptized - in order to become right with God. But I do not believe that that water is H2O. It is the washing of the water by the Word of God. It is a man, woman boy or girl, letting their old man die - buried with Christ in baptism - and incidentally - the Greeks described baptism as like a

ship that sinks into the ocean and lies at the bottom of the ocean floor - the old man is dead never to return to the surface and now a new man - one who has been fully immersed into Jesus, Yeshua the Christ has been reborn.

Friends, you don't need me to tell you how serious this is. Are we fully immersed into Christ? Have we left the course of this world - to take up the cross and follow Christ? The disciples - after the resurrection of Christ - I'll guarantee you - were fully immersed into Christ. Their testimony -

These all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another King, One Jesus....

Their testimony proved that they had been fully immersed into Christ.