

Message# 174 - 1-23-2022 - Christians Believe that Jesus Fulfilled the Prophets

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

I want to remind you again that we are planning a get-together at the Maranatha Bible Camp and Event Center on what the world calls March 17 through the 20th. We have plenty of room left if you would like to join us. The only thing we ask for is that you help us with the cost of the rooms. We will be providing the food and will only ask for donations to help us cover the cost of the food.

We have posted the latest Michael's Minutes to the website. This one is called History's Actors. As always, it's excellent. It goes a lot with what we've been saying for a long time - "history" - as we are told - simply cannot be trusted. Those men lie about everything there is in life - and the crazy thing is - they actually prefer lies to the truth. Of course, had we known our Bibles - the only true history book - like we should have - we would have known that everyone who is not inside the city of God - the Commonwealth of Israel - those that are without - lie - and love to make lies. But then again, many people would not know that to be true because they have fallen for the lie that the book of Revelation - the city of God - etc. - are all futuristic - so none of it really applies for today - as far as the principles go.

As he always does, he names names, he gives citations and Michael's work is excellent. He writes from the perspective of the Kingdom Now, from the perspective that Jesus, that Yeshua fulfilled all the prophecies - and Michael has earned the respect - in my opinion - to have his work work read. So, please go to the website at www.godsendusmen.com and click on Michael's Minutes - then click on History's Actors.

Well, the strangest thing happened to our family this week. Our bodies started feeling really bad. We had full body aches, loss of appetite, some coughing, it was crazy. I guess it must have been this thing going around called Covid or omicron or delta or whatever. Because, well, after talking with Teresa about this, she did remind me that there was a time before 2020 where people did get something they referred to as "sick." I vaguely remember something about a cold or a head cold or a stomach ache or a chest cold even - maybe even something I think people thought was the "flu." But starting at the first of the week, I started feeling bad, then the next day Teresa started feeling bad, then Jerry started feeling bad, then finally, Chrissy started feeling bad. This mystery ran

all week long. I finally started feeling a little better yesterday - though I'm only at about 60% I'd say. Teresa's a little better. Jerry's getting there and Chrissy is still in the middle of it.

I almost decided to play a replay message because I just don't know how far I'll get - and the reality is - I believe we are at such a critical point in this series - I feel like I need to be 100% strong - physically - in order to deliver what needs to be said. We'll trust God for His strength to get through. Last week's message - if I did play it again - would be perfectly fine to hear two weeks in a row. But, hopefully, I'll get through this one and if not - I'll do it again. There is so much to preach about, so much here.

I have to say this again - and I know people are probably tired of hearing it - as there are still those out there that do not get it. I do not preach something called "eschatology." That word is no where to be found in the Bible - in any Bible that I have ever seen. When I was in "Bible college" we had classes called, "Soteriology, pneumatology, hermeneutics, exegesis, ecclesiology" and on and on and eschatology of course - words that aren't even in our Bibles but we need to educate ourselves with those types of words so the little peons out there will think we are really smart - smarter than they are - so that way - they can work their 9-5 jobs at the plantation - I mean the corporation - and they can just pay us to tell them what they are supposed to believe about the Bible.

And, since the government controlled "Bible colleges" are part of the deception - this will all work out to the state's advantage.

"Eschatology" - as far as the world of religion is concerned - is the study of the future coming of someone they call Jesus to this earth. And I do not now - nor have I ever taught on that subject - other than to expose it for the filth that it is.

I preach that Jesus, Yeshua the One Who came in the first century - fulfilled the prophets - all of them - fulfilled every single prophecy of every single prophet - and because He did - He was the rightful heir to the throne of David - and as such - every knee had better be bowing and every tongue better be confessing that He and He alone is the King of kings and Lord of lords. His Father established His Kingdom in the first century. With the establishment of the Kingdom, His Father withdrew any previous authority ever given to any mere man, to be a king or ruler over any other man. Those days were over. Divine right of kings, men as lawmakers - all that - ended when the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of Christ - when that began in the first century.

If a man woman boy or girl does not believe this - I'm sorry friends - and I'm not backing down - I don't care if every single person on this earth turns against me - I am not backing down - if people do not believe this - they are not in Christ. It's really simple.

I continue to be accused of preaching, "If someone doesn't believe 'eschatology' the way you do - you say they aren't 'saved.'"

Not so. If you want to agree and continue to use the word "eschatology" around me - but use it in the understanding that it is referring to the events that occurred in the first century - ending at AD70 - then we could have a discussion - and I would be the first to tell you - I've said it already a hundred times or more - I have no idea what all the details were as to how - for instance - what did the fulfillment of the details in the book of Revelation look like? Who was the beast? Was it Nero? I don't know - and beyond the fact that it is fun to speculate - it's fun to talk about who the two witnesses might have been - but whether people agree on those things or not - is totally immaterial to saving faith - the faith once delivered to the saints is.

But again, what does matter? The very first verse of the book says, "Things which must shortly come to pass." And the whole purpose of the book is the Revealing of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. If someone teaches that that event has not occurred - that the book of Revelation is in the future - that man is denying that Jesus, that Yeshua came in the flesh and was Anointed as Christ - the King. Plain and simple.

I'm having people tell me that when they "accepted Christ" they had been taught that He was a future coming king. But that didn't matter because of their sincerity and they know that their sincerity caused God to overlook this blatant deception they were under when they "accepted Christ."

I can't stop thinking about this. I've thought about it all week. Today, in the u.s. and all around the world for that matter - there are millions of sincere people filling places called "churches". In fact, they are probably singing songs about Jesus being king. They probably even had "preachers" stand up and preach, "Jesus is our King." And they probably even had grown men shout "Amen." All of them very sincere in their belief that "Jesus is king." But what's that in the corner over there? What is that piece of cloth standing on the pole in red, white and blue? "Well that represents allegiance to our government. That's the government we vote for and send our sons and daughters off to die in fighting their wars." "But I thought you said Jesus was your king." "Not now silly,

he's a coming king. When he comes again, that's when he'll be king."

But these people are as sincere as can be. Are the Muslims sincere? Are the Mormons sincere? Those people give up several years of their lives to go on "missions" to gather proselytes to their cause. Are the Jehovah's Witnesses sincere? They go door to door trying to convince complete strangers to join their religion.

How about the Metropolitan "church" of Los Angeles? Are those sodomites sincere? Absolutely they are. And they teach that Jesus loves them and they believe it and they accept it and embrace it. It will be silly for us to say those people are any less sincere than the Mormons, or the JWs, or the Baptists, or the church of Christs, or the Pentecostals. So, the Metropolitan "church" of Los Angeles is an openly queer "church." Someone goes there looking for "Jesus." And, they hear the "Gospel." And they embrace Jesus - and they are even H2O water baptized. That should be sufficient, right?

Someone was telling me this week that all a man is responsible for is what he knows at the time he surrenders his life to Christ. Ok. By that logic, these people that are seeking Jesus and they are at the Metropolitan "church" in Los Angeles - where not only is sodomy NOT taught against - but it is embraced and encouraged - but because the seeker who is there doesn't know any better - he can surrender his life to Christ - get H2O water baptized - and go home continuing and celebrating his life as a new Christian sodomite.

From the home page of their website:

Founders MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) Los Angeles is a prophetic, liberating and progressive Christian community of faith that honors, values and welcomes all people. ~~We are rooted in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, and Intersex communities, and are as welcoming to our Heterosexual brothers and sisters as well!~~ You will hear a relevant, and scripture-informed message that embodies and celebrates everyone's spirituality ~~and sexuality~~. We challenge each other to make our lives count, as we invite everyone to be transformed in mind, body and spirit. From a place of trust, wholeness and holiness, we reach out as the hands, feet, and heart of Christ through acts of justice and compassion to make a difference in our world. End quote.

Well, what's wrong with that? That's pretty much what you'd read on any other "church" website. But again, just like a couple weeks ago - I didn't read it for you exactly how it appears on the website. Let me try again. This time I'll read it exactly.

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Oh. Now it doesn't sound all that great. So. They are still sincere. Maybe that's all the Bible knowledge they have at the time they surrender their lives to Christ. Who are we to judge? But they should know the Bible. They should know that sodomy is wrong.

Yeah, I get it. And I say the same thing about knowing that Christ fulfilled the prophets. They should know that, too. In the New Covenant World, ignorance is no longer an excuse. I've shown that passage of Scripture so many times that at the times of ignorance - God winked at - but no longer. Not since He made His Son the King. The days of ignorance are over. There is no more an excuse not to know that sodomy cannot be brought into the Kingdom of God - that ignorance is no more of an excuse - than the ignorance of teaching a future kingdom and a future king.

So, I ask you. Can someone find Jesus the Christ and embrace Him as King - in the teaching of the Founders Metropolitan "church" of Los Angeles? Dead giveaway here. If the man is still a practicing sodomite - come on - that's pretty easy.

Then, what about the Baptist "church" or the "Church" of Christ - that man surrenders his life to Christ - under the teachings of the "church of Christ" - then that man is still holding to citizenship in the world because the kingdom is future? Dead giveaway. There is no - zero - no difference between the supposed "conversions" in the Metropolitan Sodomite "church" and the "church of Christ".

When a man comes to Christ - his life changes. And coming to Christ means changing governments. And a man is not going to come to Christ if his "conversion" is based on a future king and a future kingdom.

You can't place your trust in your sincerity. All the religions of the world are sincere. All the religions of the world can provide warm and fuzzies. They do. That's why so many

people are attracted to them. But the faith once delivered to the saints is the only faith that can bring someone to the proper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Father.

The Word of God has not changed. Men have changed the Word of God. Men have tried to alter its meaning and the “church” has done a phenomenal job at doing so. But there is enough left there to show that the Gospel - the True Gospel - is that Jesus Christ fulfilled the prophets - and as a result - He took the rightful throne of David and became King of kings and Lord of lords in the first century.

It is not God's fault that the whole world lies in deception. There's verses in there that warn people of this.

Before I forget, I want to read something else to you. Listen to this:

Baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual choice, signifying to all the pouring out of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism is initiation into the Church.

The practice of the early church was to withhold the Easter secret of Jesus' resurrection. The danger of persecution threatened all who were considered Christian heretics. So, those who wanted to join the followers of Jesus were taught for a lengthy period of time and then, on the night before Easter, the secret was revealed!

On Easter morning, they were baptized – initiated into the church – in the name of the Risen Christ! While most churches, ~~including Founders-MCCLA~~, do not reserve baptism for just Easter Sunday, we understand baptism as the ritual passage into the church, as the mark of God's blessing and following the example of Jesus. Water is sign and symbol of cleansing, of birth, of newness. In baptism, we are spiritually cleansed; we are born of the Spirit and have new life.

By baptism, we are named as God's own.

We are marked as God's people, claimed as God's own, by the water of baptism. We remember the announcement of the Spirit at Jesus' baptism: This is my beloved son..., and we appropriate those words for each person who is baptized. We are declared children of God – related – part of God's kin.

Here are some of our most common Baptism FAQ's :

Normally, we baptize by either pouring or sprinkling. However, if you prefer immersion baptism, we will do our best to make that possible. We do not believe that any single mode of baptism is "right" or superior to another. In fact, the various modes of baptism offer beauty and meaning. Baptism by immersion symbolizes sharing in the sign of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Baptism by pouring or sprinkling is a sign of the pouring out of the Spirit into the life of the one baptized. End quote.

Friends, that could appear on any "church" website in the world today. There's hardly a "church" anywhere that would argue against what was said in that statement. And yes, that statement is on the Founders Metropolitan Gay "church" website.

I could gather as many "church" people as I could who at least do not openly promote sodomy - and they would rail against the Gay "church" in Los Angeles. And I'm sure they'd say that people that "go to that church" are not "saved." "How could they be with beliefs like that?"

Well, friends, I say the same thing about people who teach that the Kingdom of God is future. People that say that Christ is a coming king. People that say that Jesus did not put down evil in the first century. People that refuse to confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh - and was Anointed the One and Only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords and He put down all rule and all authority and all power and allegiance is due only to Him, His Father's Kingdom and His Father's Laws. What's the difference?

So again and again and again. I'm not talking about understanding all the finer points of all the details of how the prophecies were fulfilled on or before AD70. I'm talking about believing that Jesus fulfilled the prophets and as a result - took the throne of David and began His full and complete reign in the first century. NO "church" anywhere in this world teaches that to the extent that men and women boys and girls believe it and they publicly renounce citizenship with the world and claim exclusive Citizenship in the Commonwealth of Israel. That's the difference.

During the week, I'll do intensive study for these messages. Then, I also do casual reading. I'll just pick up the Bible and start reading. I find the understanding of Christ fulfilling the prophets - everywhere. It's literally everywhere - to the point where again - I believe there is no excuse for someone not to know this - other than if they were raised in "church" they had been conditioned to either ignore it - or simply not see the

significance to it because no value has been placed on it. I want to show you what I saw this week, in just my casual reading. Will you take your Bibles, please, and turn to Luke chapter 16? Take a look at this. Statements like this are everywhere in the last 27 books of the Bible. This is glaring. Begin in verse 19. You'll recognize the story immediately:

[19] There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

[20] And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

[21] And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

[22] And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

[23] And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Now wait just a minute here. What is going on here? Is this a story? Is this a fable of some kind? Is it a parable? Surely none of this was actually taking place was it? How long had Abraham been "dead" til the first century? Centuries? And, wait again, Abraham was "dead", goodness, Lazarus was "dead" but apparently they were communicating with each other. Surely none of this is real, right? Well, friends, here we go again. I think here's another "church" doctrine - let me say this - if what you believe about Luke 16 and the story of Lazarus and the rich man was told to you by something called "church" - you better reexamine. Because major major details are being left out and as a result - major deceptions continue because the "church" does not have the spirit of God in it so that the truths of the Bible and Jesus can be taught.

The "church" teachings are superficial at best. They are mere statements and thoughts and perceptions that are completely void of the life changing concepts that come when men are in the Kingdom of God and truth has been revealed because of their walk in the present day reality of the Kingdom. This Luke 16 text is huge. It has so many far reaching concepts and not only will it end with the solidification that Jesus fulfilled the prophets - but I am going to show you some things about H2O water baptism as they relate to this passage that are going to absolutely blow your mind - if you'll hang on with me long enough. I don't know when will get there - because much has to be said first in order for a foundation to be set - but it will happen and it will be earth shaking - I can guarantee you that. Even though H2O water baptism is not even mentioned here in Luke 16.

I absolutely believe that what Jesus is describing here in Luke 16 was real. It is a rare glimpse into what happened to people who “died” in the Old Covenant World. I absolutely believe the following conversation between the rich man and Abraham - who had already been where the rich man now was - for hundreds of years - and I absolutely believed they talked with each other in this “grave” - in this place - wherever it was. Now verse 24:

[24] And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

[25] But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

[26] And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

I really need for you to stop here for just a minute and just try to imagine what is taking place here. Friends, this is not allegory. This is not a fable that Jesus was creating. These events took place just like Jesus reported them. This is not, “And Jesus spoke a parable to them.” That's not what this is. This took place in the underworld - in the grave - in the place where people who had died in the Old World - their souls went to this place to await the final judgement. Please keep your finger here in Luke 16 and turn back to Daniel chapter 12. Daniel prophesied a day in which the dead in the Old World would be raised for judgement. Begin in verse 1:

[1] And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

[2] And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Turn Acts chapter 2. Look at this again, please. Begin there in verse 21. This should be very familiar.

[21] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

[22] Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

[23] Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

[24] Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

[25] For David speaketh concerning Him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

[26] Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

Now watch. Listen to what David said about being in the grave.

[27] Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

The word hell here is Hades. It's the place for departed souls. In the Old World, when people died - they went to Hades to await the final judgement and the resurrection of the dead. That's where David was. That's where Abraham was. That's where Lazarus was in Luke 16. That's where the rich man was. But apparently, there was a division between those who had been followers of the God of Israel - and those who were not followers of the God of Israel. But in the Old World - this hell - this Hades - was where people waited for the judgement and the resurrection. And according to the way Christ described it in Luke 16 - the people were fully cognizant of where they were and their surroundings. Very interesting. Verse 28:

[28] Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

[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;

[31] He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption.

I believe those who had been faithfully looking for the revealing of the Messiah, the

King of Israel, the Saviour and Redeemer when they were alive - while they were in the grave then - they were fully aware of what was taking place in the first century with the arrival of Jesus. Now, I need you to make sure you remember these things because this is setting the foundation for what I told you is going to be earthshaking when we get to it. Those people in the Old World were cognizant of their surroundings even while they were in the grave. When we finally get back to this you are going to be so excited that you believe in fulfilled Bible prophecy. Now back to Luke 16, verse 27.

[27] Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

[28] For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Now watch. This is fantastic. The rich man has asked Abraham to send Lazarus back from the dead to tell his family members not to make the same mistakes he did that resulted in him being on the wrong side of Hades. And when you see what the mistake was - I know for me - it was incredible. He wasn't there because he committed a murder. He wasn't there because he was a thief - he was there - well listen - verse 29:

[29] Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

[30] And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

[31] And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

The rich man was on the wrong side of Hades because he had refused to hear Moses and the prophets while he was alive. Friends, people are still making the same mistake. They are refusing to hear Moses and the prophets. It was Moses, it was the prophets that taught when to know the Messiah had come. Today, nearly the entire religious world tells people - we don't need to listen to Moses - and the prophets all talked about the future.

Today, people still refuse to hear Moses and they still refuse to listen to the prophets. If we say that the prophecies were not fulfilled in Jesus, in Yeshua in the first century - we are making the exact same mistake that the rich man made and when he died - he was on the wrong side of Hades and he was found begging Abraham to send someone to his relatives to tell them to believe Moses and believe the prophets. If you believe the

prophets, you understand that the Messiah came in the first century. You will easily identify Him as Jesus and you will understand that His Kingdom was established in the first century when He took His rightful place on the throne of David - to establish His Kingdom hence and forevermore.

Friends, I'm telling you that if this message was preached and people understood that their "salvation" depended on whether they embraced Him as King or not - when men and women boys and girls embrace Him as the Exclusive King - the Only Potentate - the Only Lawgiver - when that happens - this world will be turned upside down - and it will happen in a very short period of time.

But as long as people keep fighting against the prophets. And saying that the prophecies were not fulfilled in Jesus, in the first century, religion - powerless religion - will continue to be the norm and not only will the world not be turned rightside up - but it will continue on a downward spiral as we have seen it our entire lives. And it will be led by the liars who are looking for a coming king, a coming messiah.

While we are here in Luke 16, go up to verse 16. Take a look at what else Christ said in this chapter. Verse 16.

[16] The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

John was the final prophet. That was it. The prophets and their prophecies were pointing to the Kingdom of Christ. That fulfillment, that Kingdom, was established in the first century because Jesus fulfilled the prophets. And since the first century - the Kingdom of God was preached and men were being pressed into it.

As we have been going on in this series, we have seen two very important things - things that to me - just keep jumping off the pages. They seem to be joined at the hip. Those two things are:

1) We have found Him of Whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the King of Israel;

and

2) For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not

many days hence.

Are you paying attention to how many times a reminder keeps being made about John baptizing with H2O - but one that is coming - who is greater than he - will baptize with fire and the Holy Ghost? I hope you are noting that because it is very important.

Last week, we were in Acts chapter 11 when we ran out of time. We had gotten down to verse 26, where we found the followers of Christ being called by a new name for the very first time - and that was - they were called Christians. Turn back to Acts 11, please and let's read again beginning this time in verse 14.

[14] Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

[15] And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

[16] Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Once again, briefly, the “Aha” moment that Peter was having here. The concept of H2O water baptism was not new to these guys. They were Israelites. They were accustomed to baptisms, to washings. There were so many of them it was a wonder they could keep track of them all. I wonder why? Why in the Old Covenant World did Yahweh require so many baptisms? It's because the H2O water baptism rituals were types and shadows - just like everything else was a type and shadow - of the way things are supposed to be in the New Covenant World. In the Old World, every time you turned around - there was a ritual washing. You could almost say their lives revolved around the ritual washings. Same with New Covenant baptism. It means that when you are baptised into Christ - when you fully immersed into Christ - every single thing in your life revolves around Christ. That's what it means to be fully immersed into Christ. And being fully immersed into Christ has nothing to do with physical H2O water. The ritual cleansings of the Old World were a type and shadow of what it would someday mean to be fully immersed into Christ.

When you choose to follow the King - it's a new life. It's a new way of living. It's forsaking the world - forsaking their “laws, their statues, their requirements” - and following a new set of Laws, a new set of Statutes. I gave this example several weeks ago and it's a really good example.

Levi was a tax collector for Caesar. Jesus taught against paying taxes to Caesar. The

whole Bible teaches against paying taxes to the ungodly. Before Jesus came and after He was gone - the Bible forbids it. So when Levi was called by Jesus to be His disciple - he got up from the tax table - immediately - right then - he got up - left his world - and became a follower of Jesus Christ the King. Matthew, Levi's life prior to coming to Christ, was a life that was against the Laws of God. He forsook them and followed the King.

I have known hundreds, probably thousands of people who have been H2O water baptised, sprinkled, poured, dunked, maybe all three and maybe several times - but they still live the same life they did after they got wet - than before. Being H2O wet - does not mean being fully immersed into Jesus Christ.

I had been saying that the H2O water rituals of the Old Covenant World were types and shadows of the baptism - not the one John baptised with - John's baptism WAS an Old World baptism. John himself spoke of a baptism that was coming - a baptism - he said

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:

The baptism of Christ and the baptism of John are not the same. John's baptism was with H2O water - Jesus' baptism was with the Holy Ghost and with fire. They are not the same. John's baptism of the Old Covenant World - the H2O water baptism - it was valid. That's the way it was supposed to be done in the Old Covenant World.

I know for a fact that at least of the people who listen to me preach each week, I can't imagine hearing from any of you that you participate in animal sacrifices for the remission of sins. I just couldn't imagine that. I want you to turn to Numbers chapter 19. I think we need to get a good understanding of water and blood and how those things were types and shadows - not just the blood - but the H2O water, also. Let's begin in verse 1. This is Yahweh telling Moses and Aaron how to perform animal sacrifices. Verse 1.

[1] And Yahweh spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
[2] This is the ordinance of the law which Yahweh hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke:

Any who claim to be followers of Christ who read this would typically be in agreement that this red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, is another animal sacrifice that was a picture, a type, a shadow of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus would make. And, of course, I would agree with that. But we would never entertain the idea of sacrificing animals today, right? Because didn't Jesus do away with all that? Now verse 3.

[3] And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face:

[4] And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times:

Remember we talked about Naaman being told to immerse himself 7 times? This is a type of a baptism. This one is not water, though. It's blood. But this sprinkling is a picture, it's a type and shadow and being covered by the blood of Christ. Remember, this baptism was not H₂O. And that's not my point. I'm just pointing this out to show you there are a lot of "baptisms" in the Bible and they aren't all H₂O. But - most of them in the Old Covenant World - were H₂O water. Verse 5 - continuing with Yahweh telling Moses and Aaron how to perform an animal sacrifice. And of course, we would never do this today. We would never participate in something involving animal sacrifice, right?

[5] And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:

[6] And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

Now watch. First came the blood, now comes the H₂O. Both of them.

[7] Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.

The priest was told to baptize his clothes, and he was told to baptize his flesh in water. Verse 8. But it was only the blood for the remission of sins, right? And we would never do that today. Jesus did away with that, right? Yes, He did.

[8] And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.

More baptisms. Now, for those who may be skeptical and may even be getting angry with me because I am calling these cleansings baptisms - don't be so quick. That is exactly what these are. Just because the word is not baptism - that doesn't mean that's not what it was. That is exactly what it was. What Naaman did in the river Jordan was not called baptism. Baptism is a transliterated Greek word - that's why it isn't found in the first 39 books - but that's exactly what it means. Naaman baptized himself in the river Jordan. Keep your finger here for a minute and turn to Mark chapter 7. Let's read beginning 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.

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

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

[9] And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

We read that and some might say, "What's your point?" My point is that baptism is all through this text - but the word is not found. Verse 4:

[4] And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not.

Look it up for yourself. The word wash here - it's baptizo. So, why would the translators insert a different English word here than almost everywhere else the Greek baptizo is found? How about this?

[4] And when they come from the market, except they baptize, they eat not.

There would be absolutely nothing wrong with doing that. The Greek word is baptizo. Those people were constantly performing H2O water cleansing rituals. It was part of their culture. It was part of the Law of God - in the ceremonial aspects that Yahweh taught Moses and Aaron. Before they ate something - something that had died - they would wash themselves in H2O. It was to be a reminder of what it is like to be fully immersed into Christ.

So, even though the word baptize is not found in Numbers 19 - and not just because the text wasn't originally in Greek - the H2O water cleansing rituals of the Old Covenant are all baptisms in one form or another. Now, back to Numbers 19 and verse 9. Now watch this really closely. None of us would participate in an actual blood sacrifice, right?

[9] And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.

What?

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What I'm trying to get you to see is that the H2O water cleansing ritual of the Old Covenant was a type and shadow of the baptism of Christ - which was different from John's H2O water ritual. We wouldn't think about being part of a blood sacrificing of an animal - but the water part? Is that part of it okay? Why was just the blood part of it taken away? And not the physical H2O part?

We would all say that the blood part now is spiritual in the New Covenant. But we refuse to say that the water part is spiritual? I really think we better take a close look at this. Because I'm telling you, I know lots of people who think because they have been dunked in a pond or in a pool or in a church baptistry - that they are somehow in Christ and they are wrong. "But they are so sincere, Charlie." "Yeah, I get that. But they are all sincere. I don't doubt the sincerity of any one of the people currently playing church. Sincerity is not the problem." Now verse 10.

[10] And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be

unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

[11] He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.

Ok. So what's the remedy? Unclean for seven days. How do we fix it - or I should say - how were they told to fix it. It doesn't apply to us today. The type and shadow of all this has been replaced. It's not the same in the New World as it was in the Old World.

[12] He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

[13] Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of Yahweh; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel:

Why? Why would that soul be cut off from Israel?

because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.

But I thought it was the blood, the blood, the blood. It was both. It was the water and the blood. It was the water and the blood which created the water of separation and when it was SPRINKLED upon the man - when it was SPRINKLED upon the man - that man became clean.

Look, I'm not emphasizing this because I'm saying that one church is wrong because they sprinkle, another church is wrong because they pour, and this church is right because they dunk - I'm telling you ALL of them are not correct. It was the sprinkling of the water and the blood - and BOTH of those rituals were taken down and replaced by Jesus with the sacrifice of Himself on the cross.

And in the first century, men like Peter were being shown all these Aha moments of how things will be when the Old Covenant World officially ended at the destruction of the temple in AD70. Verse 14:

[14] This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.

[15] And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean.

[16] And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

Now watch closely. This is how they were told to clean themselves up after touching a dead body. Watch this.

[17] And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:

[18] And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

[19] And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

This is H2O water cleansing rituals. These are baptisms in the Old Covenant World. And most everyone that I know who would call themselves a “Christian” does not do this. Verse 20.

[20] But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of Yahweh: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean.

There it is.

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[21] And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even.

[22] And whatsoever the unclean person toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth it shall be unclean until even.

Before we leave Numbers 19, please go back to verse 9 again. Just to make sure we are seeing that this was a ritual for the purification from sin. Verse 9:

[9] And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them

up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.

So, we are ok with passing on the blood part of this ritual in the New Covenant - but we better make sure we keep a firm grasp on the water part. I'm telling you the H2O physical water of the Bible was an Old Covenant ritual that pointed to the Living Water which was Jesus the Christ. The Living Water of Jesus Christ is not physical H2O water. You can drink physical H2O water until it comes out your ears - but I'll assure you in a short amount of time - you'll be thirsty again. But Jesus said, "whosoever drinketh of the water that I give - will never thirst again."

Friends, I'm just trying as hard as I can to get people to see that being baptized into Christ means a conscious, knowledgeable choice to forsake the world, take up the cross and follow Christ. It's a decision to embrace the King. Embrace His Government. Embrace His Father's Laws and leave this world and all its rebellion behind.

Religion does not bring salvation. Religion can and does produce warm and fuzzies. There's a religion for everyone. There's a religion that is available to anyone, anywhere, no matter who or what they are or what they believe. That's what religion is. But religion and the faith once delivered to the saints are as far apart as night and day.

Now, please go back to Acts chapter 11, verse 17.

[17] Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

[18] When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

[19] Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

[20] And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

[21] And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

[22] Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

[23] Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

[24] For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

[25] Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

[26] And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the ecclesia, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

The word Christian appears two times in the whole Bible. The word Christians appears once - right here - for a total of three times. There's good reason for this. It's a very exclusive group. It's made up of people who believe that Jesus fulfilled the Law and the prophets. It's made up of people who believe that Jesus was the Christ - the Anointed King of Israel and He calls all who will follow Him - to Come out from among them and be separate, thus saith the Lord, and I will be your God and you will be my people.

There's not a whole lot of people who answer that call. There's simply not that many people who desire this. At least not today. Millions and millions claim they look for a day when a messiah will come and will force people into accepting Him as their God. They believe in a day when this supposed Jesus will return to the earth - and as C.I. Scofield said, "It will be a day of resistless power. It will be a day when whatever the inner thought of a man may be, he must do right or die."

No. That day is not coming. That day will no more come in our future than it was going to come to the household of the rich man who said, "Abraham, if you'll just send someone from the dead, they'll believe him." To which Abraham said, "They already have Moses and the prophets - they need nothing more."

Today, we have Moses and the prophets - who both prophesied that Jesus the Christ would come in the first century to be King. If men will not believe this today - they wouldn't believe even if another Jesus were sent to the earth. But nonetheless, because men today STILL will not believe the prophets, they teach that one is coming again and when he comes all men will supposedly believe on him. What a tragic lie.

Friends, that's the jews' religion. That's the "church's" religion.

In closing today, I want you to turn over to Acts chapter 13. Let's read. I don't have time to discuss it - but as we read - you will absolutely see things jump off the page confirming what we are trying to get people to see. Begin in verse 13.

[13] Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

[14] But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

[15] And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

[16] Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.

[17] The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.

[18] And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.

[19] And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot.

[20] And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

[21] And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.

[22] And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

[23] Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

[24] When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

There again. The baptism of John.

[25] And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.

[26] Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

[27] For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers,

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because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

[26] Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

[27] For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

Wow. I'm closing with that. And there are still people today that tell you the prophecies are yet to be fulfilled.