

Message# 189 - 5-15-2022 - Christians Believe that Jesus Fulfilled the Prophets - H2O Water Baptism Ended with the Old Covenant

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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning again this morning.

As I've been progressing through this series, I keep telling Teresa, pretty much every week now, "This message may be the most important message so far." And staying consistent with that - well - "This message may be the most important one so far." I'd ask that as you are hearing this message, you would be in prayer that the Holy Spirit of God would guide my thoughts and my words. There is so much here. My mind is going a million miles a minute with the things I want to share this morning. There's just so much that needs to be brought out. By myself, there's simply no way I would be able to bring this out with the clarity and insight that is needed. So remember this in prayer that the Holy Spirit of God will take over and what needs to be heard will be heard.

Before we begin, I want to share something with you, maybe it will be a topic of conversation and light a fire so that - if anything could help these idiot maniacs be more exposed than they already are - but - their "government" - and really the only reason I bring it up - is because we are not our own nation like we are supposed to be - we are still affected by what the enemies of God are up to. Of course, if we were our own nation - like the Bible - as clearly as anything in the Book tells us we are supposed to be - but if we were obedient to the Scriptures and being our own nation - the Nation of God - the Commonwealth of Israel - we might not be so affected by what the evil people in other nations conspire to bring.

I recently found out that the Biden "administration" banned the import of ALL solar panels into the u.s.

There is apparently a dispute with China - which started with Trump - and as I've said a thousand times before - all these "presidents" do is pave the way for the next one - they just make everything the next one does - even easier. But Trump put tariffs on the Chinese for their imported solar panels. Ok. Imported items into a country should have tariffs - that's how it works so that the people themselves are not taxed - or are not supposed to be taxed - I should say.

But, long story short, in order to circumvent the tariffs, China simply either shipped

their solar panels to Viet Nam or Thailand, then had the panels imported from their - or they opened up factories in Viet Nam or Thailand - I'm not sure what actually happened - and whatever it was - it was for the purpose of evading the import tariffs on their solar panels into the u.s. Well, there's a couple observations that should be made about the Biden "administration" in their banning solar panel imports. First off, the idiots have been telling everyone that human beings are destroying the world with their fossil fuels and everyone is supposed to "Go Green" to save the world. If those lying hypocrites actually believed that - instead of it actually being another form of control agenda which is exactly what it is - stealing from the common man - enslaving the common man with their filthy rotten lies - but if they actually believed the lies they spew constantly (about destroying the world with "greenhouse gases") - wouldn't they be begging the chinese to get their solar panels to the u.s. at whatever cost - however they can do it - get those solar panels here so "We can stop destroying the world?" Wouldn't that be what they would be doing? If they actually believed the lies they are spewing about people destroying the world with their "greenhouse gases."

Instead, there was a tiny little solar manufacturing company in the u.s., which, knowing how they work, was probably funded by the u.s. - by the people - instead of through hard work, sweat, good marketing programs etc., but this tiny little solar company made a formal complaint to the Biden "administration" and what was the response? The Biden "administration" banned ALL - A - L - L imports of solar panels - no matter the source of origin.

There were over 300 mega solar constructions going on in the u.s. and I mean - the ones where you see acres and acres of panels - *all of them have come to a stop.*

So they pretty much ended coal powered utility plants. They are trying to get natural gas outlawed. And get gasoline powered cars, trucks, lawn mowers, etc., banned. Now - the morons are trying to eliminate solar. These people are total maniacs. Totally insane.

Most people who are thinking people have been aware for many many years that things just couldn't keep going the way they were. So, we talked about the things, tried to warn people, got referred to as "chicken littles" "conspiracy nuts" etc., and all the while, my thoughts were that their system would collapse because it just wasn't built on Biblical principles. I thought it would be a self-implosion that basically happened because of sowing and weeping - yeah a lot of weeping - I meant to say - reaping. I actually never dreamed what would be happening today - in that - they seem to be purposely trying to destroy. They are purposely trying to kill and maim and many

people as they can with their so-called covid and jobs. They now seem to be trying to purposely starve people. Supply chains, food supplies, all of this ridiculous stuff is manmade. They are causing it to happen.

Of course, if God's people were living in community as the Nation of God - all of us working hard - working together - we might not be so affected - but - since we aren't - it's going to rain on all of us - as well. But these maniacs are purposely causing their way of life to be altered - possibly irreparably. It's just insane that they would actually do these things to their own people. Even now going so far as to attempt to starve their babies. That's cold. That is pure evil. Of course, babies going hungry - that idiocy is also shared by the mothers and fathers who do not have the brains to know that a mother is all a baby needs to live off of. Baby formula? Really? That's complete proof that parents are just plain stupid. It's also proof of rebellion against the plan of God.

I hate that the babies may potentially suffer because of the maniacs in their own "government" and their mothers who have chosen a life of rebellion - believing that their careers should have priority over their babies - so - in that regard - I guess they are getting what they deserve. That's probably a bit cold-hearted as well, but Teresa had five babies - who are basically all giants - and we never spent one penny on baby formula. Amazing how that worked out.

Alright, enough of that. Let's get to some solutions. Because there are some solutions as to what is going on in the world today. As we progress through this series on baptism - it is for the ultimate goal of showing what baptism really is - Biblical, spiritual, Godly, Righteous baptism - and if it were being taught today - Biblical baptism into Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God - would turn the world upside down - and would - if the examples in Scripture are true - it would turn the world upside down - in a very short period of time.

But, alas, we still have some more work to do before we get to what Biblical baptism is. Now, we are going to touch on some more of the glimpses to come - as we have already in the series. But we still have some work to do.

I received a great email from Paul in the northeast this week. He said that this series brought him instantly to the woman at the well and the Living Water that only the Messiah King could bring. And yes, absolutely, the Water that the Messiah King offers is the fulfillment - of what the constant types and shadows of the importance of the H₂O water of the Old Covenant *was*. The H₂O water of the Old Covenant pointed to the

Living Water, the pure river of life flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb of God that exists - in the New Covenant World.

Physical H2O water - just like the physical blood of lambs and goats and birds in the Old Covenant - was replaced in the New Covenant with the Water of Life which is Christ - and the blood of Christ - both were replaced in the New Covenant World. When we see - as we have seen in this series - what the physical H2O water was used for in the Old Covenant World - it should be very easy to see how it pointed to the Spiritual Water of Life - that Christ brought.

But - once again - we have to toss out every single thing that this “thing” called “church” has put into our minds - and replace it with what the Word of God actually says.

Please open your Bibles with me this morning, once again, to Matthew chapter 26. We are going to recap and expand just a little on some things we have already seen before - but it's necessary for where we are heading this morning. Matthew 26, verse 26.

[26] And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

[27] And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

[28] For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

[29] But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

[30] And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

This is the only time the phrase “for the remission of sins” is mentioned in the Gospel of Matthew. I ask you now - where is physical H2O water baptism mentioned? Clearly - it is not. We can clearly see that there is no mention of physical H2O water required for the remission of sins. And not only that - even more importantly than that - please look at verse 28 again - these are the Words of Christ -

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Christ is saying this is the New Testament - this is the New Covenant. He is not talking about the Old Covenant. Physical H2O water - was - in several instances - an absolute requirement under the Old Covenant - for the remission of sins. Leprosy absolutely, positively, without a doubt, Leviticus 13, 14 - this is the Law concerning leprosy - wash the clothes, bathe the skin - physical H2O water was a requirement for lepers and various other diseases and uncleanness - under the Old Covenant - for everyone - for everyone - now listen - for everyone - except for some who encountered Jesus the Christ who - in some instances - healed even the lepers - WITHOUT the requirement of the physical H2O water that the Law God gave Moses commanded. What is that? What is that, friends? That is Jesus the Christ demonstrating that He was bringing change to the Law God gave Moses. He was King over everything in Israel - and King over the Law God gave Moses - and He was the One sent by God - to change the Law God gave Moses which could never permanently do away with sin - that's what the Book says - and His Own life and ministry proved it. Matthew 26:26-30 - verse 28 says - again -

[28] For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

For the remission of sins - and there is no mention of physical H2O water for the remission of sins.

Now go to Mark chapter 1, please. We'll begin in verse 1.

[1] The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

[2] As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

[3] The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

[4] John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

[5] And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

Alright. Clearly, at least it certainly seems so to me, John was baptizing - he was dipping people into water - for the remission of sins. Where else in the Bible did we find dipping in the river Jordan? Where else did we find baptizing in the river Jordan in the Scriptures? Yes. II Kings chapter 5. The story of Naaman the leper. Naaman, the Syrian leper was told by the prophet Elisha to go and baptize himself in the river Jordan seven

times as a cure for his leprosy. Leviticus 13 and 14 - this shall be the Law concerning leprosy - it required physical H2O water baptism. We see, very clearly, from Leviticus 13 and 14 - having leprosy was considered "sin" - it required physical H2O water cleansing - then - after that was completed - it required an animal sacrifice in the temple. Being cured of leprosy was the remission of "sin."

What John the Baptist was doing with the H2O *running* water of the river Jordan - was fulfilling the Law God gave Moses concerning - this is the Law concerning leprosy - and this is why there is no record - zero - no record to be found - John was not doing something new - there is no record of John explaining what he was doing in the river Jordan with these people. They were sick - physically sick - and they were following the Law God gave Moses - sickness was referred to as "sin" - they were washing their sins away in the river Jordan - exactly like the Law God gave Moses said to do - as found in Leviticus 13, 14, 15 and the many other times we found the washing of the clothes and the bathing of the flesh.

Friends, John the Baptist was not performing some hocus pocus "church" ritual and tradition. He was fulfilling the Law God gave Moses. And, it was for the remission of sins under the Old Covenant Law. If we will really focus and really think this through - we'll see it. Already, in just two passages of Scripture, we see the phrase "for the remission of sins." One clearly - says in the New Covenant - Christ's blood was for the "remission of sins." NO mention of physical H2O water. John's Old Covenant baptism - was without a doubt - *for the remission of sins* - and the Law God gave Moses clearly explained when the physical H2O water was to be applied - for? - the remission of sins. Keep going in Mark 1, verse 6:

[6] And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

[7] And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

[8] I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Once again, John makes it very clear - "All I am doing is baptizing you with physical H2O water - that's all I'm doing - but there is One coming after me that is going to baptize you with something completely different." John makes it clear - "All I'm doing is baptizing in water - but - someone is coming to baptize you with something different."

The word “but.” We've talked it before. It basically means - “Forget about what I just told you - what I really want you to see is what I'm saying now. I am only baptizing you with water - physical H2O water of the Old Covenant - but the One Who is coming after me - Whose shoes I am not worthy to unlatch - He is going to baptize you with something totally different - and it isn't physical H2O water.”

Anyone who would deny this is clearly two baptisms - why they can't see this - it's sad to say - but false “church” doctrine is like idols that die hard. It's hard to get loose from the false “church” doctrine - especially - when it's been engrained for so long. Then, we try to explain away why it doesn't mean what it clearly says - and basically it just becomes one rabbit trail after another. There are 2 baptisms in this one verse - John's physical H2O water and a coming baptism of Christ - that has nothing whatsoever to do with water - physical - H2O water.

Every single time we see John's baptism - the text clearly distinguishes it as being physical H2O water. But the baptism of Christ - the coming baptism of Christ - was not physical H2O water - and John said it - as clearly as anything could be said from the Scripture. John's physical H2O water - *the running water of the river Jordan* - was the fulfillment of the Law God gave Moses concerning - “This is the Law concerning leprosy, this is the Law concerning him that has issues of the flesh” - that's what it was. Now verse 9, of Mark 1:

[9] And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

Stop right there. Now, again, if we will just think this through - was the Jesus that came from Nazareth of Galilee - and was baptized of John in Jordan - was this Jesus baptized for the remission of sins? Come on, now. Did Jesus have an infirmity of the flesh? No. He was the spotless Lamb of God. Why was He called the spotless Lamb of God?

Because in the Old Covenant Law God gave Moses - there could be no physical infirmity in a lamb that was offered for sacrifice. Because those rituals under the Law God gave Moses were for the purpose of pointing to the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Holy One of Israel - Who also happened to be Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus was not baptized because He had an infirmity of the flesh. Jesus was not baptized by John because He needed sins to be forgiven. Just like the others that John baptized in physical H2O water - it was to fulfill the Law God gave Moses. Jesus was H2O water

baptized by John - at the age of 30 - because that was the requirement - Numbers chapter 4 - for all those entering into the service of the temple. The baptism of Jesus was the fulfillment of the Law God gave Moses concerning those who entered into the service of the temple - it was not because Jesus needed "the remission of sins."

Baptism - H2O water baptism - was a requirement under several circumstances in the Old Covenant World. Lepers, other issues of the flesh, touching something dead, cleanliness prior to entering the temple - this is what physical H2O water baptism was in the Old Covenant world.

John the Baptist was bringing those people in the first century into obedience to the Law God gave Moses. That was a major part of his purpose. He was pointing to the Christ - and the physical H2O water of the Old Covenant was a type and shadow of the Water of Life coming in the New Covenant world - where - if a man drink of this Water - He shall never thirst again."

Jesus was not baptized because He was an example for us. Jesus did not get baptized because He had sins. He was baptized because He fulfilled the Law God gave Moses concerning all those who would do service in the temple - at the age of 30.

John said - "All I'm doing is baptizing you with water - physical water - it cleanses the outside - but the baptism that is coming - it's going to cleanse a man unlike any cleansing has ever taken place before."

I ask you again - do you want the baptism of John - which was physical H2O water for meeting the requirements of the Old Covenant Law God gave Moses, or do you want the baptism of Jesus Christ - which is of the Spirit - and has absolutely nothing to do with physical H2O water? Friends, I'll take Christ over John any day.

Many years ago, and I'm sure I've told you this before, we were talking with a man who was a CONstitution worshiper. And after listening to this man try to tell us that the CONstitution was based on the Bible - our response was, "Then we'll just stick with the Bible." If I have a choice between John's physical H2O water baptism and the coming spiritual water baptism of Jesus Christ - I'll just stick with Jesus Christ.

Before we continue with these verses, I want to impress upon you the importance of remembering that every time we see mention of John's baptism (with the exception of one we'll get to in just a minute) - the text seems to always be alluding to physical H2O

water. It is important that we remember that.

“I indeed - I absolutely - I baptize you with water. But the One coming after me, Whose shoes I am not worthy to unlatch, He will baptize you with something totally different.”

It is important that we remember this as we progress.

Now, on to Luke chapter 1 for another mention of the phrase, “for the remission of sins.” We pick it up in verse 67. This is John's father speaking, and it says:

[67] And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

[68] Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

[69] And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

[70] As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

[71] That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

[72] To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

[73] The oath which he swore to our father Abraham,

[74] That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

[75] In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

[76] And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

[77] To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

Realize here that this is John the Baptist's father and he's talking about John the Immerser - John the water baptizer and he uses the phrase “remission of their sins” - and even in reference to John the Baptizer - the Immerser - there is again - not the slightest mention of physical H2O water. I believe it is certainly proper to equate this remission of sins with John's H2O physical water - but the text offers no real justification to do so. The ultimate knowledge of salvation - the one coming in the New Covenant World - after John has departed the scene - has nothing whatsoever to do with John's Old Covenant H2O - physical water baptism.

Now Luke chapter 3, 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;

Now stop here. The wording is very interesting. We know that John's H₂O water - physical water baptized. But in verse 3 - that is not what is meant by the word baptism.

Recall please, when we went through the definitions of the word baptize, baptism - that word does not always mean to immerse into water. We have to stop thinking like Pavlov's dog - where every time we hear the word baptize or baptism - we are immediately drawn back to the figures of that thing called "church." Baptism does not always mean immersion into water. It means immersion into anything - in fact - in most cases - the word baptism does not mean water. It means something that dyes - d-y-e-s - something that stains - something that changes one thing to something else - none of which physical H₂O water is capable of. Look at verse 3 closely.

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

This is not speaking of physical H₂O water at all. It is speaking of being immersed into repentance. It is not immersed into water. It is immersed into repentance. Even with John's physical H₂O water baptism - repentance was the first requirement. The one who was to be immersed into the physical water - had to be first immersed into repentance and it's called baptism. Repentance cleansed the inside - followed by the water for cleansing the outside. The water - the physical H₂O water - was only for cleansing the flesh - it could do nothing for the heart.

In light of what we do know about the New Covenant - which sadly - is not nearly as much as we should know - because what most people think they know about the New Covenant has come from that thing called "church" - we should see that we need

something far greater than physical H2O water to cleanse our hearts. Physical H2O water has never been capable of doing anything but - cleansing the flesh.

These verses are clearly telling us that in the Old Covenant World - *just like the New* - one must be immersed into repentance for the remission of sins. Baptized into repentance. That's not talking about physical water.

So, again, the purpose of me bringing this out - is to show - again - baptism is not always physical H2O water. Verse 3 is not talking about baptism in water at all. It says baptism of repentance - they were baptized in repentance. Baptized in water means baptized in water - baptized in repentance - means baptized in repentance - water is not mentioned - it's being baptized - immersed into repentance - not immersed into water.

Remember, the word baptize does not always mean water - in fact - it rarely means water. It does and can mean water - but that's actually a rare meaning of the word.

Since we are here, let's keep going in Luke 3, 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.

Stop here. A little off subject. For those futurists out there who say that the book of Isaiah is yet to be fulfilled. I hate to tell you, but you are making the Bible out to be untrue. Isaiah was prophesying John, who was prophesying the Messiah, and Isaiah was fulfilled right here in Luke chapter 3. If it wasn't - then the Bible is not true. You can't have it both ways. He's not a King to come. He already came. He already fulfilled the prophets. There's nothing that was not fulfilled in the first century when John the Baptist came and prepared the way for the Anointed One of Israel. Back to verse 7:

[7] Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him,

Now we are back to talking about physical H2O water.

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.

Look at what John said. "You are wanting to have your flesh baptized in water, but you haven't baptized yourself into repentance, yet. Baptize yourself into repentance FIRST - then we can talk about baptizing your flesh." There's 2 baptisms in this chapter. There's baptism into repentance, and there's baptism into water. John is stating that in order to be baptized by him into physical H2O water - one must first be baptized into repentance. Now verse 9:

[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.

I hope you see this. The word exact means tax. Publicans were the tax collectors. They had to repent of their sins. They had to be immersed into repentance - they had to baptize themselves in repentance. Then, they could be physically immersed into the physical H2O water of the Old Covenant.

Compare this method of conversion to when Christ met the tax collectors - the publicans. Wow. I just thought about that. Think about that - when Jesus met the publicans the tax collectors - and converted them - where was the physical H2O water? It wasn't there. Just as I have explained before - what was meant by John saying, "I must decrease, and He must increase?"

As we progress through the ministry of Christ - early on - we saw one brief mention of Jesus and His disciples baptizing - in what I think we could safely assume was like the baptisms John was performing. But then, and noticeably seen when Jesus turns the baptismal waters into wine - signifying the change coming from His Own blood being shed for the remission of sins - we see less and less of John's physical H2O water

baptism - and we see things like Jesus touching a leper - healing lepers apart from the physical H2O water required under the Law God gave Moses.

Then, when we see John dealing with the publicans - we see John possibly - doesn't say for sure - but we see John baptizing them according to his water baptism - but then later we see Jesus converting tax collectors - and there is no mention of physical water when Jesus does His converting.

Again, that's because John made it clear - "All I'm doing is baptizing you with physical H2O water - but the One coming after me - is going to baptize you with something different."

Compare the possible conversion of these tax collectors by John - with the conversion of the tax collectors by Jesus - a good example is Mark chapter 2. Clearly, no mention of water baptism. Two conversion examples - one by John - one by Jesus. John's involved physical H2O water - Jesus did not. That's not coincidence. It's not superfluous details left out of the text. Now, verse 14 of Luke 3.

[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.

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

[16] John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

[17] Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly 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, 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,

Again, why was Jesus baptized by John? Why at the age of 30? It was to fulfill the Law God gave Moses. It wasn't for the remission of sins. It wasn't because of a sickness or infirmity. It was to fulfill the Law God gave Moses. Let's see another instance of the remission of sins. So far - 2 for water - 2 without water. Luke chapter 24 now, please:

[44] And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, (AND IN THE PROPHECIES) and in the psalms, concerning me.

Stop here. Side note again.

that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

For those who want to insist that the Messiah has unfulfilled prophecies yet to fulfill? This simply cannot be any clearer. These are the Words of Christ Himself and He says - as clearly as anything can be in the Bible -

that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

If someone wants to still insist - that the prophecies were not fulfilled in the first century - ALL of them - they are denying that Jesus was the Christ. They can be the nicest, cleanest, kindest people in the world - but if they say there are unfulfilled prophecies - they are denying Christ. You can't have it both ways. You can't say He fulfilled some - but not all. The text says ALL. Those are the Words of Christ. The problem most people have - is they'll read something like verse - at least for the ones who actually know it's there - then have to deal with it - and instead of believing it for the way the text says - they'll say - "Well, it just can't mean that. All doesn't always mean all - and since evil is still here - and since "death" is still here - then we need to explain this away - instead of believing it - then bringing all the rest of their beliefs in line with this. Which would then change the entire understanding of what God wants

us to know. And that is ultimately, that His Kingdom was reestablished - just like the days before Samuel - where the people demanded a king like all the other nations.

That's what we are supposed to understand. Christ redeemed His people. Redeemed them from their horrible choice of demanding a king like all the other nations - and He removed the curse that came with that choice - and has now Authorized every man, woman, boy and girl to return to the days where God - the Creator of everything is the King. We are to come out from the little g "governments" of men - who have had their power stripped away from them - and we are to live according to the Kingdom of God exclusively. We aren't supposed to obey the statues of men. We are suppose to obey - exclusively - the Laws and the Will of God.

But - for one reason - men do not believe that Jesus fulfilled the prophets - because of that major failure that major flaw - they think that God Himself ordained men to have their own governments, their own laws, their own definitions of good and evil - and God has given them the Power and Authority to force people to obey them - which - when they are obeyed - the Laws of God are disobeyed. And they actually believe that's the way God has it intended to be. And that is insane. But the reason they conclude this - and then live according to the laws of mere men - is because they believe Jesus did not fulfill all the prophets. They believe in a coming Messiah, a coming King, Who will someday return to this earth, become a One World dictator and rule the world with a rod of iron - and anyone who refuses to comply - will be killed.

This is all a result of refusing to believe the simple Words of Christ

that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

If people truly believed that. If people were truly immersed into that belief. If people truly believed that Jesus the Christ and His Father was the Sole King of this earth - then people would stop following the little g "governments" of the world - and they would collapse overnight - and the Kingdom of God would once again fill the earth like it is intended. But as long as people continue to believe that the nation-states are ordained of God - those nation-states - those kingdoms that are clearly possessed by satans - as the Bible plainly says - they will continue to thrive - they will continue to do all the wickedness they do - because - well - that's what they do. Begin again with verse 44 and we'll continue:

[44] And He said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me.

I just noticed that! After He told them He fulfilled ALL the prophets....THEN He opened their understanding. If a man does not believe He fulfilled ALL the prophets - their understanding has not been opened.

[45] Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

[46] And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

[47] And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Alright, stop again. Repentance and remission of sins - as a result of being baptized in water. No. That's not what it says - but I'll assure you - baptism is in this verse. But it's not baptized in water. It's baptized IN HIS NAME - among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. It's being immersed IN HIS NAME. This is baptism - this is New Covenant baptism - and physical H2O is not here. It's being baptized, it's being immersed in His name.

And what does in the name of mean? It means in the Authority of. That's what in the name of means. Repentance and remission of sins by being immersed into the Authority of the King of kings and Lord of lords. It's not by being immersed into the physical H2O waters of the Old Covenant. It's by being immersed, baptized into, engrossed with, fully consumed by, the Authority of the King. That's what baptism is in the New Covenant World.

Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, ... that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Authority among all nations...

Friends this is why it was said of the apostles,

these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also, whom Jason hath received and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another King, One Jesus...

They were immersed in the Authority of the Christ. It wasn't the physical waters of the Old Covenant World they had been immersed into that produced this. Those physical H2O waters pointed to the Living of Water of Jesus Christ - which after He opened their eyes - after He opened their understanding - they realized that they were to live their lives exclusively by the Authority of His Name. They no longer lived by the decrees of Caesars, or CONstitutions - they lived by the Authority of the Name of the Kingdom of God. That's what being immersed into Christ means. That's what New Covenant baptism is. And the result of New Covenant baptism will bring about a change that will turn the world upside down.

If those who claim the name of Christ understood this - and acted accordingly - the world would be turned upside down - and probably overnight. Verse 48:

[48] And ye are witnesses of these things.

[49] And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

[50] And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

[51] And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

[52] And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

[53] And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

None of this eye-opening experience that Jesus brought His disciples to - not a single bit of it has mention whatsoever of physical H2O water. The physical H2O waters of the Old Covenant world were types of shadows of what being fully, completely, totally immersed into the Authority of the Anointed Holy One of Israel would someday mean.

Before we go to the next instance of remission of sins - I want to remind you again - every time you see the word baptism - or baptize - we must stop instantly thinking like Pavlov's dog of some "church" ceremony or ritual. Baptize means to be immersed into something - and rarely actually - does it mean physical water. Mostly it means to be dipped into something that stains, something that changes something into something else - the example was making pickles. The word does not always means water - sometimes it does - but not always. Please turn to Acts chapter 2. Begin with verse 38.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the

Holy Ghost.

Please read this again - and again - and again. I have already shown you several instances of “the remission of sins.” The only time water is in the text - is John's Old Covenant baptism for the remission of sins. John's baptism - when it is discussed in the Bible - references water - and I believe it is safe to assume - especially when it includes the river Jordan - we are to understand it as physical H2O water. But look at Acts 2:38 again, please.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

What does it say? Does it say “Repent, and be baptized in water every one of you?” No. It does not. But because almost everyone living today has been conditioned like Pavlov's dogs that every time we hear certain words - things are triggered in our minds - we read Acts 2:38 and because the word baptized is in this verse - we immediately picture the “church” ceremony ritual commonly thought to be some sort of water ritual in a “church” mikveh - don't call it a baptistry - that word isn't even in the Bible. The closest thing the “church” baptistry resembles is a jewish mikveh in an abominable synagogue. That's what it is. “Churches” are synagogues. That's why they have altars and vestibules, and mikvehs - they are synagogues. They are man's attempt to keep the Old Covenant world alive and well - and ultimately not for the silly rituals they keep people distracted by - but for the purpose of keeping people believing that God has ordained man's little g “governments” to be in place today. That is the element of the Old Covenant World they so want to keep from being exposed.

Acts 2:38 says absolutely NOTHING about physical H2O water. Read it again.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Our friend, Ted, likes to remove the word baptized from the text often and replace it with the word immersed. Great. Let's do that here.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be immersed every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the

Holy Ghost.

While we are at it, let's replace the word with some others. How about?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be fully consumed every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

How about?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and every one of you live your lives by the Authority of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The word baptize does not always mean water. In fact, it rarely means water. It is a metaphor for being totally consumed by, totally engrossed in, totally enthralled in, it doesn't always mean water. Acts 2:38 says they repented and they became totally immersed into the NAME of Jesus Christ. It does not say they were immersed into water - they were baptized - they were immersed into the Name of Jesus Christ. They were immersed into the Authority of Jesus Christ. We aren't finished here, but skip to chapter 3 for just a minute. Verse 1, let's quickly read. There's actually quite a bit to see here - but I want us to read this for what "in the name" means again.

[1] Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

There are volumes of messages that should be preached on that verse alone.

[2] And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Again, there should be volumes of messages that should be preached on the temple in existence at that time and what it means.

[3] Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

[4] And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

[5] And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

[6] Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

[7] And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

[8] And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Note here, please, there was no baptism for this man that was healed. Lameness was not something that required water in the Old Covenant Law God gave Moses. Verse 9:

[9] And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

[10] And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

[11] And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

[12] And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

Now watch this. Pay attention.

as though by our own power

They are talking about Authority. It was not our authority that made this man walk.

[13] The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

[14] But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

[15] And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Now watch.

[16] And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect

soundness in the presence of you all.

Faith in His name. And again, what does name mean? It means Authority. Peter is telling these people that the One they killed, Jesus, was the Christ. They were all required now to live by the Authority of the King - this Jesus. It wasn't the name Jesus. It was the Authority of the King of kings. The King had come. The King had redeemed Israel from the curse of rejecting His Father as their King. They all knew what this meant. The curse from the days of Samuel had been lifted and they were now expected to return to the Authority of the God of Heaven. Gone were the days of having a king like all the other nations. Their lives now were to be lived in the name of - by the Authority of Jesus the Christ.

And noticeably again

And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong,

This is New Covenant baptism - it's baptism - but there's no H2O involved.

whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

This is New Covenant baptism. It's baptism - absolutely - but there is no physical H2O water. Verse 17.

[17] And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

[18] But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, He hath so fulfilled.

Once again. We can't read a verse like that without pointing it out

But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, He hath so fulfilled.

Notice again. Very clear. Right in front of our eyes. The text does not say Jesus. It says Christ. Of course, Jesus was the Christ. But Christ means the Anointed King. The King hath so fulfilled. He is not a coming king. Anyone who says so is denying that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. There's lots and lots and lots of those deniers. Almost every

single one of those who call themselves “Identity” preachers - are saying that the prophecies are not fulfilled. Better be careful who you listen to.

[19] Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Here again. Repent ye therefore and be water baptized? No. It does not say that at all. To say that conversion is to be assumed as being H2O water baptized? Well, friends, if you want a good example of eisogesis - there you go. Reading something into the text that isn't there to make the text say what you want it to say? Good example.

Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins.... It says baptized in the name of... it does not say baptized in the H2O water for the remission of sins. That is a classic case of eisogesis. The word baptize or baptized does not always mean the water ritual tradition assumed by something called “church.” In fact, baptism rarely means water. Just look it up. It simply means to be immersed into something. Usually something that stains. Something changes something into something else - like a pickle. It does not always mean H2O water.

Baptized into a good book. Immersed into a book.

I showed you where Jesus baptized a piece of bread into the gravy. It doesn't always mean water - in fact - it rarely means water. Sometimes it does - but it's rare.

The baptism of Acts 2:38 is exactly what the text says - being baptized - being immersed - be consumed by - having your life taken over by - the Name - the Authority of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Acts 3, verse 20.

[20] And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

[21] Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

[22] For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

[23] And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

[24] Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

Of what days? Of the days of the first century when Christ came the first time - then came the second time. And why mention Samuel again? Because in those devastating days of Samuel is when the children of Israel demanded a king like all the other nations. But those days were not to last forever. A Promised Messiah Redeemer would come to restore Israel back to the Kingdom of the Father. Verse 25:

[25] Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

[26] Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Acts.4

[1] And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

[2] Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

[3] And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold (they put them in a jail cell) unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

[4] Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

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

Interesting verse - they believed - and you don't see one mention of H2O - it's missing for a reason.

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

[7] And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

By whose Authority? By what name? Name means Authority. Who gave you the permission to do this? And in this particular case, who gave you your license to practice medicine? If you think that's a stretch, then you need to reread these chapters until you get it. That's what this is all about. Where is your license? Who gave you permission? Show us your papers. This all started with healing a man who couldn't walk - and now we are at

By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

And then comes the answer:

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

[9] If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

[10] Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name (BY THE AUTHORITY - there's nothing magical about saying a name. Change comes by living according to the Authority of the God of Heaven - it's not hocus pocus - I'm going to say a name and watch the magic show) that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

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

[12] Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name (there is no other Authority) under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

[13] Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

[14] And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

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

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

[17] But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

Yeah, friends, today, just like it was then, when we live exclusively by the Authority of the One True King, we are going to find ourselves in situations exactly like this. And they are going to threaten, they are going to yell and scream, believe me, I've seen it. I've seen their faces get red and sweat pore from the brows and they rant and rave and threaten prison or what have you - same thing today as back then. And, you know what, they might even accomplish what they threaten - but that's okay - we will still live exclusively by the Authority of Christ - that's what happens when we are immersed into

the Authority of the King. Immersed into physical H2O water accomplishes nothing - but being immersed into the Authority of Jesus Christ the King is where it's at. Verse 18:

- [18] And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. (In the AUTHORITY of Jesus.)
- [19] But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.
- [20] For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.
- [21] So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.
- [22] For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.
- [23] And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.
- [24] And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:
- [25] Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?
- [26] The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.
- [27] For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,
- [28] For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.
- [29] And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness (no matter what they threaten - no matter how they rage against us) they may speak thy word,
- [30] By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.
- [31] And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
- [32] And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his

own; but they had all things common.

[33] And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

[34] Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

[35] And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

[36] And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

[37] Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Friends, water - physical H2O water is missing from this story. Acts 2:38 has no mention whatsoever of physical H2O water for the remission of sins. It isn't there.

Well, I'm out of time, again. I guess I'm way out of time, sorry about that. There is so much more, so much more I want to bring out. But it will have to continue next week.