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

I have new title alert for you. This series will now be called - **Christians Believe that Jesus Fulfilled the Prophets - H2O Water Works of the Law Ended with the Old Covenant** - I'll get into that in just a minute - but there's a couple things going on right now that I want to mention because they are just hilarious (to me) in pointing out the total insanity of the people in their world right now.

The first one is that it is just belly-laughing funny that Biden got in front of the whole world last year demanding that everyone in his nation do their civic (and even religious) duty and take the jabs, the boosters, whatever - because - well -

(Clip of Biden saying that if you get the "vaccine" you will not get "covid.")

Then, not only does he "test positive" for covid - but they say he got it twice in just a couple of weeks. It's a clown show in their world. I am just so hoping that people who are truly followers of Christ - will wake up and realize that they have no business being associated with these people. Come out of her my people and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and I will be their God and they will be My people.

How about the clown show with this person - Brittany Griner - who no one really knows whether she is male or female - but either way - she claims to be queer (we know that). She gets arrested in Russia for having a Russian banned marijuana type product on her as she is entering Russia - she gets a trial - which I'm quite sure is just as much a clown show in Russia as it is in the U.S. - but prior to the trial - she pleads guilty. Then, at the end of the show - the Russian "judge" sentences her to 9 years in prison - and a great majority of the people in the u.s. are freaking out about this.

While in the u.s., countless numbers of people have been thrown in jails or are currently in jails all over the u.s. for marijuana related issues. I'm not talking about whether or not marijuana is good or bad - lawful or unlawful in the sight of God - I'm just laughing at the hypocrisy of the people in the u.s. over this Brittany Griner affair. It's just amazing.

Which brings me to something else I read this past week. It's an article I read this past week by a woman named Caitlin Johnstone. I have no idea who she is - or if she is even a she. I certainly hope she is - I think she probably is. But an article is attributed to her called....

We've Been Lied To Our Whole Lives About Everything That Matters

<https://caitlinjohnstone.substack.com/p/weve-been-lied-to-our-whole-lives>

....which is exactly what I've been trying to get people to see for the last nearly 40 years of my life. There is a lot of good things in this article. Her conclusion is pretty good - not entirely - I'd tweak it just a little (maybe a lot) - but here's what she says as she tries to get people to come out of all the lies they've been told their whole lives:

...because we are all Truman (she's referencing the movie The Truman Show), we can only walk off the set if we walk off together. There is no option to leave as an individual, because even if you know it's all lies, you're still stuck in a world full of humans whose behavior is driven by lies...

Stop right there. Maybe in their world, they may feel that is their only option. But not in the world of true Christianity. In true Christianity, every man, woman, boy and girl is required to leave - and leave as an individual - even if no one else in the world will leave - as in - Come out and be separate. Hardly ever do we find Biblical examples where a great number of people did the right thing in separating themselves to live according to the exclusive Government of God.

I know so many people - I mean lots of people - in fact, the majority of the people I know actually - who are of the mind-set that only if "everyone else goes" will they go. And, that is exactly why very few people have actually left the world - or even attempted to leave the world - and - when those very few people have attempted to leave the world - oftentimes - they are ridiculed for their attempts to take seriously the command to "Come out from among them and let Me be your God."

There's always a reason. "Now's not the time." "There's not enough of us." "They've got guns and jails and prisons." "We're in slavery - just like Babylon." There's always a reason why it's okay to stay in men's little g "governments" - oh I forgot - "We have to be in the world, but not of the world." There's always a reason. But the relationship between God and man is individually. We each have a responsibility to obey God whether or not anyone else does or does not. It's not a democracy with God. He wants

YOU to obey. Joshua of old said, "The rest of you can make your own choice - we can all choose which government (God / god) we will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Oh yeah, I realize that is Old Covenant, Old Testament - but friends - that is one of those eternal principles that has laid the foundation for what it means to be a follower of Christ and that principle is as valid today as it was for Joshua.

Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My Laws.

It doesn't say because Abraham and all the rest of the people around him obeyed - it was Abraham against the world - so to speak. Hebrews 11

By faith Abel

By faith Enoch

By faith Noah

By faith Abraham

Through faith also Sara

By faith Isaac

By faith Jacob

By faith Joseph

By faith Moses

By faith the harlot Rahab

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

This doesn't say by faith a whole bunch of people got together and did great things. These were individual men and women who by faith - what did they do?

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

[34] Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

[35] Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

[36] And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

[37] They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

[38] (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

[39] And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

[40] God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

I absolutely believe in strength in numbers. The Bible teaches it. But friends, if the numbers aren't there - and more often than not - they aren't there - we still have an obligation to obey God whether anyone else does so or not. The men and women who made the Book in a positive way are all men and women who went against the odds - they went against what everyone else was doing. They believed in the Kingdom - in the Government of God as a present day reality in their own lives and they did everything they possibly do to live accordingly. That's the example. That's what is there for everyone who has come after them. Yeah, the numbers would be great - but even when the numbers are not there - the Christian life is about Coming out of men's little g "governments" and into the Kingdom of God - exclusively.

Continuing with Caitlin's article. Quote.

Awakening to reality as an individual can for this reason sometimes be more uncomfortable than remaining asleep in the dream, because you're like Truman after he realizes it's all a sham, but before he escapes. At times you're just stuck there, freaking out at the actor who's playing your mother while she tries in vain to cut to a commercial break. It can be distressing for you, and it can be distressing for the people around you who aren't yet on the same page.

The only way we're getting off the set of the Truman Show is if we can all succeed in waking each other up from the lies which built it. Until then we'll be stuck in a world of poverty, war, exploitation, degradation, ecocide, and suffering. It's not until enough of us have unplugged our minds from the matrix of lies that we'll be able to use our strength of numbers to force real change.

Only then will we be able to escape.

Only then will we be able to walk off the set. End quote.

Yes. The numbers would be great. The Bible even says so. But even if the numbers are not there - we - as followers of Christ - must Come out from among them and be

separate. You better believe I'm doing all I can to get as many people as I can to see it. I'm trying to get numbers - absolutely I'm trying to get numbers. I've been trying for 40 years. But there's always obstacles to overcome. There's so much lies, so much deception. We've worked on the deception that Bible prophecy is being fulfilled in front of our very eyes - that lie has caused an unbelievable amount of damage - but we've actually had some success in seeing that lie get torn down. Not a lot, but we've had some. But moving people to the next stage - implication of the belief - that's another obstacle to overcome.

If all Bible prophecy has been fulfilled - what does it mean? Why does it matter? It's because Jesus Christ was revealed as the King of kings and Lord of lords and He delivered up the Old Covenant World to His Father - and at that point His Father re-established His Government / Kingdom the way it was intended from the very beginning.

Gone are the days where God allows mere men to set up their own governments. "We want a king like all the other nations." No. Those days are over. He allowed it - yes - He allowed it at one time in the history of man. But those days were not to last forever. They were only allowed to exist until He sent His Son to restore all things back to Himself.

The Old Covenant ended. The sacrifices, the circumcisions, the washings - yes - those things ended - but they pale in comparison to the fact that the days of earthly kings ended, the days of earthly governments ended. Jesus Christ brought His Father's Creation back to the days before 1 Samuel 8 where the children of Israel demanded a king like all the other nations - and God gave them what they wanted. He let Samuel warn them that it would be a colossal mistake - but they said, "Nay, we will have a king like all the other nations." Every evil thing that God told them would happen to them did happen. Yet, they continued until the end of the world - the end of the age.

This truth has been lost - among the ridiculous amount of truth that has been lost - this truth - the most foundational truth of all - has been lost.

In the world of religion, in the world of that spectacle called "church", the end of the Old Covenant was to them - the end of blood sacrifices. And that's about it. But because they do not understand the true purpose of the Messiah King and why He was sent - they have never come to the understanding of what it meant that the Government of God was re-established in all its fullness and glory when Jesus Christ was revealed to those who murdered Him - when He was revealed at the end of the Old Covenant World - which occurred at the destruction of the temple. The temple was not just the place of the blood sacrifice - the temple was the seat of government in the Old

Covenant World. And it was destroyed.

Since then, today, and forever, men are expected to live according to the faith of Abraham - the system of belief that Abraham had - which was summed up from Genesis 26:5 as we read a few minutes ago:

Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My Laws.

You might say, ok, but what does all that mean? Hebrews 11 answers the question far better than I ever could. Go back to Hebrews chapter 11. We're talking about Abraham. We're talking about the faith of Abraham. Hebrews 11, begin in verse 8.

[8] By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Principle number 1. Abraham was called Out. We see it again - two times - in II Corinthians 6 and Revelation 18:4. Abraham was an example - he was the first one called out. Then, we see others after him obeying the same thing.

“Come out of men's governments today - 2022.” “Ok, what next?”

Abraham obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Verse 9:

[9] By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

[10] For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

[11] Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

[12] Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

[13] These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed

that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

[14] For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

[15] And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

[16] But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Here again. I guess it's just my simplicity. I guess it's because I gave my life to Jesus Christ at age 5 and I've just always had a child-like approach to the Scriptures. How is this difficult?

[they] confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

How is that so hard to understand? Every single "country" on this earth is vile and corrupt. Openly. It's as easy to see as anything ever was. Yet, hardly anyone, and especially not the "preachers" - I don't know of another preacher anywhere - surely there has to be - there's got to be one somewhere - who is directing people to the clear, simple words of Hebrews 11 which tells us - Abraham was the example - we are not to be citizens of this world but rather Citizens of a country whose builder and maker is God.

"Oh, but Charlie, sing America the Beautiful with me. Sing My country tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing." The United States is that country whose builder and maker is God. Yeah, right. America hasn't given God anything to be ashamed about.

There have been books written that compare the u.s. CONstitution with the Bible. Not only is the u.s. CONstitution not built on the Bible or on the God of the Bible - but pretty much every single statement in the document has been proven to be directly contrary to the Bible. Full-blown atheists get it. Full-blown atheists claim that CON for themselves. They know the truth. They know the document is a purely secular document that was actually designed to make sure God and His Word were removed from society. The document is what created the "laws, statues and treaties" by which the people would govern their lives. Yet - when it comes to teaching people who call themselves Christians that they are to remove themselves from that "government" - you hear nothing but silence - or - "Now is not the time."

Friends, today, today, is the day of salvation. Today is always the time. Now is always the time. Tomorrow may never come. Have we not learned the simple Bible truth -

boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

The world that we live in could be turned upside down - pretty much overnight. If just the people who claim to be Christians - actually knew what it meant to be a Christian - a follower of Jesus Christ.

I was thinking this week at how much money people are making off of misery. The talk shows on the radio and the internet - I'll even throw in the "churches" - the big thing going on right now with the Alex Jones clown show "trial" and all that. The claim - and I'm sure if that's what the claim is - that it's probably not the truth. I heard the figure of 160 million dollars I think I even heard even more from another source. Pretty much all the Alex Jones show is talking about all the evil in the u.s. "government" and around the world. There's lots of money in talking about all that. They say misery loves company and I believe that to be true.

All of this could be turned around in a heart beat. But I truly believe that most people love the misery. It's weird. It must be. Otherwise, they'd take steps to remove themselves from the misery. But I actually think people enjoy it. They enjoy talking about all the evil. I think misery loves company and I think most people wouldn't know what to do if they didn't have some sort of active calamity consuming their lives.

Maybe the constant thoughts of misery and somehow balanced by their constant thought that there is some sort of saviour that's going to miraculously return and straighten everything out for them. I don't claim to know the psychiatry behind all this - but it just seems so strange to me that people have the solution - a really simple solution right in front of them - but it just isn't appealing. Come out from among them and I'll be your God and you'll be My people. What is not appealing about that?

I have come to realize that I have a pretty sizable regret concerning this series of messages. Yes. I regret that I did not come to the full understanding regarding the word "baptism" sooner than I did. I wish I would have understood - to the depths that I understand today - regarding the transliteration of the Greek words bapto, baptizo, baptismos, etc. I've know since the days of "Bible college" 1980s that the English word baptism, baptize, baptized - were transliterations - but I never really understood the significance of this - really - until we discovered Schnauble's work regarding "baptism."

Ted has said a hundred times - especially recently - "strike the word 'baptism' from the Bible. Mark it out, it shouldn't be there. In it's place, put the word 'immerse' or 'immersion' or in reference to John - John the 'Immerser.'"

No. Ted. No, Pete Peters, or any other church of christ preacher does not have the authority to replace that word with "immerse, immersion or immerser." The English word "immerse" appears NO WHERE - not in one single place in our English Bibles does the word "immerse" appear. The words baptize, baptism, etc., should be no where in our English Bibles. They are not in the first 39 - they should not be in the last 27.

Strike out the words baptize, baptism, etc.,. I absolutely 100% agree with Ted on that. But do not replace one church word with another church word. That's what you do if you replace the word baptism with immerse. I admit to you - for a very brief time - I got caught up in that, too. Immerse is definitely a better word than baptize - but only if you understand that the word immerse does not always mean water.

There are lots of things to be immersed in. Immersed in a book. The modern dictionary defines immerse this way:

*to plunge into something that surrounds or covers
especially : to plunge or dip into a fluid
2: ENGROSS, ABSORB
completely immersed in his work*

to plunge or dip into a fluid - does not always mean water. It can mean water - but it doesn't always mean water. And many times it means to be engrossed or absorbed into his work. Be totally engrossed into Christ.

Matthew found something very interesting this week in a youtube video. I found this particularly interesting and I'd like to play a couple minutes for you before we really get into today's message. One of the reasons I want to play it is because among the few attacks I've actually had regarding this series - one of them has been that these "Charlie's novel teachings" as if I'm the only one that has ever questioned these things - let alone come out teach the truth that the whole teaching of demanding that physical H2O water must be applied to the flesh for the remission of sins - is nothing but an attempt to keep judaism alive and well by demanding the works of the Law for remission of sins. And, that is exactly what it is. Demanding that the physical application of water to our flesh today is required to be right with God - is demanding the Works of

the Law.

I don't know anything about the man in this video. I am not recommending him. I do recommend the video. I just found something he said to be interesting and appropriate to our discussion. I have a link to the full video on the website. He concludes that "baptism" is figurative every time we see it. I do not agree with that. There was the application of physical water to the flesh in the Old Covenant. Listen to this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-6uYd1M49A>

Just like the word immerse, does not always mean water - the Greek bapto - not only does not always mean water - but it actually rarely means water. I hope you caught when the man says that mostly - in the classical Greek language - the word was actually figurative. And it was a dyers term. That's going to be very important going forward in our study. I would encourage you watch the video concerning what this guy says about bapto in the Greek.

I was talking to you about striking the words baptize, baptism, etc. Indeed. I totally agree. But it is entirely inaccurate - and I'm not going to say intentionally dishonest - particular because Ted does this and I'm not going to say Ted is being dishonest - but it is dishonest to use the word immerse if it is meant to imply water - when it clearly does not.

Being that the word immerse is found no where else in our entire Bibles - if we cross out the word baptize - what should we replace it with. If we are honestly attempting to translate from the Greek into English - we certainly should not be creating words that never existed before - like baptize, baptism, baptist - we should be using English words - like nearly everything else in our Bibles. Oh boy what a thought. I wonder what else they transliterated - created out of thin air? Think we better be finding out.

When we see what looks like the application of physical water to the flesh of people in our Bibles - we are seeing them fulfilling the Law God gave Moses and in the Law God gave Moses - it is called wash the clothes, bathe the flesh, wash the clothes, bathe the skin. If you are looking for a word to replace the false word "baptism" - it's easy - it should be wash or bathe - or in specific regards to "John the Baptist" - who washed in the river Jordan - which is a direct reference to what Elisha told Naaman the Syrian leper to do - it would be a 1000 times more accurate to call John - "John the Dipper" instead of "John the Baptist". Or, John the Washer. Either would be way better than the

made up "church" word baptist. And way better than the word immerse or immerser - which appears no where else in our entire Bibles.

What John was doing was not something new. John did not bring a new method for the remission of sins onto the scene in the first century. Neither did Jesus. Neither did His disciples. Whenever we see what looks like the application of physical water to the flesh in our Bibles - we are seeing the Works of the Law - we are seeing people obeying the Law God gave Moses which I have shown over and over time and time again - wash the clothes, bathe the skin are commands in several places where God explained His added Law to Moses. Washing the clothes, bathe the flesh - works of the Law.

Since I started this series, I have been examining, as you know, a lot of the "church" doctrines related to this issue. I have found two - two religions that understand that washing the clothes and bathing the flesh - were requirements given in the Law God gave Moses. One of them I have to say "loosely ties or loosely understands the Law God gave Moses" and that's the Mormons. Their "baptismal font" is designed - they claim - to be the molten sea found in Solomon's temple.

The other religion that ties washing - the physical application of water to the flesh - as a requirement under the Mosaic Law system - is the jews. They do what they do - openly - unashamedly - because they believe they are still under that Mosaic Law system - and they require physical circumcision and physical full body "baptism" full body immersion - that's their words - in order to be a jew.

This is why I ended my message last weekend with a plea for anyone who has trusted in the application of physical water to their flesh as a means of reconciliation with God - they need to repent - ask forgiveness of this grievous offense - and declare that it is their faith - their system of belief - that Jesus Christ is the Son of God - sent to put an end to the Old Covenant system - with all its physical work requirements - He put an end to the allowance of being citizens of the world - and declare just like Abraham did that he was a stranger and pilgrim of this world - and place sole and complete trust in the grace of God for salvation.

Commanding the application of physical water to the flesh, or physical circumcision, is judaism. I'm sorry for those to whom that will greatly offend. I'm not sorry for saying it. For declaring the truth of it. I'm sorry that there are still people out there who can read this book for so many years - and fail to understand that the Works of the Law were nullified by Christ - and to continue in those same works of the Law is to nullify one's

faith in God. That's not what I'm saying - that's what the Book says.

What was going on in the first century - when we see what looks like the application of physical water to the flesh - was men and women obeying the Law God gave Moses which required several different methods of applying water to the flesh for a variety of different reasons.

As we move through towards the end of what we call the New Testament - we see a clear moving away from the physical water and more towards what the man in the video described as a figurative understanding - which was the main usage of the word in the first century - it was figurative. In the Old Covenant - I do not believe it was figurative. Let me explain. The application of the water - wash the clothes - bathe the skin - that was physical - yes - but - it pointed to the Living Water which was Jesus Christ. It pointed to a washing, to a bathing, to a cleansing that only the Living Water of Jesus Christ could provide.

Just like the blood of bulls and goats and lambs and doves - yes - in the Law God gave Moses - I believe it is safe to say they actually killed those animals and used the animals' blood the way the text seems to indicate. But we all know - or certainly should know - the blood - the physical blood - was itself figurative - it was symbolic of the blood of Christ. Same thing. The water described in the Law God gave Moses - was physical - but it was also figurative - it pointed to the Living Water of Jesus Christ.

This really should not be that difficult to see. But, if you have never understood how the water was such an integral part of the Law God gave Moses - you won't see this.

I have taken you through weeks and weeks hours and hours of study showing you how the water was intertwined with the blood in the Law God gave Moses. They were - a lot of the time - inseparable. You didn't have one without the other. Water and blood, blood and water, it's all over the Bible.

I talked to you a little bit last week about the church phrase "covered by the blood." I think we all know what that means - even the way the "church" tries to use it. That can only be applied spiritually today. Right? The physical blood of Christ was shed hundreds and hundreds of years ago. There is not a physical trace of it left anywhere. Can we agree to that? That would be completely impossible for physical blood to be preserved so that we can get even a drop of it, right? After hundreds and hundreds of years... Surely no one would think His physical blood is still available today. So, "covered by the

blood” - if we are to think that means our sins are covered by His blood - or our sins are - listen now - WASHED AWAY by His blood - that's kind of odd isn't it - because no one washes in blood - right - washing, cleansing, remission of sins - that only comes by physical water - really? If, we are to believe that our sins are covered by His shed blood - that has to be a spiritual thing that takes place.

Of course, though, we are told that the physical application of water - somehow triggers the spiritual covering of the blood. That just doesn't even make sense - not in the New Covenant World. I can certainly see it in the Old Covenant world - because that's exactly what happened - but definitely not in the New Covenant World where the physical works of the Law were done away with.

So surely, hopefully, we are at least in agreement that “covered by the blood” is something that is spiritual. It's symbolic, figurative. Open your Bibles please to I John chapter 5 for a few minutes. Let's begin in verse 1:

[1] Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth Him that begat loveth Him also that is begotten of Him.

[2] By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments.

[3] For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.

Here we go again with the simplicity. We know that we are of God when we keep His commandments. But what if we are not keeping His commandments? What if we're keeping someone else's commandments, someone else's laws, statues and treaties. That's a question that's asked of me all the time. To which I always reply, “I'm not your judge.” I read what the Word says. I teach what the Word says. I'm not the One Who decides who is in the Kingdom of God and who is not.

But I will ask the question. Whose laws are you obeying? Whose commandments are you obeying? Now, if you are of the faith - the system of belief - that God told you that by obeying men's laws - you are obeying Him - well - find comfort in that. Because that's what nearly the entire world believes and has hope and trust in. If you are of the opinion that since you had physical water applied to your flesh - then it doesn't really matter whether you are keeping His commandments or not - then - find comfort in that because that's pretty much what the entire world has hope and trust in.

But, if you cannot hide from, or escape the clear teachings found here in I John 5 that tells us the way to have trust and hope and comfort - is that we know because we keep His commandments - then I'm telling you - this is what describes what it means to be found in Christ. This is what it looks like to be born of God.

[4] For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

If you are of the opinion that overcoming that world means you quit tobacco and cussing - then - find comfort in that - because that's pretty much the same thing that the "church" has taught everyone that seeks to enter churchianity. Overcoming the world means that you clean yourself up somewhat. You get yerself "baptized". You quit smokin' drinkin' cussin' beatin' your wife and kids, you start goin' to church on Sundays, you pay your taxes, you vote, you obey the laws of the land - well - if that's what overcoming the world means to you - then find comfort in that because that's pretty much what everyone else believes. But if overcoming the world means something far greater than the shallowness of what the all-inclusive "church" teaches - then I'm telling you - if you claim to be a follower of Jesus Christ - if you claim to be a Christian - this is what it looks like.

[5] Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

The Son of God is a really big deal. He was the King of kings and Lord of lords. He brought down all authority, all power, all rule, He brought down the divine right of kings and gave all of that back to His Father - Who re-established His Government over all His Creation - and now commands all men, women, boys and girls to be exclusive Citizens of the Government of God - to come out from among those who refuse to accept that He was the Son of God sent to be King - and bow the knee to God the Father and accept His Rule and His alone over their lives. Believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God is not mere lip-service. It is a belief that will bring about change in someone's life and it will be demonstrated in overcoming the world - the orderly arrangement that man has come up with to war against the Government of God. Now verse 6 - please watch this very closely:

[6] This is He that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

This is what I've been trying to teach through this whole series. It's not just water, it's not just blood. It's both.

[7] For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

[8] And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

There are three that bear witness in earth - that's where we live.

1) The Spirit. Can I ask you this one thing? Is the Spirit spiritual or physical? Well, let's not overthink this - it's called Spirit. It is spiritual.

2) The water.

3) The blood. In the earth today, is the blood physical or is it spiritual? Do we have physical access to the physical blood of Jesus Christ? Of course not. Unless you are a catholic, then when you partake in their communion - the wine miraculously turns to the physical blood of Jesus. Ridiculous.

The spirit is spiritual. The blood is spiritual - but Charlie - how dare you - how dare you say that the water is spiritual. That water is physical. You must apply the physical water to your flesh before you can partake of the spiritual and before you can be "covered by the spiritual blood of Christ."

Whenever we see what looks like the application of physical water to the flesh - anywhere - anytime - in our Bibles - we are seeing men and women fulfilling the Law God gave Moses. But as we progress through getting closer and closer to the end of the Old Covenant World and the full implementation of the New - we no longer even see what looks like the application of physical water - we see more and more of what looks like a spiritual application of Water - capital W - the Water - the Living Water that is applied when we by faith - by faith alone - place our trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ - which is an understanding of everything He was sent to do and everything He accomplished - and we - by the grace of God - embrace Him and His Father as King of kings and Lord of lords in our lives.

How could anyone read I John 5 and see the spirit, the water, and the blood and see that all three of these are not spiritual? The spirit is spiritual, the blood is spiritual - but

the water is physical. That's ridiculous.

Last week, we were in Romans chapter 4. And we need to go back there again this week. I did not spend enough time there because several that I have talked to this week failed to understand the significance of what I was trying to convey. It's certainly not their fault, that's my fault for not spending more time there. So, please go back to Romans chapter 4 for a few minutes. Begin with verse 1:

[1] What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

[2] For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

[3] For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Was Abraham before or after the Law God gave Moses? Abraham was before. Abraham was many years before the children of Israel left Egypt. Paul is trying to explain that Abraham was justified before God - by his faith - by his system of belief - and not by the works of the Law. The only part of the works of the Law that Abraham even knew about was circumcision (and blood sacrifices) - and Paul addressed even that clearly and said that Abraham was justified by his faith even while in uncircumcision.

Paul was beginning, with the Book of Romans, to try to explain the ending of the Law God gave Moses with all the accompanying works of that Law - that keeping the Law God gave Moses was ending. He was explaining to them that Abraham didn't even have the Law God gave Moses - yet Abraham believed God - Abraham's belief - his faith - it was what was counted for righteousness.

In the coming New Covenant World - and even for those who at that time - were not living in or near Jerusalem - the works of the Law were no longer required. Paul is trying to get these people to understand that everything in the plan of God had come full circle. Abraham passed the torch to Moses. The Law God gave Moses was in effect for hundreds of years. But the Law God gave Moses was ending and they were going back to the faith of Abraham.

[4] Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

[5] But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

[6] Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

[7] Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

[8] Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

[9] Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

[10] How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

[11] And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

[12] And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

[13] For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

[14] For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

[15] Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

The Law was not given to Abraham in his day. It came along time afterwards.

[16] Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

[17] (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

[18] Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

[19] And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

[20] He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in

faith, giving glory to God;

[21] And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

[22] And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

[23] Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

[24] But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord (the One Who is Supreme in Authority) from the dead;

[25] Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Abraham did not have the Law God gave Moses. The works of the Law came by God to Moses. The details of different blood sacrifices and offerings. Moses had that - Abraham did not. Remember I John 5

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood.

Abraham did not have the many requirements of the application of water to the flesh. Those requirements came with Moses - not Abraham. This is why - and I challenge you - go find a single instance of Abraham washing in water recorded in our Bibles. You won't find it. You won't find it there because the water washing requirements came with the Law God gave Moses. It was part of the added Law. Wash the clothes, bathe the skin - started on the day God called Moses up to Sinai to receive His Law. That's when it started. Abraham was not washed in a water ritual. Moses was. Aaron was. The Levites were. The lepers were. Those entering the temple were. Those entering the service of the temple were. Those with issues of the flesh were. Those who touched dead things were. Those who took Nazarite vows were. The physical water ritual was added with the Law God gave Moses and every single time - we see the application of physical water to the flesh as a means of the remission of sins - you see men and women obeying the Law God gave Moses.

And in Romans chapter 4, while Paul was explaining that the works of the Law were being nullified - he points to the days of Abraham - the faith of Abraham - as that which is the model for the New Covenant. Abraham's faith was always the model. It was always what God wanted as an example for His people.

The Law was added because the people were sinful. They were rebellious. Abraham wasn't rebellious. He was the model Citizen for the Nation and People of God.

The Law was added for the rebellious, for the sinners. It was added for those who refused to have God as their King and demanded a king like all the other nations.

Abraham was long before that group of people. God told Abraham to do something - and he obeyed. Abraham is the model and Paul was trying to move those people who were listening to him back to the days of the faith of Abraham and away from the works of the Law God gave Moses. It's faith - salvation is of faith - by the grace of God - not works - lest any man should boast.

Applying the physical water to the flesh is a work of the Law.

Besides the Jews - I have not found any other religion today that demands the application of physical water to the flesh - that understands that water was absolutely inseparable from the Law God gave Moses. Go back and read Ted's books for instance - as I have done many times before - and you will not find any study of the water as found in the Law God gave Moses. I have seen him refer to John's - and he uses the word "baptism" - as an Old Covenant "baptism" - but then he will go to John chapter 3 - where the text is clearly talking about John's washings - which are Old Covenant washings - then he uses that to say that is was a New Covenant washing.

Look, I'm not upset at Ted. I'm not upset at the teachings of Pete Peters. These guys have not thought this through. Of course Pete can't - he's gone. If you do not see how the water application is inseparable from the Law God gave Moses - you aren't going to understand what was going on in the Gospels and in the Book of Acts. Jesus clearly said, He came not to destroy the Law - but to fulfill it. As long as that temple was standing in Jerusalem - the Law God gave Moses was to be fulfilled. It might be a little bit more accurate to say that until the daily sacrifice was taken away - and that was not until well after Christ ascended back to heaven that was shortly before the temple was destroyed. The washings continued until the end of the Old Covenant age - the Old Covenant World - when the temple was no longer.

Again - I need to keep saying this until maybe - hopefully - it finally sinks in. This is why James told Paul about the thousands of Judahites which believed - and ARE ZEALOUS OF THE LAW.

This is why they went into the temple daily - where the daily sacrifice was taking place according to the Law God gave Moses - and they didn't go there for donuts and coffee. They went to the temple daily for prayers and to observe the daily sacrifice because

that's what those who were obeying Christ did. They were fulfilling the Law God gave Moses - "I didn't come to destroy the Law but to fulfill it." This is why they continued with the divers washings found in the Law God gave Moses. No uncleanness could come into the temple - so they washed the clothes - bathed the skin. That's what they were doing. And they were doing it under the Authority of Jesus Christ.

This is why when at Paul's conversion - Ananias told Paul

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be washed, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Funny how these church of christ preachers love to take one verse here and one verse there to build their doctrine from - but when told to look at Acts 22:12 - let's do that for just a minute. Turn to Acts chapter 22, please. Read from verse 1. This is Paul talking.

- [1] Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you.
- [2] (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)
- [3] I am verily a man which am a Judahite (he may have even meant jew), born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.
- [4] And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.
- [5] As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.
- [6] And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.
- [7] And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- [8] And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.
- [9] And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.
- [10] And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed

for thee to do.

[11] And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

Now watch verse 12.

[12] And one Ananias, **a devout man according to the law**, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

This Ananias, this is the one who told Paul

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be washed, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

What law was this devout man following? Was he a devout man according to Roman law? He was a devout man according to the Law God gave Moses. Why do you think that little - major - detail is in the text? It's because Ananias told Paul to obey the Law God gave Moses. He wasn't telling Paul to obey the "New Covenant King's commission to be New Covenant water "baptized." He was telling Paul to be washed according to the Law God gave Moses - that's why the clear detail is in there that Ananias was a devout man according to the Law. That's not hard. Talk about taking the whole sum of Scriptures.

For those that demand H2O application of water to the flesh today - they don't even talk about the water as found in the Law God gave Moses. They think that John came onto the scene with something totally brand new - never heard of before. That's why they don't have a problem using the word "baptism." It was something called "baptism" a word never found prior in the Bible - and even though some of them might admit that John was in the Old Covenant - they say that - without any explanation whatsoever - that John's "baptism" was the model for a New Covenant Work of the Law. Friends, this is dangerous. It's dangerous for several reasons. The most notable reason is because it is demanding people keep a work of the Law God gave Moses for "salvation in the New Covenant." That itself, should show such danger, enough that we should run as far away from this unBiblical teaching as we can.

It's dangerous, because, whether these men intended it to be so or not, most all of the people that I know of that have fallen for their teachings, have clearly placed their trust in the fact that the application of physical water to their flesh - has somehow absolved

them of their true responsibility as a Christian - to come out from the world - and be separate. They've got some crazy idea that it's perfectly fine for people who call themselves Christians to be citizens of the world - doing all the same things that the world's citizens do. They teach that the CONstitution is evil - but have absolutely no problem living according to the "laws, statues and treaties" created by the document.

That doesn't make any sense at all. You preach against the CON - but then live according to it any way? How is this justified? It's because they believe their physical H2O water "baptism" - a word or a concept that should not even be in our Bibles - has them "covered by the blood" and therefore when God looks at them - He doesn't see a life being lived like everyone else - God miraculously only sees the blood of Christ and is incapable of seeing anything else. It's ridiculous. It is a false sense of security.

Salvation comes as a result of faith - by the grace of God - not of works - lest any man should boast.