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

Please remember my two daughters, Chrissy and Taylor in your prayers. They are both getting very close to their due dates - which happens to be on the same day. This will be Chrissy's first baby and Taylor's second. They both had particularly tough weeks this past week as their bodies are preparing for what's coming very soon. So, we'd ask that you would keep both of them in your prayers as the time is getting very close.

I hope you were able to look closely again at II Kings 17 after our Bible study last weekend. From what is recorded history in the Old World - we find what is the Mind and Will of God for the way the New World - the New Covenant World where King Jesus and His Father reign exclusively - we are supposed to learn what the Mind and Will of God is for how He wants people to live their lives in the New World in which He created.

When we see passages of Scripture that clearly say things, like, "And they sinned before the Lord their God..." we are supposed to look at those passages and say, "We are not supposed to do the same things they did."

That should be really really simple. But the problem is, we have all been affected by the modern "churchman" - who has developed this concept that every single thing that happened or was recorded in the Old World historical record - has been "done away with."

What should be so easily understood - what I mean by that is this - the ceremonial aspects of the Old Covenant World - all those things that were symbols, the Bible calls them types and shadows - those are the only things that have been changed from the Old World to the New World.

This includes - all things physical. For example - even the "churchmen" claim to know that the blood sacrifices of the Old World were done away with in Jesus Christ - in the first century. That's great. That's a start. But the blood sacrifices of the Old World also had water rituals, several water rituals, of several different types - and the writers at the end of the Old Covenant World - were used by God - to explain - even though

translators with ill intent - used words they had no authority to use - i.e., baptize, baptism - the writer of the Book of Hebrews, for instance, clearly said there were many "baptisms" - the word should have been translated as "washings" just like it was used in the Old World history Books - those washings - those physical washings - just like the blood requirements in the ceremonial Law God gave Moses - those also - have passed away. And have been replaced with spiritual requirements.

But, just like everything else in the recorded history of Israel - the principles remain. The physical water washings - we really need to stop calling them baptisms - except - now listen - except when explaining to new believers who do not understand how water was used in the Will of God - it's okay to say the word "baptism" - when explaining that "baptism" refers to the Old Covenant washings that were required under the Law God gave Moses. But all those many washings that are found in the history of Israel - were all types and shadows - that pointed the true believers that were in Israel - to Jesus Christ - the Living Water - that flows from the throne of God - in the New Covenant World - described in awesome detail in Revelation chapter 22. Jesus Christ, that pure river of life - the Water that He spoke of in His life - that Water - that "if you drink of the Water that I give to you - you shall never thirst again." Turn to John chapter 4 for just a minute before we get into today's message - continuing Who is Israel. Verse 1, John 4:

[1] When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and [washed]

The word should be washed - as in - before you come to the Mountain of God - Israel - you must wash the clothes and bathe the flesh. My word, brethren, this should be so easy to understand. Hold your finger here, turn to Exodus chapter 19. Repentance, receiving forgiveness in the Old Covenant World, preparation for receiving the Law of God, the appearance of God, the presence of God in the lives of the Israelites, read again - beginning in verse 1:

- [1] In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.
- [2] For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.
- [3] And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

- [4] Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.
- [5] Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:
- [6] And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.
- [7] And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.
- [8] And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.
- [9] And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.
- [10] And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,
- [11] And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.
- [12] And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:
- [13] There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.
- [14] And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

In preparation for meeting God, for repentance, for forgiveness of sins, an integral part of the sanctification process for Old World Israel - was to wash their clothes.

Nothing - absolutely nothing is told to us in the Books Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, etc., as to what this supposed "baptism" that people demand that we do - today - otherwise we are not "saved" - there is nothing in those Books that explains what it is those people were doing. So, how do we know what it was they did? SIMPLE. It's simple friends. You go read the history Books. You read what God told the people to do in the Old World concerning sanctification, concerning repentance, concerning drawing near to God - that's where you find what it is that they did.

You read the story of Naaman the leper where the prophet of God told Naaman to go

and "baptize" himself in the River Jordan seven times. In the Greek Septuagint - the word is bapto. What Elisha told Naaman to do - to himself - there was no preacher dressed in a white robe with rubber boots to his thighs, saying an incantation over someone, placing their nose in a handkerchief and dunking them in a pool of water with the proper ph from chemicals, etc. One of the best examples of what "baptism" was - was from the story of Naaman in the history Book called II Kings chapter 5.

If you are sincerely following Jesus Christ in the world in which we now live - when you read John chapter 4 - and find the word "baptized" there - you absolutely must NOT allow your mind to take you to a visual presentation of something you have only seen while playing something called "church." The "church" has wrecked pretty much every single teaching and understanding that we are supposed to have from God. What we see in John chapter 4 is not a "church water ritual." Go back to the history Book of Israel to see what it was those people were doing. They were washing their clothes in preparation for sanctification from God as part of the process of repentance and having their sins washed away. That's why there is no explanation of what they were doing in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, etc., because if we knew our Bibles like we are supposed to - we don't need explanation from those Books.

The people of the first century knew exactly what they were being told to do - because their fathers had been doing it for hundreds of years. Just like God told Moses to tell the people to do.

There is no explanation because it would have been redundant. We should know what was contained in the Law God gave Moses. But instead, most of us have been influenced by that ungodly thing called "church" - who has done all it could do to wipe the Old World history records away.

Instead of learning how water was used in the Old World - since they want the Old World history and more importantly, the remaining principles to be removed - instead - just like the word Ekklesia - they try to tell people that bapto was something new that came onto the scene in the first century. Neither Ekklesia nor bapto was new in the first century - both - were major aspects of Old World Israel and to fail to know these things will make someone unable to understand the Mind and the Will of God for us in the New World.

We are in the shape we are in today in this world that we have created for ourselves - because we have allowed men to create their own religions - their own faiths - then

demand that we follow them - without one shred of Biblical authority - and sadly - most all of humanity has taken the bait and have followed mere men and their teachings - that have led people away from the truth of the Gospel of the Kingdom/Government of God - and men have followed their own traditions - their own laws, statutes, treaties, ordinances, etc., right to their own destruction.

Tell someone they must be "baptized" in order to be saved - then provide not one shred of Biblical instruction as to what that even looks like - is beyond shameful. We are talking about salvation. We are talking about leading men and women, boys and girls into trusting faith - a system of belief - that is supposedly teaching them how to be right with God - and we expect them to blindly follow "church tradition?" That's the absolute craziest thing I've ever heard of in my life.

One faith, one Lord, one "baptism" - that's as clear as can be - and friends - we better make sure we know what that ONE washing is - and we better make sure we can take the Word of God and rightly divide that truth and show people exactly what is meant by that One Washing. This is what it means. This is how it's done. This is the way, walk ye therein. Because this is what the Word of God says - not things like, "the Bible is silent on the issue." The "Bible is silent on the issue" on something that is supposedly essential to a man's salvation? Come on. That is not acceptable.

With all that said, go back to John 4 and start again with verse 1.

- [1] When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and [baptized][led the people in the ways of repentance described in the Law God gave Moses] more disciples than John,
- [2] (Though Jesus himself baptized[did not physically participate in leading the people into the physical ways of repentance described in the Law God gave Moses, but rather had his disciples do it] not, but his disciples,)
- [3] He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.
- [4] And He must needs go through Samaria.
- [5] Then cometh He to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
- [6] Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.
- [7] There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give Me to drink.
- [8] (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

- [9] Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that Thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.
- [10] Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and Who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.
- [11] The woman saith unto Him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast Thou that living water?
- [12] Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?
- [13] Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
- [14] But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
- [15] The woman saith unto Him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

Is it not even remotely clear to us that this story begins with the elements of the Law God gave Moses for repentance and sanctification - and ends with Jesus explaining to the Samaritan woman what His Living Water is? Can we not plainly understand that these 15 verses are Jesus saying the Old way was there to point people to the new Way that was coming? The Old World history Book is supposed to point to the New. John chapter 4 is absolute gold in doing exactly the same thing. The first part of the chapter is showing Old World "baptism" in physical H20 water. Then, Jesus goes right from there and explains that He is the Living Water of the New World that was coming. Drink from the Old Covenant "baptism" and you will be thirsty again. But drink from the Living Water which is Jesus Christ - and you will never thirst again.

A couple years ago, when I was teaching this exact same thing, it was said how foolish I was for saying that "baptism" could be drank. There is no possible way that what I was saying was true - because "baptism" is not something we drink. Of course not. If you believe "baptism" is a "church water ritual" - then yes - how utterly foolish to say that drinking of the Living Water that is Jesus Christ is what is meant by "baptism."

Turn to I Corinthians chapter 10. Let's read the first four verses, I realize that we have done this already, but it needs to be done again:

[1] Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant,

Friends, that is the job of the preacher. It is to make sure that the people are not ignorant of the things of God. I'm going to say more about this in just a minute.

[1] Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

We just read that from Exodus 19 just a little bit ago. Now watch. Not a correct translation, but here comes the word.

- [2] And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- [3] And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- [4] And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

This quote "baptized unto Moses in the cloud and the sea" - what was it? It was eating the same spiritual meat. Was it spiritual meat in the Old World history Book? No and Yes. It was physical meat - but it had spiritual meaning because it was a type and shadow that pointed to Jesus Christ and the Word of God. And - also contained in this "baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea" - they drank spiritual drink. Was it spiritual drink? No and Yes. It was physical drink - but it had spiritual meaning because it was a type and shadow that pointed to Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

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Their ceremonial physical eats and physical drinks of the Old World - which were called "baptized unto Moses" was spiritually drinking of that Spiritual Rock that followed them - and that Rock was Christ.

What is said in I Corinthians 10 is exactly what Jesus demonstrated in John 4. This should not be difficult. And it wouldn't be difficult if we would shed everything we have heard, seen, or learned, from that monster called "church." The place that gave us 501(c)(3) government created and sustained religion. The place that gave us the lie that everything in the Old World has been done away with. The place that gave us the lie that the prophecies were not fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The place that gave us the lie that we are to physically apply H20 water to our flesh today as the means for being immersed into, washed by, cleansed by, the blood of Jesus Christ.

Turn to Mark chapter 10, please. Read from verse 1:

- [1] And He [Jesus] arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judaea by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again.
- [2] And the Pharisees came to Him, and asked Him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting Him.
- [3] And He answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?
- [4] And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.
- [5] And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.
- [6] But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.
- [7] For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;
- [8] And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.
- [9] What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
- [10] And in the house His disciples asked Him again of the same matter.
- [11] And He saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.
- [12] And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.
- [13] And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them.
- [14] But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
- [15] Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
- [16] And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.
- [17] And when He was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to Him, and asked Him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?
- [18] And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou Me good? there is none good but One, that is, God.
- [19] Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

- [20] And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.
- [21] Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.

Amazing how the Words of Jesus, which explain the Way of Salvation - have so easily been replaced with physical H20 water "baptism."

[22] And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

Well, friends, what has changed? The same still holds true today.

"Can't you make it easier than that, Jesus? Is this really the mindset I need to have to be a follower of yours?"

Look what I just did. I believe I have Biblical support to qualify such a statement. But that isn't what Jesus said, was it?

"Give everything away. Take up the cross" and as I have explained before. Friends, "take up the cross." This was said before the execution of Jesus Christ. Jesus had not yet been murdered by the state. Jesus was telling this man to "take up the cross." The cross of was the symbol of the death penalty carried out by the state.

That, too, is just incredible as to how that has been lost because of this thing called "church." Never, not once in my years of playing "church" - then going to "Bible college" was the cross - EVER - ever explained as being that which was the symbol of the death penalty carried out by the state. Jesus told this man that he was to take up the cross - the symbol of the death penalty that the state carries out on people accused of murder - Jesus was never accused of murder - but it was also carried out on those who were accused of sedition against the state. Again, Jesus never advocated for the violent overthrow of Rome.

However, when He said He could call ten thousands of His angel - warriors - and when He said that the temple would be destroyed - His enemies took those things as physical declarations of violence against their ungodly system - though Jesus never meant for those things to be taken that way.

We know that Jerusalem and the temple did in fact - come to a violent end - but that was the work of God Himself. That was not done by the followers of Jesus Christ.

Today - never - not once ever have I - or anyone else that I know that claims to be a Citizen of the Commonwealth of Israel - said that we believe in the violent overthrow of the state. No, we believe in repentance. We believe that all who advocate for the states of men - are to repent - lay down their swords - lay down their weapons - and come to meet Jesus and bow down to His Kingdom, His Government and become His followers. There's no violence in that. We are the most peaceful, harmless people in God's World today - yet we are the ones that are met with violence and threats of violence - simply for teaching and living the Gospel of the Government/Kingdom of God. Verse 23 of Mark 10.

- [23] And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto His disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!
- [24] And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

So sad, and I have heard often, as recently as this week, concerning people who refuse the clear teachings of Jesus Christ. And, I answer with these exact same passages of Scripture. Jesus said it is just about impossible for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God.

"I'm not going to give up anything. I'm not going to risk going to jail, or losing my home, or losing a car. Jesus doesn't really expect that we be willing to lose any of our possessions. I'd much rather prefer the gospel of water baptism. Just get dunked in some water, or have some water sprinkled on a baby - then - no matter the lack of fruit - the one who has been "baptized" can never be separated from his 'salvation'."

Yeah, that "baptism" is much easier than the "baptism" of Jesus Christ - that He is clearly teaching here in Mark 10. Verse 25:

- [25] It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
- [26] And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?

Isn't that the question that everyone asks? I've had that question asked to me hundreds and hundreds of times through the years. How about instead of us trying to come up with an answer that we think everyone wants to hear, how about we just go to the Word of God - and read the very exact Words of Jesus and let His answer stand for itself?

- [27] And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.
- [28] Then Peter began to say unto Him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed Thee.

That sure seems to be clear. Peter knew what Jesus was talking about. Peter was very close. Jesus is going to explain it even more.

- [29] And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake, and the Gospel's,
- [30] But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.
- [31] But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.
- [32] And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And He took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto Him,
- [33] Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn Him to death, and shall deliver Him to the Gentiles:

There's a really good understanding of the word "Gentiles." The jews - the unbelieving jews - delivered Jesus to the Romans - to be executed by the Roman state - on behalf of the unbelieving jews - and altogether - all that were involved - would later be described as the synagogue of Satan.

- [34] And they shall mock Him, and shall scourge Him, and shall spit upon Him, and shall kill Him: and the third day He shall rise again.
- [35] And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto Him, saying, Master, we would that Thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

[36] And He said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

[37] They said unto Him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left hand, in Thy glory.

Now watch. What blasphemy to say - let him be accursed - who would say "baptism can be drank."

[38] But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be [baptized] with the [baptism] that I am [baptized] with?

Now again. I've shown this before. Mark 10:38 contains the words - and I'll use the words because they need to be taught - ignorant people - and I'm not using that word ignorant in a mean, hateful way - I'm using it to describe those that do not understand - in Mark 10:38, the words "baptized" and "baptism" - are here three times. That is more times in one verse - than any other place in the entire Bible. This is Jesus Himself describing what "baptized" and "baptism" is. Friends, remember, "One Lord, One faith, One 'baptism'." This is Jesus Himself speaking about "baptism." And I ask - again - and again - and again - if there is only One "baptism" - which one should we be demanding in the world today? The "baptism" of John the Washer - which certainly looked like physical H20 water - or the "baptism" that Jesus Christ Himself is defining in Mark 10? And has absolutely no mention of physical H20 water.

Call me accursed. Call me a heretic. Call me anything you want to. But if there is only ONE "baptism" - then I'm taking Jesus' "baptism" - and I will be "baptized" by Jesus' "baptism" that He describes Himself in Mark 10 - and the rest of them are null and void. The Book says there is ONE "baptism." Jesus is defining a "baptism" right here in Mark 10. If there's just One - and there is just One - friends, we better be advocating for this one. This is the one that Jesus Christ Himself defined. Verse 39 - after Jesus told James and John what His - what Jesus - "baptism" was:

[39] And they said unto Him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the [baptism] that I am [baptized] withal shall ye be [baptized]:

Again. In these two verses of Scripture - the words "baptism" and "baptized" are mentioned more times than in any other place in our entire Bibles. Yet, somehow, this "baptism" and this "baptized" is not to be understood as what we as followers of Jesus Christ - in the world to come - are to understand as Biblically correct "baptism."

That's incredible. He's clearly talking about His execution. He's clearly talking about His death, burial and resurrection. He's telling James and John - that they too - are going to be "baptized" the same way. He's talking about giving up your own life to follow Him. That's what the "baptism" of Jesus is. There is no mention of physical water here in the description of "baptism" from the very Words of Jesus Christ Himself. He's talking about giving up everything you have. He's talking about taking up a cross. He's talking about giving your life up for the Kingdom of God. He's answering the question, "Who then can be saved?"

Keep your finger here. Turn to Romans chapter 6.

Read verse 1.

- [1] What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
- [2] God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
- [3] Know ye not, that so many of us as were [baptized] into Jesus Christ were [baptized] into his death?
- [4] Therefore we are buried with him by [baptism] into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

This is not talking about a "church water ritual." This is talking about the "baptism" that Jesus defined in Mark 10. This is not talking about wash the clothes, bathe the skin. This is talking about taking up a cross - the symbol of the death penalty from the state - this is talking about leaving the world - and all your possessions - and being willing to lay down your life for following Jesus Christ. Mark 10 - the Words of Jesus from Mark 10 - in defining "baptism" is once again explained by Paul in Romans 6 and this is not talking about physical H20 water. Mark 10 has no mention of physical H20 and Romans 6 has no mention of physical H20.

There is only One "baptism." Are you going to take John's physical H20 - or are you going to take Jesus' - identifying with the death of Christ "baptism."

To insert physical H20 water into Mark 10 and into Romans 6 is to absolutely wreck the proper understanding of what it means to become a follower of Jesus Christ. It completely destroys the answer that Jesus Christ gave to the question, "Who then can be saved?"

Mark 10 is as clear as can be - that every time you hear the sound "bapto" - it is wrong - deathly wrong - to have your mind instantly visualize a "church water ritual." The truth is - whenever we hear the sound bapto - in the New Covenant world in which we live - our minds should instantly visualize - the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the concept of being willing to lose everything we have - all of our possessions - including our lives - and following King Jesus - even if it means the death penalty from the state.

That's the Biblical definition of "baptism" in the New Covenant world.

While the translators of the 1611 KJV themselves - put it in writing - they admitted that they did not have the authority to insert the words "baptism" or "baptize" into their translation - but they did it anyway - if the world understood the definition of bapto according to the very Words of Jesus Christ recorded from Mark 10 - confirmed in Romans 6 and beyond - our world would be much further along with the Kingdom / Government of God than what we see today - which is a total collapse of civilization because the only thing that can save - the Gospel of Jesus Christ - has been hijacked by something called "church" that teaches that all men are required to do is have physical H20 water applied to their flesh - then they are "saved."

A few minutes ago, I said I was going to be coming back to something in regards to a preacher's responsibility to correct ignorance.

I was speaking to Matthew (not in regards to ignorance) this week and telling him that I had been thinking over the past several months about the way the things I preach are taken. In that, I know full well that what I preach is not popular. While we do seem to be gaining new listeners - I'm not going to tell you for one second that people are coming to this messages by the throngs.

I do not preach things that are easy to hear. I know that. That's not my job. That is not what I am supposed to do. That is not what God expects to do. Turn to Isaiah chapter 58 for just a minute, please. Begin with verse 1.

- [1] Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.
- [2] Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

[3] Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and Thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and Thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.

Turn back to chapter 1, verse 1:

- [1] The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
- [2] Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.
- [3] The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.
- [4] Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

From Isaiah 58, we clearly see a people that seemed "religious." The Bible even says they were a nation that sought God daily. A nation that wanted righteousness. A nation that delighted in God.

I believe the same, in some ways, can be said today. I've said it before. The "churches" are not completely filled with the enemies of God. There are seeking people in those places. There are people that truly believe they love God, they love Christ. But they are deceived and continue to be deceived - just like the things we see here in Isaiah. And, it's the job - the unpopular job of the preacher - the true preacher of God - to show the people the errors of their ways.

Isaiah 58 - God said - if you tax labor - I will not even hear your prayers. God told Isaiah to tell them - "It doesn't matter how religious you are, it doesn't matter how much you are seeking Me, it doesn't matter how many tears you cry - you tax labor. And because you tax labor - I will not hear your prayers."

Friends, this has not changed. As much as the "churchman" who makes his living off of taxed labor - as much as he wants to tell people this doesn't count in today's world - he's wrong. He's a liar and a deceiver - and worst of all - he's lying and deceiving to keep his own gain going. That's one of the worst things God condemns in His Word.

The 501(c)(3) government approved "preacher" is not going to read Isaiah 58 and say

that it applies today. Doesn't matter that the same principles are confirmed again in James chapter 5 and in Romans chapter 9 - he is not going to condemn taxing labour - but instead - is going to demand that people participate in taxing labor because the "Old Testament" and all the principles contained therein are done away with.

After all, Jesus clearly commanded everyone to do the exact opposite of what God told Isaiah to tell the people that because they were participating in taxing labor - God would not hear their prayers.

What an absolute schizophrenic god - little g - the "churches" have created for themselves.

The true preacher of the Word of God is not going to be popular when the world is in such deception. Friends, I like to be liked - just like everyone else does. But I'm not going to sugarcoat the Word of God for the sake of popularity. That went out the door a long time ago. I'm not going to compromise for the sake of popularity. Truth is truth and it is the job of the true preacher to preach the truth of the Word of God - without respect of persons. The truth is not always easy to hear. In fact, I think we all probably understand that most of the time - people would prefer hearing what makes them feel better about themselves or the world they live in - as opposed to hearing the truth of what is really going on. I'm not going to play that game.

I am glad for the friends I have. The reality is, over the last 5 years or so, God has given me more friends than I've had - probably over the previous 30 years combined. I'm grateful for that. Our ministry has seen more fruit over the last 5 years - than probably the previous 30 years combined. I think it's due to more people being oppressed and realizing that things are not right - things aren't the way they are supposed to be - and if that's the case, so be it.

That's the sad reality. Because I've been saying for a long long time. God is going to have His people. One way or another, He's going to have His people. They can come to Him the easier way - which is voluntarily - or they will come through great persecution - the harder way - but He is going to have His people. I think the Covid lie made people wake up. I was hoping for more than there were - but many woke up that way. I think the World Economic Forum and their demonism cult has woken people up. If so, so be it, but I would hope that above all - the Gospel of the Kingdom / Government of God would be what wakes them up. We need more people proclaiming and living the Gospel of the Kingdom / Government of God.

Alright, turn back to Revelation chapter 2. This is going to be a brief introduction to where we plan to spend more time next week.

Two weeks ago, we were in Revelation chapter 2, verse 9,

[9] I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

I had explained how that the tribe of Juda was supposed to be the tribe that held to the promise of the King and the Law being fulfilled with King Jesus. Those jews of the first century who refused the Governor that would spring forth from Juda - those jews and all those who rejected Jesus as the Christ and His Government - were called - the synagogue of Satan.

Now, turn to Revelation chapter 3. Let's see even more detail concerning this. Begin with verse 6, please.

- [6] He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the congregations.
- [7] And to the angel of the Ekklesia in Philadelphia write; These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

We've talked about this before. "The key of David." I plan to go over this again in more detail next week - the key of David.

That is the promise made to David concerning the throne of David. God made a promise to David that his throne would not end. That promise was fulfilled in Jesus Christ - when Jesus Christ took the throne of David in the first century. Those who say that Jesus Christ did not take the throne of David to rule forevermore - are - we are going to find out in just a minute - they are the synagogue of Satan. And friends, the reality is - nearly the entire religious world today - teaches that a messiah will come some day - not happened yet - but will come some day - and rule from David's throne. If that is what someone believes - the Book of Revelation says they are the synagogue of Satan.

[8] I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not

denied My Name.

Kept my Word. Not denied my Authority. In the face of a world that refuses the Authority of Jesus Christ - the true believer - the true people of God - do not refuse His Authority.

By Him - By Jesus Christ - By His Authority - By His Name - we live and move and have our being. That's what that means.

[9] Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Again, those that understand the key of David. Those that have embraced the throne. The King. The Governor that sprang forth from Juda. Those that claim to be jews - of Juda - but refuse the Governor that sprang forth from Juda - they are the synagogue of Satan. You cannot claim to be from Juda - but reject Jesus Christ. If you do - you are the synagogue of Satan. You are a collection of Satanites. Of course. A Satanite is one who adheres to the governments of men - the authority of men - instead of the Government of God and the Authority of King Jesus. That's what all this means. Then, to those who did understand the Key of David - those who did live by the Authority of King Jesus,

- [10] Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.
- [11] Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.
- [12] Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name.

This is who Israel is. This is who the tribe of Juda is. Those that overcome the world by keeping the Authority of Jesus. Those who understand the key of David. Those are the ones that Jesus made pillars in the temple of God. They are the ones who have the name of God. They are the ones who are of the city of God, the new Jerusalem. They are the ones who have His New Name.

And, friends, if all that is future, then today - we have nothing! For those who say that all of this is future, mark them as those who are a part of the synagogue of Satan.

For those who do not believe that the New Jerusalem has already come, for those who say that is all future - they are collected in the phrase - the synagogue of Satan.

Tough to hear? Sure it is. Does it make the preacher popular? No, it doesn't. But it is the truth. It is what the Word of God says and means for us today and no matter how unpopular it is - this is the truth - and we must stand firm upon these truths. It's the hope of the world. It's hope that Jesus fulfilled all of this and we can have the same things applied to us that were applied to those who this was fulfilled in - in the first century. That's hope. That's great news. That is awesome - I just can't fathom how it is so rejected - and so despised.