

## **Message of the Church or message of the Kingdom, Part 12**

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Good morning everyone. As always, thank you for tuning in to the broadcast today on Missouri Liberty Radio or for those of you listening by way of an archive through the website. Of course with the radio, we are unable to know exactly how many people are listening, but I am able to get an idea from webstats how many people are downloading the messages each week. Those stats are awesome. The stats are showing hundreds of downloads each month - which is, of course, very encouraging.

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Before we get into today's message, I have some more updates for you. This past Woden's day on the 11th, we were brought before the courts again. And I say, "We" because I want you to know - beyond any shadow of a doubt or mistake - this is not about me. This is about the Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ. What is taking place in Lawrence County Missouri for almost 4 years now, is an attack on the Gospel. It is an attack on the Word of God. I'll assure you that the Word of God, the testimony of the saints, and the very Kingship of Yeshua the Christ is what is on trial here.

As most of you know, the old quote unquote "judge" recused himself and a new one has been appointed. Within the first few minutes of the hearing the new quote unquote "judge" informed me that a man's name is only the name that appears on his birth certificate. He further told me that the ONLY way - and I repeat - he said - the ONLY way that a man can change his name is by going to court and having his name changed by a quote unquote "judge."

Listen to me, please. This goes way beyond a lack of understanding what the Law - capital L - and what the law - small l - so clearly states - this is what this means - and I'm telling you - you need to hear this - this is what this means.

These people believe that a man is owned by the U.S. government. They are trying to say that they own me and how dare I think that I can name myself other than what THEY SAY my name is. They think they put the ear tag in the cow and that cow is only going to go by the number on that ear tag - or else. And that man will wear that number on the ear tag until the day he dies. Plain and simple, brethren, that is what

they believe and that is what they are trying to enforce. Well, I have something else to say about that. They do not own me. My parents do not own me. I am owned by my Father in heaven Whose Son purchased me with His own shed blood and I will go by the name I believe He wants me to go by. Charlie Steward is not an alias. Charlie Steward is not an also known as, or AKA. I am ONLY known by Charlie Steward and I will not - under any circumstances go back to anything related to the old man that died in Christ - the old man that was fully immersed into Jesus Christ by the washing of water by the Word - the old man that died in Christ - and was raised again becoming an entirely new creation whereby all things had passed away and all things have become new.

You may think that's the craziest thing you ever heard - but I'm telling you - that for me - and I am the only one that will answer to God for the things done in this body and mind - for me - that is what God impressed upon me in my search for the Kingdom and I am obeying what I believe is His voice.

Fine, I have no problem with it whatsoever, if you don't feel like God has led you to a name change - fine - I've never said, ever, that it is a requirement for everyone entering the Kingdom of God to change their names. But for me, it was. I'll obey and will not return like a dog to his vomit to the former things of the old man.

Make no mistake about any of this - this is not about right or wrong - good or evil - trespass or crime - this is about certain men in places of quote unquote government in America who believe that men's bodies and minds are owned and controlled by them.

I want you to listen to a song that my children introduced me to many years ago. I'm not much into the sounds of twangy country music and that's simply a matter of preference - but my children introduced this song to me because of the words. Listen now to Make it Through by Randy Travis from the movie, Prince of Egypt.

I hope you were able to understand the words and message of that song. Just a great song. It was quite a blessing to me as I listened to several times this week.

After the judge told me that the nature of the hearing was for him not to be adjudicating anything - while he told me that a man's name is only what is on a U.S. birth certificate - he then set motion hearings for the 27th of November and then said that trial dates could not be held until almost a year from now. This is now the 6th time that trial dates and have been set and canceled while they seek to put a man in prison for the rest of his life - for supposed crimes where they themselves have admitted -

have no victim.

I want to quickly share one more thing with you that we witnessed at the show on Wednesday. Prior to my time, there was a hearing being held called a Suppression hearing. A man had been charged with having drugs and his attorney was arguing that the arrest should never have occurred, so the evidence of drugs should be suppressed.

As I sat through the hearing, I leaned over to my wife and said, "No honest judge anywhere could overrule this argument to suppress." Well. I'm sure you already figured out what happened. Anyway, here's what happened. And for those of you who do whatever you can to avoid encounters with devils - listen up. The Missouri highway patrol put signs on the interstate that said, "Drug enforcement checkpoint ahead, be prepared to stop." They put the signs up just before a rarely used exit on the interstate believing that anyone who wouldn't want to be unlawfully stopped - or in their reasoning - anyone who had drugs on them would exit the interstate looking for an escape as soon as they saw the sign.

And, of course, this man thought it best for him to exit the interstate when he saw the sign. As soon as he did, the state trooper immediately pulled up behind the man in his marked truck, while another unmarked car trailed soon thereafter. By the cops own testimony, he said that all he could do was follow the car in hopes that the driver would make some sort of traffic infraction to give him a reason to pull him over, then potentially search the vehicle for drugs or whatever.

So, the driver obviously knew he had been caught in a trap. So he drove a little further, then pulled into someone's driveway and got out. Went up to the door trying to act like he had arrived at where he was going all along, then when no one answered the door - he started back for his car. As soon as the cops saw this, they swarmed, arrested the guy, found some drugs, threw the guy in jail.

The defense attorney argued that the cops had no business following this guy in the first place. He presented what he called - case law - stating that other courts in America declared these - and they are called - Ruse - r u s e checkpoints - unconstitutional. On that basis, the actions of the cops were illegal so the evidence of the drugs should be suppressed. His argument was persuasive. He should have won.

However, within 5 or 10 seconds of this attorney's closing statement, the judge overruled his motion. I watched the attorney's body language and saw him totally deflate in disbelief.

Here's what the judge said. "There is something that was stated 5,000 years ago and it applies in this case. Proverbs 25:1 says (for the record, it's Proverbs 28:1) - The wicked flee when no man pursueth." So since this man saw the sign, exited the interstate, he was guilty of something and the cops had every right to eventually stop him, search him, arrest him, etc. I'm not arguing any of this, ruse checkpoints, probable cause, none of that - I don't agree with any of that stuff. But here is my observation.

On the witness stand, the highway patrolman said, "We are lying to people when we set up these Ruse Checkpoints. We aren't stopping anyone on the interstate. It's all a ruse. We are lying."

So the judge uses Scripture against the poor schmuck that's had his life turned upside down and he has Scripture quoted at him - but the state and its actors - who admitted openly and even with a grin on their face - that they violated the Laws of God against lying - didn't receive even the slightest rebuke from the judge for their blatant transgression of the Laws of God.

How did the man that got arrested violate the Laws of God by exiting the interstate? Seems to me that the ones who clearly violated the Laws of God - and did it hundreds maybe thousands of times to all the other drivers that passed by who were lied to - they should have their lives turned upside down. But, apparently there's a standard for the people and a standard for those that claim to own the people.

Now, with apparently imprisonment not to occur for at least almost another year, let me bring up another issue. And that is the possibility of a Kingdom Now related conference or get together or whatever you want to call it. Ted has agreed, Lord willing, to be one of the speakers, I will be speaking and I can't remember if I told you or not, but Brent Winters, who is a follower of Christ - but hang on - he is also a federal Constitutional attorney from Terre Haute Indiana has challenged Ted Weiland to a debate on the topic, Is the "U.S. CONstitution a Christian Document?" At this point in time, Brent is still of the opinion that it is. We all know what Ted's position is.

I know both of these men. Both are honorable men. Now I realize that may be hard for some to swallow because I told you that Brent is a federal attorney - but you'll just have to take my word for it, Brent is an honorable man who is truly seeking the Will of God in his life. I know him personally and have gotten to know him better and better over the last several years. He has gone through his own trials and persecutions and imprisonments from the U.S. government and to be totally upfront about this debate, he has even said that if he is wrong, he will admit it.

I believe this would be a debate that would be civil, informative and will bring listeners to the point of decision. I am really excited to see this happen.

Now the question is when? When should we plan to have this meeting? My initial thoughts are something like a three day conference beginning on Frigg's day and ending on Sunday. I would also like to see us meet at a campground where there will be some other things for children to do in between messages and mealtime. Children and young people like to play. I like to play, for that matter. Let's preach, sing, debate, eat and play for several days all around the central theme of the present day reality of the Kingdom of God.

With that said, I need to hear from you. I'd like to do it yesterday. I'd like to do something yet this year, but I'm not sure how practical that will be. The first weekend of December is iffy because of the weather. February is also iffy because of weather. But I would like to see this happen and I would like it to be sooner than later. So, please let me know what your thoughts are on the matter. Before I forget, we would want the debate portion of the meeting live-streamed to the Internet. If anyone has the necessary skills to help us with this, let me know.

A couple weeks ago, I shifted gears a little bit in the series on Church and Kingdom. I believe that I laid enough groundwork and showed you enough evidence to prove that the word "church" should not be in our English Bibles. The Greek word from which the English translators wrongly used the word "church" is ecclesia. There isn't even a Greek word that could have been translated as "church". "Church" comes from the Scottish kirke, kirche - it's not even a Greek word. The writers of the New Testament Greek would not have used the word kirke - it wouldn't have even been in their vocabulary. Some people argue that "church" could have come from "kurios" or "kuriakon" but that isn't even accurate. In fact, there is not one single instance where the Greek word "kurios" or "kuriakon" was translated as "church."

So, we've got a big problem here - right off the bat - simply with the word "church." And knowing that Christ made a big issue out of worshiping in truth - it makes it imperative that we seek to get it right.

Ecclesia is a civil body politic. It is a physically, spiritually called out Christian community of believers who have Jesus the Christ as their King and His Father's Laws, Statutes, Judgements and Perfect Will as their Law book.

The ecclesia that Christ established is not a weekend social organization where people attend or go to. The ecclesia that Christ established is not a collection of people who are citizens of other countries - which is simple - let me make this easier - the ecclesia that Christ established is made up of people who are citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel, so named in Ephesians 2.

The ecclesia of Christ is not made up of Missouri citizens, or Indiana citizens, or Canadian citizens - it is made up with people who are citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel. This is the nation of God. This is the name for the nation of God. It's found from cover to cover in the Word of God. It is what we who call ourselves followers of God and His Son are to have our citizenship in.

Look, I don't know how to say these things any other way. So many people have fallen for this convoluted, evolutionized theology developed by "churchmen" that resembles absolutely nothing of the faith once delivered to the saints, and friends, no matter how we think we can fool ourselves into believing that God has given us the authority to redefine nearly every single thing from His Word - He has never given us the power or authority to change, alter, redefine anything in His Word or from His creation - and today in 2019 in America and across this world - the reality is - the true Gospel of the Kingdom of Yeshua, of Jesus the Christ has rarely been preached - and as a result very few people living today have even heard the true Gospel.

Futurism is by far - not even a measurable race - but futurism by far is the prevailing thought by people who think they are quote unquote "saved" but the reality is they have never heard the Gospel.

The direction that I changed in the course of this series is that we should know that there is something hugely wrong with quote unquote "church" because the message preached from the quote unquote "church" is not what the Bible teaches.

Last week, I again showed you how the "church" and the "churchmen" are completely aligned with the modern Jew (and the ancient Jew for that matter) in saying that the Bible teaches a future fulfillment of a promise concerning a physically rebuilt third temple. That is the message of the quote unquote "church." You will not hear that said among people who preach the present day reality of the Kingdom of God. Kingdom / ecclesia preachers do not preach a future physical temple.

I can't say it any plainer - but it is heresy, it is abomination, it is a complete denial that Jesus, that Yeshua was the Messiah to teach men that God has a plan to rebuild

another physical temple in Jerusalem in fulfillment of Bible prophesy. To say or teach such things - whether a man knows the implication of what he's teaching or not - but to say or teach such things is a denial that Jesus, that Yeshua, the One sent by His Father to walk on this earth in the first century - was the Messiah. Friends, that's exactly why the jews say what they say. I showed you from their own words that Jesus was not the Messiah - according to the jew - because if He was the Messiah, He would have rebuilt a third temple.

Well, bless God, He did build a third temple! And in the New Covenant world in which we have lived and which was instituted almost 2,000 years ago, in the New Jerusalem, the city of the New Covenant, John said in Revelation 21:22-25:

[22] And I saw no temple therein: for Yahweh God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

[23] And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

[24] And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

[25] And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

In the New Covenant World there is no temple. There is no need for a temple. The sacrifices are over. The Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world - already did it. He did that in the first century and He's not doing it again. For those who insist on trying to make Him do it again, the writer of the book of Hebrews gives a solemn warning from chapter 6, verses 1-6.

[1] Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

[2] Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

[3] And this will we do, if God permit.

[4] For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

[5] And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

[6] If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

To advocate for, to provide funding to, to teach that it is the plan of God for a temple to be rebuilt in Jerusalem is to fall away from the principles of the doctrine of Christ leaving a man potentially in an absolutely horrific state - the possibility of not being able to achieve repentance.

This is why the Scriptures warn over and over concerning the Jews religion. To stay away from anyone who does not believe that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. To not give even so much as godspeed to one who does not believe that the Messiah came in the first century.

The U.S. states quote unquote government federally has taken a stand on the middle eastern Jew and has given untold billions of dollars of support to people who do not believe that Jesus was the Christ and through guilt by association those who have voluntarily allowed themselves to be U.S. quote unquote "citizens" have partaken in this national sin that has been continuing since at least 1948 but the reality is it was going on before then. Standing in the pulpits of American quote unquote "churches" the overwhelming majority of those men - and women - and lesbians and homosexuals - stand in solidarity with those people called Jews who do not believe that the Messiah has come.

Due to the influence of the convoluted, evolutionized theology indoctrinating most Americans today, very few people give much thought to the fact that the enemies of Christ and His Kingdom are supported with millions or billions of U.S. quote unquote tax dollars. Friends, our sins and our iniquities, have separated us from our God.

Thank God there is repentance available under the New Covenant for those who do not sin willfully.

As I just finished with that statement, I feel impressed to change gears yet again today and discuss the precepts we have been reminded of from Hebrews 6. As I said, this is not where I thought we would be going this morning, but turn with me quickly to Hebrews chapter 10 and let's just see where the Father leads us.

I feel that we need to talk about this because I can only hope and pray that the words that I have just preached have caused each of us to recognize our need for repentance. We are so woefully far from where we should be - individually and collectively in obeying our King. Some of it - in fact I have to say most of it - is simply because we don't know what to do. We want to repent. We want to obey, but we are in such dire straits of quagmire through generations of rebellion that we have been born into - we



don't even know where to go.

For some, there is forgiveness through repentance. For others, there is not. Let's examine today and see where each of us is situated in our own lives. I don't know where you are. Only you and God know where you are, what's in your heart.

Hebrews 10. I think we need to look at the entire chapter, so let's begin in verse 1.

[1] For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Let's briefly stop here for a second. What law is it talking about here? Very simple - the laws concerning sacrifices. The sacrifices that occurred in the Old Covenant world were merely a shadow of the good things to come - that being the final sacrifice of Himself offered by Jesus the Christ in the first century which did away with the sacrifices completely. Verse 2.

[2] For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

[3] But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

[4] For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

[5] Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

[6] In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

[7] Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

These verses agree with the Jeremiah 33 passage we discussed last week. The one where the "churchman" and the Jew said is yet to be fulfilled. Jeremiah 33:

[14] Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

[15] In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

[16] In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, Yahweh our righteousness.

[17] For thus saith Yahweh; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

[18] Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

And they are word for word references from Psalm 40:1-8.

[1] I waited patiently for Yahweh; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

[2] He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

[3] And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in Yahweh.

[4] Blessed is that man that maketh Yahweh his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

[5] Many, O Yahweh my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

[6] Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

[7] Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

[8] I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

It is beyond amazing that here we are in 2019 in America and we are back to the point we need to teach people that the sacrificial system in the Old Covenant World was brought to an end by Jesus, by Yeshua the Christ. But that's where we are, because of this convoluted, evolutionized theology developed by something called "church" and "churchmen" who want people to believe that a certain group of people who do not believe in Jesus the Christ as Messiah - that these people have somehow circumvented the Messiah and King - and have managed to retain the title of "God's Chosen People." In light of the overwhelmingly clear passages of Scripture that shout and scream - you are antichrist you are haters of God - you are liars and deceivers if you do not believe that Jesus Christ already came in the flesh.

If a man believes that the jews are God's chosen people, that a physical temple is supposed to rebuilt in Jerusalem - then deny however vehemently he wants to deny it - he still believes the jews religion and he is lost. He is in desperate need of repentance and a coming into the knowledge of the truth that Jesus, that Yeshua, the One Who came in the first century, was the Messiah - and is today the King of kings and Lord of lords. Hebrews 10, verse 8:

[8] Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

[9] Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

[10] By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Friends, this is Christianity 101. Do we believe what these verses are saying to us? He took away the first, so that He could establish the second. The offering of His body - the body of - make no mistake about this - Jesus Christ - Yeshua the Christ - the very same One Who was alive just prior to the writing and to the receiving of this book of Hebrews - this very Jesus the Christ - finished the sacrifices once and for all.

If you are listening to any preacher try to tell you that a physical temple is to rebuilt in Jerusalem and animal sacrifices will fulfill the plan of God according to Scripture - you better run as fast as you can and scream as loud as you can to alert others who may be listening to such abominations and cursings. Verse 11.

[11] And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

[12] But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

[13] From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

[14] For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Again I'm asking you to ask yourself if this Jesus, this Yeshua from the first century, is He the One sent from God as Messiah and subsequently crowned as King? Or do we look for another?

Nearly the entire realm of what is known as "church" is the friend of the quote unquote jew. The U.S. quote unquote government has thrown its full support in favor of the so-called jew. The "churchmen" and the jew are looking for a third temple wherein animal sacrifices can once occur take place - and they say this is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy - the plan of God. Of all the wickedness that has been done in quote "the name of the people of the United States" I'm not sure there is anything that can top this. Verse 15.

[15] Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

[16] This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith Yahweh, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

[17] And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

[18] Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

Here's the offer. Sure, it was to a specific people at a specific time and place - the first generation - but - the offer is generational. It's available for each and every generation. Each and every generation has the option to accept it or reject it. Sadly, I think the record is quite clear concerning our generation - at least from a collective standpoint. We are on a quest this morning to find out whether or not repentance is even available to us in this generation. I sure hope so. Verse 19.

[19] Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

[20] By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

I want to remind you again, we are clearly talking about the New Covenant offer here in Hebrews. We are seeing a description of the New Jerusalem, the heavenly Jerusalem. We've examined this at length from chapter 12. Revelation 21 is more descriptive language of the New Covenant World - the New Jerusalem - in which there is no need for a temple because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb of God are the temple. No more sacrifices - no more physical temple. Be so very careful around those who insist on rebuilding those fallen states. Verse 21.

[21] And having an high priest over the house of God;

[22] Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

[23] Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

[24] And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

[25] Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Lord willing, soon we will be expounding further into this principle of not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. This is not weekend social organizations. This is

assembling ourselves in ecclesias - called out Christian communities, civil body politics under the Laws, Statutes, Judgements, and Perfect Will of God for His people. Verse 26.

[26] For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

[27] But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

[28] He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

[29] Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Friends, I'm telling you this morning, those who are advocating for a future, physical temple. Those who are teaching a future coming of a messiah. Those who have rejected Jesus, Yeshua as the Christ, the Messiah and King - and those who support those who teach such things are generationally fulfilling Hebrews 10:28-29.

Focus with me a for a few minutes on verse 26. Let's discuss the phrase "sin wilfully."

When I was a young man engaged in the ministry of a so-called "church" - yes - I have told you many times that I was raised in quote unquote "church". I went to 2 different Bible colleges and worked in 2 different quote unquote "churches" then traveled several years as a singing ministry in the so-called quote unquote "church."

But in the first "church" where I was, I held the position of Music Director and High School Youth Pastor. In the Baptist quote unquote "church" it is taught that you get quote unquote "saved" one time. Then, when you become convicted of sin again, you don't get quote unquote "saved" again - you do what's called "rededicate your life."

As a side note, I'm afraid it might get annoying when I say quote unquote all the time, but I can't help it. As you know, I don't like saying the word "church" and I like less even sounding like I'm speaking their language. So, if that annoys you, please look over it. I just can't help it.

So, in the Baptist quote unquote "church" you get quote unquote "saved" once - because you know "once saved always saved" - then if you aren't quite sure you got it the first time - then you just rededicate yourself - but you don't have to get water baptised again because that would be embarrassing.

Another side note - when a man yields himself to the Gospel of the Kingdom of God - and has become fully immersed into Christ through the washing of water by the Word - you can rest assured that is truly is a one-time thing. You know it when you got it.

Back to the Baptists - and back to sin wilfully.

When I was the High School Youth Pastor, there was hardly a week go by where some precious young teenager would come into my office just heartbroken. Many times in tears - and though I tend to make fun of the Baptists - especially the quote unquote "preachers" I'll assure you right now - I'm not making fun of those teenagers that used to come to me in tears and in fears concerning the state of their souls.

More often than not, they were convicted and disturbed over this issue of sin wilfully. I want you to turn to I John chapter 3 and I want to show you the source of a lot of despair that these young people were going through. Let's begin in verse 1:

[1] Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

[2] Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Now you know that I can't read something like this and not make a big deal out of it. Who wrote this letter? John. One of Jesus' disciples. When did he write this? We do not know the exact date - but it is safe to simply say in the first century. And, we can say that it was written after Christ had ascended into heaven just prior to the day of Pentecost. Now, who was this written to? Unlike many other letters that state in the first verse of the first chapter, we don't find out who the recipient was until the 2nd chapter. "My little children," he says. How long does a letter take to reach it's recipients today? A couple days? A week? How long did it take back then? Days, weeks, months, maybe even years? I don't know. But I can tell you this without a shadow of a doubt - it didn't take thousands of years to get delivered. The people reading that letter were the ones living in the first century.

Now - right now - John says - They were the Sons of God. And they ALL knew that when he appeared - to them - they would be like Him and they would see Him as He is, revealed to them and the rest of the world as the King of kings and Lord of lords. Verse

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[3] And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

What does that mean? For them it was the hope that they would soon see Him again. And they did. For us, it means other things, but simply put it means that we are to constantly be working to put off the old man and the things of the old man - including the teachings of the Old World - and renew our minds with the things of the New World. Verse 4, now here we go.

[4] Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Again, now, what Law? It clearly cannot be the Laws regarding sacrifices because those Laws were absolutely, positively as easily seen as can be seen - done away with in Hebrews 6. Look, we don't serve a double-minded, confused, convoluted, evolutionized God. The Laws of Sacrifices are not for the New World. But the rest of His Laws are! It's really simple. If a Law, Statute, Commandment of God included a sacrifice - it's done. It's over. It's been put away. The first has been replaced with the second.

For those "churchmen" to constantly state that the Laws of God have been done away with - then they have to say - and they do - that the definitions of sin have been done away with. When they throw the Laws of God away, they throw away the definitions - so what then is left? Their laws, their statues, their judgements. Fatal, fatal flaws. And when presented with the truth that God's Laws have not been done away with - if they continue in their rebellious state - I believe - there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins. Verse 5.

[5] And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

He was manifested to take away our sin, if we violate the Laws of God and seek repentance and restitution for violating those Laws - which - for the true follower of Christ will not be all that often. Verse 6. Now watch this closely.

[6] Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

Uh oh. We have a big problem here. Did you sin today? Did you violate the Laws of God today? I hope not, but it is possible. Hopefully you didn't steal from someone, maybe you impure thoughts. Maybe you were envious of someone. Did you sin - did you violate the Laws of God yesterday or some other time this past week? If we are honest, we'd probably all admit to something. So if we take this verse of Scripture and lay it on the table all by itself, we've all got a pretty big problem. Continue with verse 7.

[7] Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

[8] He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

This is what used to tear up so many of the young people I dealt with early in my ministry. He that committeth sin is of the devil.

Did we sin today? Did we sin last week? Did we sin - did we transgress the Law of God at any time after we came into the Kingdom of God? If we are honest, we have to say yes. If we say no - then we committed our first transgressing of the Law of God by telling a lie.

The Baptist quote unquote "preacher" will sometimes teach that what this text is really saying is that the word "committeth" should really be "practices." And we should substitute the word "practices" where we see "committeth." Then, he that practices sin is of the devil.

That doesn't really work that well either. Because if we transgressed the Laws of God yesterday, or last week, or last month, and we sin again tomorrow, or next week or month - then a strong argument might be made that we still in this flesh and blood body - practice sinning. Verse 9.

[9] Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Now we have a huge problem because this verse doesn't really account for the practicing of sin. It's simply whosoever is born of God doth not commit transgression of the Law of God. Of course, when we understand that sin is the transgression of the Laws of God - and there really aren't all that many of them - it's not too difficult to keep from transgressing them, but nonetheless. One of the greatest followers of Christ



recorded in the book, had some transgressions against the Laws of God that a lot of us - in fact - almost all of us - would never do. And that's David. David did some pretty bad things - things that we have never done. Now, to those who use David as an example to excuse transgressing the Laws of God today - and many people do today - I say shame on you. The example of David's life is not an excuse to excuse sin. Verse 10.

**[10]** In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Here is what this means. And I said all that I said, to give us hope that there is forgiveness for the way we live today - because of what we have inherited from our fathers and their fathers - but which we have failed to turn around in own generation.

"He that practices sin is of the devil." Believe it or not, I will agree with the Baptist preacher on this point. However, the key to this understanding is found in the next small little phrase, "for the devil sinneth from the beginning."

Now, the purpose here is not to discover what the "devil" was in this message. So lay that aside. Whatever the devil was - I want to ask you this - because this we can absolutely agree on - what was the devil's sin from the beginning?

We've discussed it several times in recent previous messages. It was rebellion. Whatever the devil was - its sin from the beginning was rebellion.

Now let's see if I John 3:8 can become clearer. Watch this:

He that practices rebellion is of the devil. For the devil practiced rebellion from the beginning.

This in no way excuses us when we, as individuals, transgress the Laws of God. However, there is forgiveness for those transgressions when we fail the live up to the standards of God in our humanity. But when we transgress the Laws of God because of rebellion.

For if we rebel wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Why? Because the Messiah came. The Messiah spoke face to face, man to man, with

His creation and revealed the secret things to them so that they are now without excuse. And when we - individually or collectively - deny that the Messiah has come, listen,

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:  
[29] Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

I hope and pray that those listening to my preaching are not continuing to rebel against the Messiah and King - on an individual basis - and if so, I hope and pray for a change of mind and repentance. There is a door of opportunity to receive repentance - even for the continual practice of rebellion. There's a way out and if the continual practice of rebellion has been done because of ignorance - there is forgiveness available.

Paul faced this and dealt with it in Acts 3 beginning in verse 12. This is Peter once again preaching, I believe, the day after Pentecost.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wot - w o t means, I perceived, it seems like - I perceive and when you understand the full context of what is said here and throughout the rest of the preaching of the Gospel - I truly hope that it was through ignorance that you did this - and today - I truly hope that it has been through ignorance - through a lack of understanding what the true

Gospel of the Kingdom is - that we have done the things we have done. Peter provides the remedy. Friends, however, this remedy did not last long. This offer of repentance that Peter was giving these people that day - was not open ended. For soon, those that did not take this offer to turn from their rebellion of the King - and chose to stay in the practice of rebellion - would literally be destroyed from the face of the earth to the point where they fulfilled the prophesy that Great Tribulation came upon them such as that which the world had never seen before. Verse 18,

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

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

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

I hope you caught that. There's another clear reference to the return of Christ to those people in the first generation. Verse 21,

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

Ignorance - for a very short time - appears to be an excuse. However, once this message was preached in Acts 3 - ignorance - for that generation - is no longer an excuse.

Today, in this generation, the truth concerning Who Jesus was - the Messiah - the King - is being preached. Ignorance is not an excuse. The door is open for repentance. Will we walk through the door and take this free gift being offered to us? Or will we continue to do things our way? Jesus didn't fulfill the prophecies. We will rebuild a temple. We will reinstitute animal sacrifice. We will continue to take it upon ourselves to determine right and wrong, good and evil. Our laws, our treaties, our statues - shall be the supreme law of the land.