

Message# 283_4-14-2024 - "Baptisma in the Name of..."

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

I want to remind you again that this coming "SaturnsDay" on the 20th, we are having an informal gathering of sorts here in our area. Doug and Mindy are coming from California on their way back to Michigan and we wanted to have some time with them - and we thought it might be a nice time for them to meet some of you as well. If you want to be a part of this time, please let Teresa know. If you do not have Teresa's contact information, just email me at charlie@godsendusmen.com and I'll have her contact you.

"SaturnsDay". Let me revisit this again for just a minute. I will admit to you right away that it is as concerning to me to say the words "Saturn's Day" as it is to say the word "Saturday." It bothers me. It isn't right. It is a violation of the Law of God to say either one of those words. I do so only for the purpose - to try to wake people up - of trying to tell people that we live in a world that not only does not keep the very few Laws of God - but doesn't even know what they are - and doesn't care one bit whether the Laws of God matter or not. Which means this. If people don't care anything about the Laws of God - then they simply do not care for God Himself. To me, it's that simple. Turn to Exodus chapter 23 for just a minute. Let's begin with verse 12.

[12] Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

As we all know, or I would think that would be the case, there is a lot of disagreement among true Christians - and in the "church" world - which again - is not Christian - in the sense of a Christian being someone that has taken up a cross - as Jesus taught - and following Him - concerning the Sabbath.

I have - for many years - dealt with people who have asked me about a "Saturday Sabbath" or a "Sunday Sabbath." I have spoken about the billboards that we see along the highways around here that are put up by the Seventh Day Adventists - that say "Saturday is the Sabbath." Fussing and fighting about which 24 hour period people are supposed to structure their lives around - all the while forgetting the Words of Jesus

which say, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man was made for the Sabbath." But, that's neither here nor there for what I'm talking about. I have been thrown to the dogs because I claim neither a Day 6 Sabbath, a Day 7 Sabbath, or a Day 1 Sabbath, or - as I have said for many years now - if a man believes he is bound to a 24 hour period of time "Sabbath" - the stronger Biblical argument is for that Day to be determined by the moon, which could fall on any of the days of the week. I don't think that's a very difficult thing to argue from the Bible. But because I believe the 24 hour time period and its several variations in the Law - were there to point to the eternal, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - not just 24 hours - non-stop rest in Jesus Christ - the same people that throw me to the dogs - will use the words "Saturday Sabbath" or "Sunday Sabbath."

And I just sit there and shake my head in total bewilderment to their condemnations. Look at verse 13 - the verse that comes immediately after verse 12.

[13] And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

In the U.S. and around most of the world - each day of the week is named after a pagan god - that mostly had its origins in Rome - and, if you can believe history - it was around the time where of the first century where the One we claim as Lord - the One Who is Supreme in Authority - was executed by the state. This is easy to find information.

Quote:

Saturday is the day of the week between Friday and Sunday. No later than the 2nd century, the Romans named Saturday diēs Sāturnī ("Saturn's Day") for the planet Saturn, which controlled the first hour of that day, according to Vettius Valens.[1][2] The day's name was introduced into West Germanic languages and is recorded in the Low German languages such as Middle Low German satersdach, saterdach, Middle Dutch saterdag (Modern Dutch zaterdag), and Old English Sæternesdæg, Sæterndæg or Sæterdæg.[3]

Stop there for a minute. Did God give man the Authority to name the stars? Unless my memory fails me, I do not believe there was a prohibition in the Law that God said, "Thou shalt not name the stars." Clearly, God gave Adam - and I believe it is perfectly fine to substitute the word Adam - for the word man - as in, God gave man the authority to name the animals. Then, we find names of rivers. God did not prohibit Adam from putting a name - a descriptive word or title - to animals and rivers, etc. I do

not believe - again - unless my memory fails me - and I have just forgotten such a passage - but I do not believe God said, “Thou shalt not put a name to a star. Or a planet, as in the stars that God created for the purpose of telling times, years, etc. But here's the problem. This is when the naming of things becomes a problem. Continuing with my quote (quoting this website):

Between the 1st and 3rd centuries AD, the Roman Empire gradually replaced the eight-day Roman nundinal cycle with the seven-day week. The astrological order of the days was explained by Vettius Valens and Dio Cassius (and Chaucer gave the same explanation in his Treatise on the Astrolabe). According to these authors, it was a principle of astrology that the heavenly bodies presided, in succession, over the hours of the day.

Listen now.

The association of the weekdays with the respective deities is thus indirect, the days are named for the planets, which were in turn named for the deities.

The Germanic peoples adapted the system introduced by the Romans but glossed their indigenous gods over the Roman deities in a process known as interpretatio germanica. In the case of Saturday, however, the Roman name was borrowed directly by West Germanic peoples, apparently because none of the Germanic gods was considered to be a counterpart of the Roman god Saturn. Otherwise Old Norse and Old High German did not borrow the name of the Roman god (Icelandic laugardagur, German Samstag).

The calendar that most people use today comes from the pagan Romans - the ones who murdered Jesus Christ as a result of a conspiracy with the jews. The days of their week are named according to some of their pagan gods. And while so many Christians and “churchians” are fighting about which 24 hour period of time they are going to devote to lip-service to the One True God - they have apparently decided that verse 13 has no value whatsoever.

[13] And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

It pains me deeply to say the word “Saturday” - because I know that that's just the deceptive way the English have passed on their blatant violations of the Law of God concerning not even making mention of the names of other gods. So, even though saying “Saturn's Day” is technically more grievous - it's a way of trying to make people

think. The world that men have created for themselves - the world in which we all live today - is a world that doesn't even care about what seems to be the slightest of God's Laws - an insignificant one seemingly - even to the point where in condemning one another over a 24 hour "Sabbath" - they'll make their arguments based on a "Saturday Sabbath" or a "Sunday Sabbath." And in doing so, watch this now, turn to Matthew 23, begin with verse 23:

[23] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

[24] Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

What is Jesus saying?

When we understand that Jesus' ministry was about telling people how to live. He wasn't in the ministry to lead people in the weekly announcements concerning the temple. He wasn't in the ministry of leading the Adult Bible Class or leading the choir or the praise band. His ministry was about telling people how they were supposed to live. The scribes, they were the lawyers. The Pharisees - they were the "ruling class." He was telling them how they were supposed to be living - and because they weren't living right - He called them hypocrites, blind guides, and other times much worse things than that. They strained at gnats. What does that mean?

It means they made it "against the law" to hang an air freshener from your rear view mirror. It means they made millions of "laws" that made things "illegal" when those actions harmed no one - hurt no man - hurt no animal - hurt no property. It means they'll move heaven and earth to hunt down a man who refuses to carry a piece of plastic in his billfold that has certain words and numbers that they have demanded - they'll use up resources to jail someone who won't put a piece of metal on their car with the letters and numbers they approve of - while omitting the weightier matters of law, judgment, mercy, and faith.

That's what this means. Straining at gnats.

Who cares whether a man believes he should only be a Citizen of the Commonwealth of Israel? It doesn't matter. It shouldn't matter. As long as that man is not violating the few Laws of God - that man should be praised - instead of being condemned. Men are

supposed to be focused on the weightier matters of law, judgment, mercy and faith. "these ought we to be doing." Thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not commit perjury, and just a few other things that God has defined.

Instead, just like today, the modern day scribes and Pharisees and chief priests masquerading as "churchian pastors" are for more focused on all the little gnats they've created with their millions and millions of "laws, statutes and ordinances." The message of Jesus Christ is the same today as it was back then. If He had been born into today's world - His outcome would very well end up the same as it was when He was literally born into the world in the first century.

Today, men and women boys and girls - at best - mostly just give lip-service to the God of the Bible and His Son, Jesus the Christ. They are not at all interested in the way Jesus said we are to live. Continue with verse 25.

[25] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

[26] Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

[27] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

Just listen to the way they talk. Every other word is a vile filthy word that shouldn't be spoken. That's because on the inside they are filthy.

[28] Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

[29] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

[30] And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

The same is the exact same way today. "We didn't kill Jesus. We would have never killed Jesus." Oh yes you would have. As soon as you realized that Jesus Christ demanded sole obedience to His Father's Laws - you would have determined that that Jesus was an impostor. "That isn't the Jesus we learned about in our 501(c)(3) government

“churches.” Of course not. Jesus did not create the 501(c)(3) government created and owned businesses that call themselves “churches.” Jesus Christ condemned that whole system over and over. And you didn't learn about that Jesus in Sunday “S-u-n” day school.

In S-U-Nday school, you learned about a Jesus that told people to forsake His Father's Laws. You learned about a Jesus that told people they were to obey the Caesar's. They learned about a Jesus that said, “My Father said that you were not to make graven images to yourselves, you weren't to bow yourselves down to them or serve them. But I'm here to tell you - that my Father was wrong about that. Someone give me a coin. Whose inscription is graven into this coin in violation of the clear Laws of God? Caesar? Ok. Then go on and serve Caesar.” See, that's what Jesus was really saying.

For hundreds of years, the Israelites were commanded to obey only the Laws of God. They weren't supposed to obey the statutes of the heathen. They weren't even supposed to say the names of other gods - Elohim- rulers, judges, magistrates. Then, God sent His Only Begotten Son to this earth - to die an excruciating, beyond description, tortuous death - and to free the people from God's Laws and Statutes so that they were now commanded to obey the laws of the Caesars - who were some of the most God-forsaken, wicked, evil men that ever lived. It's funny how that has become the “church's” understanding of Who Jesus was.

Yet, according to the history books - if we can even dare to trust them. Listen to this. This is from an article called Persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire. Which, really, again, is just an amazement because the “church's Jesus” came to tell his followers to be obedient, flag-waving Romans and servants of Caesar. Quote:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persecution_of_Christians_in_the_Roman_Empire

A. N. Sherwin-White records that serious discussion of the reasons for Roman persecution of Christians began in 1890 when it produced "20 years of controversy" and three main opinions: first, there was the theory held by most French and Belgian scholars that "there was a general enactment, precisely formulated and valid for the whole empire, which forbade the practice of the Christian religion. The origin of this is most commonly attributed to Nero, but sometimes to Domitian".[15]: 199 This has evolved into a 'common law' theory which gives great weight to Tertullian's description of prosecution resulting from the 'accusation of the Name', as being Nero's plan. Nero had an older resolution forbidding the introduction of new religions, but the application

to Christians is seen as coming from the much older Republican principle that it was a capital offense to introduce a new superstition without the authorization of the Roman state. Sherwin-White adds that this theory might explain persecution in Rome, but it fails to explain it in the provinces.[15]: 202 For that, a second theory is needed.

The second theory, which originated with German scholars, and is the best-known theory to English readers, is that of coercion (curtailment). It holds that Christians were punished by Roman governors through the ordinary use of their power to keep order because Christians had introduced "an alien cult which induced 'national apostasy', [and] the abandonment of the traditional Roman religion.

Others substituted for this a general aversion to the established order and disobedience to constituted authority. [My emphasis added]

Now wait just a minute. That can't be correct. There is no way that Christians - followers of Jesus Christ - the Jesus Christ from SUNday - S-U-N day school had a *general aversion to the established order and disobedience to constituted authority*.

Yes they did! This is absolutely 100% correct. Whether it can be proven historically or not. It can be proven Biblically - when the Bible is read from the proper perspective - that being - Fear God and keep His Commandments is the whole duty of man. When we understand that this is the entire purpose of Creation, this is the whole reason man was created to begin with - when we understand this - then it is easy to believe that first century Christians were persecuted because they had a *general aversion to the established order and disobedience to constituted authority*. "Established" being understood as the prevailing "government" controlling the minds of the people at any given time. And specifically here, Rome. Christians had a *general aversion to the established order and [they were] disobedi[n]t to [the] constituted authority [of Rome]*.

When men and women, boys and girls submit themselves to following the exclusive Authority of Jesus Christ - as in "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth - now go fully immerse everyone else into that belief" - the little g "governments" of men will consider that as a *general aversion to the established order and disobedience to constituted authority*.

You can't obey God and men at the same time. It doesn't work. Men won't allow it to work. And all through the Scripture there is example after example of Godly men

submitting to God and being persecuted by other men. This isn't the fault of God. It's the fault of men. When men believe they have the power to define good and evil - their definitions are always - always - going to run afoul of the definitions of good and evil as defined by God. Why?

The heart [of man] is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Why is it that way? Because God created man that way so that man would always be in need of a Saviour. Man needs God. Man needs God to define good and evil and man needs to accept those definitions and do all he can do to conform his life to those definitions. "Charlie, there you go talking about sinless perfection again." No, I'm not. Let me ask you something. Should we not be seeking sinless perfection? Do you know that I pray - almost daily - "Lord, will you please make me perfect. Lord, please make me, control me, make me live perfect." Is there something wrong with that? I know I'm certainly not capable of perfection. But is there something wrong with striving for it? I can't believe that someone would condemn a prayer such as that one. "I know I'm not perfect - but Lord, please help me. Will you make me perfect. Will you make me holy? What could be wrong with such a prayer?"

It's sure better than, "Well, I know I'm not perfect, so I'll just give up and never try." And I believe that's what most people do. "There's just no way I can live without doing things the world demands, so, I just won't even try."

I've had people - for more than 40 years now - tell me that since I cannot figure how to live to total perfection - that I just should give up. That's ridiculous. I'll never give up. I'll never stop trying to live the way the Bible teaches - "The whole duty of man is to Fear God and keep His commandments."

That Book absolutely teaches that Christians are to have *a general aversion to the established order and disobedience to constituted authority* when that established order and constituted authority is men's little g "governments" and their millions of laws, statutes and ordinances. The article continues:

All of [this] school seem to envisage the procedure as a direct police action, or inquisition against notable malefactors, arrest, and punishment, without the ordinary forms of trial".[15]: 199

That's what pertained to Christians, this man is saying. It was funny - as is in ironic - and humorous - how that when they were trying to get rid of me for following Jesus Christ - when it came to their own "rules and procedures" - they didn't care one bit for following those "rules." They violated their own "laws" so many times in their pursuit of me it was just amazing. It was a sham from the start - I can't say completely to the finish - because finally - after almost 5 years - I did have one of their "judges" that actually had a conscience and ultimately recognized what those men had been doing to me for all those years. But mostly, what they did was *a direct police action, or inquisition against notable malefactors* (which I'm certainly not notable), *arrest, and punishment, without the ordinary forms of trial.*

Nothing has changed. The article continues:

A third school asserted that Christians were prosecuted for specific criminal offenses such as child murder, incest, magic, illegal assembly, and treason – a charge based on their refusal to worship the divinity of the Roman emperor.

When I first read that, I was taken back some what. I wondered how Christians would have been accused of child murder - the incest and magic - that just seemed totally contrived - the "illegal assembly and the treason" - sure - I get that completely - but child murder? That seems odd. Then, a thought hit me. I don't believe this is the answer - I'm not saying this is the answer as to why first century Christians may have been accused of child murder. That just seems totally unreal to me. But listen to this. Today, our generation. And I have put the link in the notes. You might want to read the whole article. This author doesn't seem to be advocating for charging parents with murder for not vaccinating their children - but - listen to this paragraph:

<https://shotofprevention.com/2014/02/25/rights-of-the-unvaccinated-child-criminal-law/>

To the best of my knowledge, no parent has been prosecuted for the death of a non-vaccinated child from a vaccine preventable disease. There are, however, cases where parents were prosecuted for failure to provide medical aid to a sick child. The question is, can we extend these cases to apply to a situation in which the child dies as a result of being unvaccinated – and should we?

The starting point is that parents have a duty to provide medical aid to their children. In some states, courts find such a duty in child neglect and abuse statutes (e.g. Faunteroy

v. U. S., 413 A.2d 1294 (D.C. 1980)). In others, courts create it. This is referred to as a common law duty (See, for example, Com. v. Twitchell, 416 Mass. 114 (1993)). That duty can include providing the child with appropriate medication or taking the child to a doctor in appropriate circumstances. If a parent violates that duty and a child dies, a parent may be prosecuted under a manslaughter or homicide statute, depending on the circumstances.

I'll tell you right now, if I had had young children at home during the Covid fiasco, I'll guarantee you they would not have taken that jab. Just like all the other jabs they never received, they wouldn't have gotten that one, either. Why? Because we are Christians. And Christians would never allow themselves to have that garbage put into their bodies - their temples that belong to God. But there was such mania and hysteria during that time - there's no telling what they might have done to someone who refused those jabs and then had a child die under circumstances they falsely called Covid. Who knows? They're crazy.

But even still, forget the jab, there are plenty of stories out there where people claimed to be Christians - and did not take their sick children to the medical world - and the child died - as happens from time to time EVEN IN THEIR HOSPITALS - and the parents were charged with one of the dozens of types of murders they have defined in their law dictionaries. Well, anyone that might know of a reason that Sherwin-White said this back in the 1890s, it would be interesting to know what he might. There is no possible reason why a true Christian would be accused of child murder - unless it was made up.

Sherwin-White says "this third opinion has usually been combined with the coercion theory, but some scholars have attributed all Christian persecution to a single criminal charge, notably treason, or illegal assembly, or the introduction of an alien cult".[15]:

Someone needs to remind me to go back and revisit this illegal assembly thing. I don't have time this morning - but I need to go back to it.

199 In spite of the fact that malicious rumors did exist, this theory has been the least verified of the three by later scholarship.[15]: 202

Social and religious causes[edit]

Martyrdom of Calepodius (intaglio print)

Ideological conflict[edit]

Joseph Plescia says persecution was caused by an ideological conflict.[16]: 120 Caesar was seen as divine.

Men's "governments" today are seen as divine. God instituted. God ordained.

[17] Christians could accept only one divinity, and it wasn't Caesar.[18]: 23 [19]: 60

Cairns describes the ideological conflict as: "The exclusive sovereignty of Christ clashed with Caesar's claims to his own exclusive sovereignty." [20]: 87

In this clash of ideologies, "the ordinary Christian lived under a constant threat of denunciation and the possibility of arraignment on capital charges". [21]: 316 [22]

Joseph Bryant asserts it was not easy for Christians to hide their religion and pretend to Romaness either, since renunciation of the world was an aspect of their faith that demanded "numerous departures from conventional norms and pursuits".

My how times have in fact changed. Today, it's been a seamless transformation for churchians to Romaness - or U.S. "ess" their religion. For some who may not understand what I just said. "Romaness" - r-o-m-a-n-e-s-s the author means to take on the appearance of. To be a perfectly obedient "Christian" and a perfectly obedient Roman - at the same time. It took a complete unraveling of the Bible. It took a complete rewrite - and without even changing many words - for the modern churchman to take the Words of Jesus - as in "Render unto Caesar" - in which meant - beyond any shadow of a doubt - "Don't you dare pay taxes to Caesar" - that's what Jesus said - to this - "God commands that you pay taxes to Caesar, or anyone else that makes up a tax and says you are supposed to pay it." It takes a complete unraveling of the Word of God for people to come to that conclusion. And that is exactly what "church" has done. "Church" has Romanized, "church" has Americanessed a religion.

*And, since the Bible clearly commands *renunciation of the world as an aspect of the faith once delivered to the saints that was demanded, modern religion has created "numerous departures from conventional norms and pursuits".**

Speaking there of true Christianity. Today because of Romanized churchianity - no longer is it required of a Christian to take up a cross and follow Jesus Christ - but instead - churchian success is measured by how patriotic someone is and how much money they've made by being a successful citizen of the world.

The two crosses that the Bible mainly speaks of - the cross of Jesus Christ - and the cross He commanded His followers to take up - are nothing but symbols of fairytale songs written by churchian song-writers who know nothing of what those crosses meant in Bible times and what they are supposed to mean today. As we read what Christian persecution really meant in the first century - we see that the cross was the

symbol of the death penalty in Rome. It was for those charged with committing capital offenses - such as treason.

If we let Him thus alone, all men will believe on Him and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.

We found this fellow perverting the nation -

diastrephō - to plot against, to corrupt, to turn aside from.

We found this fellow [diastrepho] perverting the nation and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ a King.

The article concerning Christian persecution in Rome continues.

The Christian had exacting moral standards that included avoiding contact with those that still lay in bondage to 'the Evil One (2 Corinthians 6:1-18; 1 John 2: 15-18; Revelation 18: 4 (Come out from among them and be separate); II Clement 6; Epistle of Barnabas, 1920).[23] Life as a Christian required daily courage, "with the radical choice of Christ or the world being forced upon the believer in countless ways".[21]: 316 "Christian attendance at civic festivals, athletic games, and theatrical performances were fraught with danger, since in addition to the 'sinful frenzy' and 'debauchery' aroused, each was held in honor of pagan deities. Various occupations and careers were regarded as inconsistent with Christian principles, most notably military service and public office, the manufacturing of idols, and of course all pursuits which affirmed polytheistic culture, such as music, acting, and school-teaching (cf. Hippolytus, Apostolic Tradition 16). Even the wearing of jewelry and fine apparel was judged harshly by Christian moralists and ecclesiastical officials, as was the use of cosmetics and perfumes".[21]: 316

In Rome, citizens were expected to demonstrate their loyalty to Rome by participating in the rites of the state religion which had numerous feast days, processions and offerings throughout the year.[24]: 84–90 [25] Christians simply could not, and so they were seen as belonging to an illicit religion that was anti-social and subversive.[20]: 87 [19]: 60

This article should have been titled, “The Forgotten Persecution of the Christians in the Roman Empire.” Or maybe it should have been titled, “The Purposely Hidden Persecution of the Christians in the Roman Empire.”

Articles such as this one - and there have been countless articles written like this - that speak of the horrific sins committed by the Caesars during the first century. And for grown men who can read and write and should have the ability to reason - for them to conclude that Jesus was demanding that His followers submit to Rome - is just crazy. I didn't believe that nonsense as a child - and I certainly do not believe it today. It doesn't even have a shred of Biblical believability to it.

Back to Matthew 23:31. Jesus speaking to the scribes - the lawyers - and the Pharisees in Jerusalem...

[31] Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

“No. You would not have acted any differently than your ancestors did. You would have done exactly the same things they did - because your heart believes and your bodies function according to the exact same spirit of disobedience.” Keep your finger here and turn back to Mark chapter 7. Begin in verse 1:

[1] Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

Once again, the scribes and the Pharisees. These were the lawyers and the “ruling class.” Jesus was not sitting around a table eating donuts and drinking coffee and talking about the NFL. Jesus was telling the people of His day - you are not living the way God said to live. Jesus did not play “church.” It was about life. It was about the way people live. And Jesus said you aren't living the way God said to live.

[2] And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands [oh my] , they found fault.

[3] For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

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

And again. What is the Greek word for wash - except they wash? What is that Greek word? It's baptidzo. "But I thought baptize was a church water ritual."

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

Everytime we hear the sound bapto - it does not mean a church water ritual. The word it correctly translated as wash when it was related to something to do with physical H2O water - which is clearly the case here in Mark 7:4. When it is not speaking of physical H2O water - it means to overwhelm. As in - take up the cross and follow Me - even it means losing your life - means that someone is being overwhelmed by the Authority of Jesus Christ in their life. It means understanding that Jesus Christ has All Power, All Authority in Heaven and in earth - and we are to live our lives according to this understanding. It is being overwhelmed, totally consumed by, totally immersed in the Authority of Jesus Christ - and it has nothing whatsoever to do with physical H2O water.

And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.

The washing of cups...the washing of cups...the washing of cups....

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[5] Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?
[6] He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

[7] Howbeit in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

This isn't just talking about their false doctrines of "baptisms." This is all-encompassing. It's a lot more. It's teaching people that the commandments of men are how people are supposed to live. Jesus is just giving one example here. This is not limited to the false doctrines of men's teachings on the sound of and the derivatives of bapto.

Today, we live in a world filled by the commandments of men. And, what's even worse than that, is when men tell others that this is doctrine. God commands that men obey the commandments of other men. How passages like this one can be read, and then men who supposedly have all their brains - can come away from the Bible with the understanding that Jesus was commanding obedience to men's "laws, statutes and ordinances" can only be defined as insanity.

Howbeit in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

[8] For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

What's the Greek word here? The washing of pots and cups? It's baptisimos. "But I thought baptism was a church water ritual."

Every time we hear the sound bapto - it does not mean a church water ritual. The word is correctly translated when we see the word wash - when it was related to something to do with physical H₂O water - which is clearly the case here in Mark 7:4. When it is not speaking of physical H₂O water - it means to overwhelm. As in - take up the cross and follow Me - means that someone is being overwhelmed by the Authority of Jesus Christ in their life. They're captivated. They are overwhelmed by His Authority. It means understanding that Jesus Christ has All Power, All Authority in Heaven and in earth - and we are to live our lives according to this understanding. It is being overwhelmed, totally consumed by, totally immersed in the Authority of Jesus Christ - and it has nothing whatsoever to do with physical H₂O water.

I think one of the biggest hangups that people have is that they don't understand that it's not so much the letter of the Laws that Jesus was trying to get people to understand. The Law of God was shown in the Old Covenant so that people could

understand the Will of God. The Mind of God. It's the principles. The principles are things that teach us how we are supposed to live. Jesus isn't just talking about how people have completely misunderstood the Greek words baptidzo and baptismos - as if they only have religious meaning. Jesus is not limiting His teaching here to things only of a spiritual nature. He's telling people how God expects them to live in every area of life. Not just washing - baptidzo your hands before you eat. That is ridiculously shallow to limit the teachings of Christ to "cleanliness is next to Godliness." It's about life. Life in totality. Verse 9:

[9] And He said unto them, Full well - full well

It's not limited to a couple things. It's the full thing. It's all of it. Filled up. It is all encompassing.

Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

[10] For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

[11] But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

[12] And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

[13] Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

I've spoken of this often. This is modern-day social security. This is the modern-day social security system. It doesn't take much research to find out what this was. It was a general fund that they had created for themselves - and when people paid into that general fund - then their "laws, statutes and ordinances" that they had created for themselves - said - "According to our law, now, you are no longer obligated to take care of your parents when they are too old to take care of themselves."

And Jesus said, "When you do this, you make God's Word of no effect in your lives."

Then the Romanized churchianity, the Americaness churchianity comes along and says - and this is interesting. I just thought about this. They teach that Jesus unraveled the Laws of God. "We're not obeying the Laws of God, anymore, they've been done away with." Then, they take this and say that Jesus wasn't really condemning systems like social security. So, they've said Jesus unraveled the Laws of God, did away with them,

now, they take the Words of Jesus and unravel them - and do away with them. Amazing how that works. Christians are not to be involved in schemes like social security. Not because Charlie Steward said so - but because Jesus Christ said so.

Those of you out there - and I have reason to believe they may be trying to build something else about me right now - you think you can silence Charlie Steward by doing whatever you think you have planned - your perceived battle is not against the words of Charlie Steward. Your declaration of war is against Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the One that God said had "All Power, All Authority in heaven and in earth". I'm just the messenger. I'm just the one who is trying to tell people that their Romanized, Americanized, Americaness "churchianity" is not of God - has never been of God - and it not only does not teach truth - it doesn't even know what the truth is.

I'm not going to stop preaching the truth. They tried to stop me a few years ago and they failed - and if they try again - they are going to fail again. Truth is truth. It's way past time that the world hear the truth and I'm going to preach it and preach it as hard as I can - and live it - and live it as best that I can - and I'm trying to get as many people as I can to believe it, embrace it, and live it. Finish now with Matthew 23:32.

[32] Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

[33] Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

[34] Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

Do the same thing today. Just ask Jeff, when they take him from city to city to city and throw him in their stinking jails because he's a follower of Jesus Christ.

[35] That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

Funny. I said all of that because I was trying to tell you that we are going to have a get-together - 6 days from now - I didn't want to say S-a-t- day - but because we are so far from where we are supposed to be - that was the only way I could tell you what day we were meeting. On the 20th - coming up this week. If you want to be a part of this, let us now.

Now, turn to Matthew chapter 28, please, verse 1. It is such a shame that today, we live in a time where we can study the life of Jesus Christ. We can study His ministry, His teachings, the things that were said about Him, by others who walked side-by-side with Him - and we can come away with the conclusion that everything that Jesus stood for - ultimately resulted in the understanding that Jesus was implementing a new “church water ritual.? That Jesus took what John the Washer was doing - whatever that was - and just made it His Own - and it was a requirement that all men, women boys and girls that look to Jesus as their Saviour and Lord - find fulfillment in a church water ritual - as opposed to what the real meaning was - and that is - that Jesus was given “All Power, All Authority in Heaven and earth - and people are to immerse themselves”, overwhelm themselves with this understanding - and take up a cross - because that is exactly what you will find yourself doing when you embrace the exclusive Authority of Jesus Christ.

When you realize that your reason for existence. Your movement. Your whole being is found in the exclusive Authority of Jesus Christ - and no other - I'll assure you - you will understand the meaning of take up the cross and follow Me.

Men's little g “governments” despise anyone who would dare question their “authority.” Anyone who would dare teach and preach and live, Another King, One Jesus - aside from the Americaness teaching of what that means - will be declared enemy #1. Be on the lookout - for these crazy, mentally deranged people who believe that they are to live only by the Laws, Statutes and Ordinances of their God.

Verse 1, Matthew 28:

[1] In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

[2] And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

[3] His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

[4] And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

[5] And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

[6] He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

[7] And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told

you.

[8] And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

[9] And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail.

That's what's said in the presence of a King!

And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

[10] Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

[11] Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

[12] And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

[13] Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

[14] And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

[15] So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

[16] Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

[17] And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

[18] And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

[19] Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

[20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.