

So you want to be baptized?

We will start with a short history, the very basics one needs to understand man's or woman's requirements for God to be pleased with them.

Read Genesis Chapter 1, 2 & 3. This should be read a couple times. Also read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Then read 1 John. I should say read the whole Bible, but I will point out specific places to read for now and let concentrate on those.

What we find here is that God did indeed create the world and in 6 days. We find that God's day is from sunset to sunset.

We find that on the 7th day God rested from all His works and blessed and sanctified the seventh day. This is why we rest on the 7th Day Sabbath, because it is God's Sabbath, He created for US!

Here we also find that Adam had only one commandment to keep, he was not to eat of the tree of knowledge. Before he disobeyed, he was naked and knew it not, he had no house, no clothes, no car, did not even have to work. This was the way God had intended for us to live.

Adam was told if he ate from the tree of knowledge he would die. Satan came and told the BIG lie that is still in the world today, he said eat you will not really die. Well Eve listened to the devil and disobeyed and then brought the fruit to Adam and he disobeyed and ate, and the world we see and live in is the result of that disobedience, we all die, we have to work, have houses, car, clothes, etc. Man knows good and evil and chooses to do evil to each other. We are in deep trouble now because what God said was true, that if you eat of it you will surely die, satan did lie. When God said to Adam if you eat of the tree of knowledge you shall surely die, He was speaking of spiritual death as well and physical death. The moment Adam disobeyed he lost eternal life, he lost the right to eat of the tree of life. This is why God put a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. This is all in Gen 1-3.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

So now here we are, we drink, we hate, we curse, we commit adultery, fornication, steal, lie, the list goes on and on, our hearts are desperately wicked. What do we do? How do we save our lives? Then we ask do we really want to save our lives? We know we will die, see it every day, what we do not see is the spiritual death that come with the physical death.

Now that man knew good and evil, and it was found that his/her heart was desperately wicked what was God to do? Here entered in 2 things, God's law to convince us of sin. Jesus Christ as

the remedy for our sin.

Romans 7:13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

God spoke his law the 10 Commandments from the mount for all men/women to hear. Read Exodus 20, then just so you will never be confused by all the different beliefs in the world read Deuteronomy 4 & 5 and KNOW these are all there is. The other Law of Moses was added because the people of Israel would not obey His 10 Cs, but we can go into that some other time, it is not important for our salvation. <http://realtruth.net/TwoLaws1.html>

Deuteronomy 4:12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only *ye heard* a voice.

13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, **even ten commandments**; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

Deuteronomy 5:22 These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he **added no more**. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

This we have to know, we have to believe that what God says, He means and it is true. He told Adam if he ate of the tree he would die and he did, for 2 reasons, he lost the right to the tree of life, but the most important one that we must understand was because he sinned, he disobeyed God.

Ezekiel 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: **the soul that sinneth, it shall die.**

Ezekiel 18:20 **The soul that sinneth, it shall die.** The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father

bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Why was his eating of the tree a sin? Because that is our WHOLE duty as men and women, we are to obey. Adam only had one commandment to keep and he broke it and as said before, look at us now.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**

We have read Gen 1-3, Ex 20 and a few other verses and find we have to obey God and keep the 10 Commandments. Now here comes the **get real** part. God has given us all a freewill to do whatever we want, really whatever we want, WE, EACH one of us has to make a choice. We do it every day, we choose to get up, we choose to drink or not to drink, we choose how we treat our kids, in everything we chose, we have a choice. Again here comes the get real part, how real do you want to get? Do you want to get real enough to choose God and choose obedience to Him about all else, above your children, your parents, your sex, your husband, your wife? Do you choose Him over your very life? Do you choose Him even if it meant death to obey Him?

If we make that choice and we let the Law (10 Cs) convert our souls, that means we say it is true and we want to obey, we do not want to turn back.

Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, **converting the soul**: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

We now find ourselves as Paul did here in Romans, before the Law came to us we were free willy nilly, but when the Law converted our souls, we found ourselves dead, because even when we want to do the good we cannot, we are wicked, controlled by the evil that is inside of us.

Romans 7: 9 **For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.**

10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

12 **Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.**

13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; **that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.**

14 ¶ For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 **For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.**

16 **If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.**

17 **Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.**

18 **For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.**

19 **For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.**

20 **Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.**

21 **I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.**

22 **For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:**

So what do we do now? How do we get out of this horrible mess?

Romans 7: 24 **O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**

Here is the GOOD news....

Romans 7:25 **I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.** So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 8:1 ¶ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Jesus came to save us and free us from this bondage to sin. Jesus condemned sin in our flesh, He won the war, we can live the life of obedience we choose, we no longer will do that which we would not, we can do that which we want to.

So how do we get this freedom, how do we get the power to do this? We get it and do it exactly the same way our Lord Jesus Christ did it, no different, see he was exactly as we are, and he overcame exactly as we can. He went through exactly what we are going through.

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; **but was in all points tempted like as we are**, yet without sin.

Now again what do we do? Read Act 2

Acts 2: 37 ¶ Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

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

This is the pure, simple plain truth summed up in a very short letter. We need to read and keep reading the Holy Bible, the King James Version no other. We need to commit to and become subject to the Law of God, we need to put our faith in Jesus Christ for our forgiveness of our sins past.

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

We need to put ALL of our trust and faith in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus. We have to know and believe that Jesus IS the SON of God.

Baptism does nothing for you unless you have 100% committed to God, you have truly repented, you have allowed the Law to change your heart, and you have said I will follow no matter the cost, no matter the cost. If you have not truly set your heart on this course, do not step in, for one that does this and turns back is like a dog returning to his vomit.

2 Peter 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21 **For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.**

22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

This is very serious stuff, not to be trifled with. This is not said to scare you away, but to cause you to fear God, and choose His way. Now here is the really awesome part, really awesome, God has PROMISED that if we chose this path to come and follow Him, He will keep us, and will not let us be tempted above that which we will be able to bare.

1 Corinthians 10: 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

The Holy Spirit will guide us and teach us, will convict us when we start to do wrong. It is a battle though, our lives will not be a bed of roses, the evil will still be around us, but we will no longer be of this world, it will not be our home, we will be walking in the Kingdom of God, living by its rules, the 10 Cs. As the scripture says, Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2: 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

So do come, repent, be baptized, keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ.

Romans 6: 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.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Baptism does not forgive our sins, it is our confession to God that we have died to sin and have of our own freewill determined to walk in newness of life (repentance). When we enter into baptism with a renewed heart, we make a covenant with God we will live for Him forever, and He WILL give you the power of the Holy Spirit to guide, direct and comfort you.

We can save our souls from death, we can live our lives free from sin, we can overcome this evil world, BUT the consequences of what we have done in our past will remain with us till we die, it is not until we are with our Lord that He will wipe away all our tears. I just want this to be very clear, coming to Him does not mean a great job, nice house, big car. All it means is that you can live free from that burdening sin, and that you can be an overcomer and have right to the tree of life that was taken from us in the garden. Nothing here is worth missing that. It does mean you will enter into a great battle; the devil will come at you with all manner of temptation, strife, beliefs to try to cause you to fall. Will you make mistakes, yes, you are growing, it is what you do about those mistakes that counts, will you learn from them and do them no more, or do you just sit in them over and over again.

You do not need a church, it is not about church. **The churches today are corrupt and great error, it is best to stay as far away from them as possible.** It is about obedience to God.

Matthew 28:18 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

I do obey this command from Jesus and will be more than happy to baptize anyone that truly understands and believes. Again this is not a magical get home free card, it is not a mystical fix it ritual, it is not a church joining rite, it is your confession to God and man that you have repented, that you have chosen to lay down your life to service and obey Him. It is an awesome life when we actually do this, I can testify as I have done it. I know. Everyone can have this if they want it just as Kathy and I have it. But you have to decide if you really want it.

Jesus said:

Matthew 11:30 **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

And it really is, all we have to do is obey 10 Commandments and they are not grievous, they are very simple and easy and a blessing to us in every way. A day off every week by His authority, freedom from stealing, lying, adultery, jealousy, covetousness, idols, the list goes on...

I pray all who read this will find blessing and grace to repent and be converted and keep God commandments.

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