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Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (John 3:5).

Preface

Christianity Has Lost the Light

This is the era when all souls are in pain and are full of regrets. All this spiritual pain comes from the spiritual deprivation which mankind is faced with at the moment. According to the Bible, the reason the wickedness and evil was such a great force in the time of Noah lies in the fact that; *“The sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose”* (Genesis 6:2).

When the children of God, the born again of words of truth, left the knowledge of the true and complete gospel and took into their hearts the words of false Christians who compromised the truth with man’s thoughts, numerous pseudo gospel churches were born. Therefore God said, *“My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh”* (Genesis 6:3).

Jesus called His born again disciples *“You are the light of the world”* because they received the light of life only Jesus could give. But Christians today do not have this light of life. The light still shines in the darkness, but the darkness refuses to receive it.

Consequently, contemporary Christianity has fallen to the status of a mere religion. Therefore, although there are more Christians today than ever before, not all of them are saved. They are always studying and learning the Bible, but they never reach the knowledge of the truth and are wallowing in a mire of a hypocritical life of religion, while their hearts wander in ignorance and chaos. Most present day Christians are ignorant

of how to be born again and what this blessing means.

All these wasted efforts stem from errors in theology. In the history of Christianity, many religious leaders have interpreted and systematized the word of God according to their own thoughts and the motivation of their flesh.

They have divided Christianity into many denominations, increased their followers and reined them in with the regimental system of their denominations. They have justified their false teachings with theology and trained their followers through the secular and popular system called theological doctrines.

As a result, no one can be redeemed of his sins under this pattern of Christianity but can only suffer and lament under the unbearable burden of his sins. They are the ones who, *“having a form of godliness but denying its power”* (2 Timothy 3:5). How godly they look from the outside!

But present day Christianity is *“full of extortion and self-indulgence”* (Matthew 23:25). It is all because of the devil who has sowed seeds of deception. Heretical Christianity disguises itself as orthodoxy. It antagonizes those who seek righteousness and stands in the way of the true words of life.

The Biblical Definition of Heresy and Its Origin

Heretics within the Christian church are those who believe in Jesus as their Savior but not in the words of the truth of the gospel. They follow the lies of the devil and are never redeemed of their transgressions, but are held in captivity by their own sinfulness. The true gospel is “the gospel of the water and the Spirit.” Anyone who does not have “the faith of being born again of the salvation of the water and the Spirit” is a heretic in the eyes of God.

The true gospel is that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, came to this world in the flesh of a man and was baptized by the representative of humankind, John the Baptist at the Jordan. He took away all the sins of the world, carried them to the Cross and was crucified to save all people from their sins and the final judgment.

Therefore the Bible says, *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16)*. It is the will of God that we believe the truth that Jesus Christ entirely washed away all the sins of the world with His baptism and blood on the Cross in order to make us children of God.

However, today, most Christians believe that they can be saved by believing only in the Cross of Jesus, disregarding His baptism. They claim that all sins were washed away by the Son of God, Jesus, when He bled and died on the Cross. This is the pseudo gospel that is far from the true gospel that makes us truly born again of water and the Spirit. Therefore, Christianity, having been swept up in the current of theological fallacy, has become heretical.

The devil, seizing his opportunity when Adam believed his lies and stepped away from the words of God, has led humankind away from the true life into the false gospel. Satan has long held people tightly in the mire of lies and false gospel, thus condemning us to destruction, sin, and death. In the same way, the devil tempts whoever accepts his lies as truth, causes them to fall into heresy, detains them in heresy and refuses to allow them to learn the truth.

This is just like the sinful works of the first king of the northern kingdom of Israel, Jeroboam. He was afraid that his people might return to the southern kingdom, where the temple was, so he changed the sacrificial system that God gave the

Israelites for their redemption.

He made golden calves and forced his people to worship them, turning Christianity into a heretic religion. He instituted festivals for the Israelites on the dates of his own choosing, like the festival held in Judah. He also appointed priests from among those who were not the sons of Levi, thus turning all his people away from the true ritual of atonement. Therefore Christianity has been fundamentally altered and stayed that way until now. It is such a lamentable thing.

Did Jesus truly save us from sin only through His blood on the Cross? If someone believes only in Christ's crucifixion, can his sins be washed away clean? No. The disciples of Jesus never said that the blood of Jesus was the whole gospel. John testified that he saw and touched Jesus Christ, the word of life, the true light. He testified that Jesus Christ came by "water and blood."

Jesus Christ came to this world to become the sin offering for all of us, and for this purpose He was baptized by John the Baptist at the Jordan and took on to Himself all the sins of the world. He then paid the wages of sin with His blood on the Cross. This is the true gospel. The Bible tells us that Jesus came "*not only by water, but by water and blood,*" and it is the Spirit who bears witness that Jesus is God, and these three, "*the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one*" (1 John 5:8). Only those who share the beliefs of the disciple John have true faith that can overcome the world.

"Come Now, and Let Us Reason Together" (Isaiah 1:18)

Can we take one out of these three and still be saved? Never. The Spirit, the water, and the blood are one. Any one of these

could never stand as the complete gospel and we could never become sinless if we removed one of these three. If people did not believe in the baptism of Jesus through which all their sins were passed on to Jesus, could they become completely without sin?

God says to us, *“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword”; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken’ (Isaiah 1:18-20).*

Now, let us reason together with the written words of God. Has His Son, Jesus Christ, not washed away all our sins? How did He do so? Jesus Christ, who is God, came to this world in the flesh of a man and washed away all our sins with His baptism and death on the Cross.

For those who gladly obey the word of truth, God allows the blessings of the Millennium and everlasting life in the kingdom of heaven. But those who refuse to accept His love and salvation, or fail to come to Him with faith, shall be judged and thrown into the lake of fire for all eternity.

Therefore, in order to stay clear of temptation and the condemnation of heresy in this evil day and age, we should all follow the true gospel. We can overcome the lies of the devil and the filth of this world only by heeding the word of truth, believing it with all our heart, and confessing that we are born again of water and the Spirit. Jesus said, *“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32).* Only when we are born again of “water and the Spirit,” can we overcome the world and become free of all the sins, chaos, and emptiness within us.

When the true light shines, darkness recedes. Light and darkness cannot coexist. No matter how deeply buried in darkness this age is, no matter how chaotic and empty you are, the moment you take your heart into “the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit,” your heart will be filled with the light of truth. *“For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6).*

Let Us Return to “The Gospel of the Water and the Spirit”

I talked about the gospel as it is written in the Bible in my previous book, “HAVE YOU TRULY BEEN BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT?” This book, the sequel to it, focuses on comparing the true gospel to the false ones that are rampant today. In so doing, I hope to steer true Christians away from the fallacy of theological theories, while providing deeper insight into the truth of “the gospel of the water and the blood” that appears throughout the Bible. And by providing the historical roots and reality of the false gospel and heretical teachings that are contrary to the truth of God, I hope to lead you to realize clearly the gospel of truth.

My fellow servants of God and I are committed to spreading the gospel of the water and the Spirit to the ends of the earth until Jesus returns. Therefore, we will publish more spiritual books on this topic in various languages, approaching it from different angles.

Salvation from sin is already complete. The gate of Heaven is open. Whoever heeds the word of truth, confirms it in the

Bible and believes in “the gospel of the water and the Spirit” can protect himself from the false gospel of the devil and be saved from all his sins. He can receive God’s blessings and enter the kingdom of heaven. Just as the people of Israel led by Moses were freed from slavery in Egypt, we hope and pray that you will read these books, written under the guidance of the Spirit, and become children of God by believing in the words of salvation.

The Lord is calling us earnestly, saying, “*Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price*” (Isaiah 55:1). Let us all return to “the gospel of the water and the Spirit!” Let us avoid the upcoming judgment of God and enter the world of His grace and amazing blessings! ☒

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SERMON 1

What is the Primitive Gospel of Being Born Again?



For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27).

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What is the Primitive Gospel of Being Born Again?

< John 3:1-6 >

“There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, ‘Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ Nicodemus said to Him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.’”

What is Being Born Again according to the Bible?

There are many people in the world who try to be born again by believing in Jesus. However, I must first tell you that being born again, as the Bible speaks of it, does not depend on actions.

Is being born again related to physical emotion and change?

No. Being born again is related to spiritual change. It is for a sinner to be born again as a sinless man.

Many people who attend church misunderstand and believe that being saved and reborn works this way. There are countless people who try to qualify for rebirth by doing things like founding many chapels, going as missionaries to pagan nations to convert them to believe in Jesus Christ, or dedicating their entire lives to serving God without marrying.

Furthermore, laypeople also dedicate materials to their churches, serve, and do a lot of cleaning in the chapels to serve before God, in efforts to be saved and reborn. While doing so, they think to themselves, 'If I serve loyally unto death, surely I will be crowned with the crown of life! Surely God will grant me the grace to be born again of water and the Spirit.' In reality, there are many laypeople who understand this and exert themselves accordingly.

Additionally, there are many church members who misunderstand being saved and reborn, and they try various ways to be reborn. Some people devote their material possessions and bodies, while others serve and dedicate themselves in Christian missionary organizations, thinking 'If I serve the Lord this way, someday He will grant me the grace to be reborn.' Some people spend their entire lives serving at prayer houses, some serve at nursing homes, and there are people working hard to be born again in various forms and various positions. However, it is truly unfortunate that they do not know the truth about being reborn.

All these people who believe in Jesus through works think,

‘If I do this, I will be born again.’ Of course, because of this, they labor in many areas and think their efforts serve as a foundation for their being born again. ‘Someday I too will be born again like Pastor Wesley! God will make me born again!’ Also, there are many people who misunderstand the words in John 3:1-6, thinking that being born of water and the Spirit is something that happens without one’s knowledge, and thus continue to believe in Jesus and serve, hoping that someday they too will be reborn of water and the Spirit.

Many also indulge in the delusional thought, ‘If I serve the Lord well, someday I too will be reborn. At some unknown moment, I will become a reborn person, work as one, and then go to the kingdom of God.’ There are many who live with such vain beliefs.

However, you cannot be born again through such works-based faith. Not drinking alcohol, being a good person, or diligently attending church does not make you born again. As our Lord said in today’s text, a person can only be born again ‘of water and the Spirit,’ which is the Word of God, and the Lord stated that the only condition for being born again is water and the Spirit.

Even if church members who believe in Jesus offer gold to the Lord, dedicate their efforts and sweat, and try to imitate the Lord’s character, this is not the faith that leads to being born again. How can a person be born again through gold or dedication? Also, some people think that since one cannot know about being born again by themselves, God will make them born again without their knowledge. They think this way because it brings comfort to their hearts.

However, when one is truly reborn before God through faith in the truth, they themselves will know that they have been reborn, and others will recognize it as well.

While rebirth cannot be understood physically, it becomes very clear spiritually. Those who are truly born again are reborn through faith in God's water, blood, and the words of the Holy Spirit. Once you are born again, you will know it yourself. However, those who are not born again, like Nicodemus, cannot understand these words.

That is why we must hear and believe in Jesus's words of salvation and rebirth that removes all sins. As you come to know and believe in Jesus who saved us from all sins in this world, His baptism and His blood, and that He is God, His divine word will make you born again. That is why being born again through the Word is very important.

"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." When those who are not born again read this verse in John 3, they may interpret it in their own way and think, "Ah! Being born again is something even the person themselves does not know! No one can know it. Only God knows." They use this interpretation to comfort and reassure themselves. However, that is not the case. Although we may not know where the wind comes from or where it is going, God knows it clearly.

Among those who are born again through faith after hearing the Word of the gospel of truth, there are some who don't understand well at first. This can happen. However, in their hearts, they have the Word of Jesus's baptism and the Word of Jesus's cross's blood, which is the gospel that removed all their sins.

Those who are definitely born again have no sin in their hearts. And they have the Word of Jesus's baptism and blood in their hearts. This is the evidence of being born again through the Word.

When people hear the gospel of water and the Spirit and say, ‘Oh, I have no sin. Wow, then I have been saved,’ and believe in their hearts in the salvation that removed their sins through Jesus’s water and the Spirit, that is, through His baptism and blood, they become God’s people, the righteous.

However, some people give contradictory answers — when asked “Are you born again?” they reply “I have not been born again,” but when asked “Then have you been saved?” they answer “Yes, I am saved.” Surprisingly, many people give such contradictory answers, saying they are saved but not born again.

Most people who say this think that the gospel of rebirth through the washing away of sins means a changed lifestyle in their physical lives. Because of this, they cannot understand the gospel message of salvation through being born again of water and the Spirit.

There are even those who believe without understanding the meaning of God’s Word that a person must be born again. This is truly a sad and shameful faith. This kind of faith is not just found among lay believers but is also common among clergy members. Such believers hurt the hearts of those who are born again. How much more must this pain the hearts of God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? Let us all be born again by believing in the Word of rebirth through Jesus’s baptism and blood, which has blotted out all the sins of mankind.

Being born again, being newly born, and being saved all mean the same thing. In fact, being born again means that a person has been newly born again from a sinner to a righteous person.

Being saved means that although a person once had sin in their heart, they have come to have no sin by believing in the baptism and blood of Jesus, who took away all the sins of all the sinners in this world.

The Bible teaches that faith in the Word of Jesus' water and blood is the faith of being born again. Being born again through the gospel of water and the Spirit, which is the Word of God, means that one's soul has become a righteous person who has nothing to do with sin.

In fact, these three expressions —'being born again, becoming righteous, and being saved'— all mean the same thing. They are all the same, just using different words. Yet many people who claim to believe in Jesus do not understand the meaning of what the Bible is saying.

Being born again means that a person fundamentally had sin in their heart, but after hearing and believing in the gospel of Jesus' baptism, the water, His blood on the cross, and the Holy Spirit, which He fulfilled to take away all the sins of the world, they have been completely freed from all their sins. This is what it means to be born again, to be newly born, and to become righteous.

Being born again means that although one was previously a sinner, they have now become a new person without sin, and through faith in the Word of salvation of water and the Spirit, they have become a child of God. That is the true meaning of being born again.

Being born again means that I have been clothed with Jesus' baptism along with my sins, died together with Jesus' death on the cross, and have been newly born again.

It means that while I was once a sinner, I have now become righteous by hearing and believing in the Word of Jesus' baptism and blood. While I was born a sinner from my mother's womb, I have now been born again, transformed from a sinner to a righteous person by believing in the gospel of water and the Spirit, by believing in my heart the baptism and blood that Jesus received. While my outer person remains the same, my inner

person has been born again anew through the Word of Jesus' baptism and blood. This is the truth of being born again.

However, sadly, very few people know this truth. It would be less than one in ten thousand. Among those who believe in Jesus, does even one in ten thousand understand and believe in the true Word of being born again? Those who truly know and believe in the gospel of water and the Spirit and are born again can clearly discern whether someone else is definitely born again or not. That is, if you have been born again through Jesus' Word of water and the Spirit!

The one who Controls the Wind is the Lord

<i>Who can know who is saved?</i>
<i>Only the born again</i>

“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” These words were spoken about sinners who have not been born again. Just as not knowing where the wind comes from and where it goes, those who are born again know this, but Nicodemus who was not born again did not know. Those who are born again know because God reveals it to them. However, those who are not born again, like not knowing where the wind comes from and where it goes, do not know the rebirth that God gives. Do you understand? Who is the one who moves the wind? It is God. The one who raises the wind is also God. Who is the master who creates wind in this universe, in this Earth's atmosphere, forms low and high pressure systems, changes the flow of wind, changes the flow of

water, makes all creation vibrant, and makes all creatures surge with life force? It is Jesus. Jesus is God.

Therefore, those who do not know the word of salvation of water, blood, and the Spirit given by Jesus cannot be born again themselves, nor can they teach others. However, because our Lord said that a person is born again ‘by water and the Spirit,’ in order to be born again, we must believe in the gospel of salvation through water and the Spirit found in the written Word—that is, the word of baptism, through which Jesus took upon Himself all the sins of the world, the blood of the cross, and the fact that Jesus is God. The gospel of water and the Spirit is a gospel with great power that brings about rebirth.

The Holy Spirit, or *Πνεύμα (Pneuma)*, Holy Spirit, enters the heart of the person who believes in the gospel of water and the Spirit given by Jesus, a person whose heart is sinless and sanctified.

Jesus Christ, who is God, came to this world to save sinners and took on all the sins of the world when He was baptized by John the Baptist, bearing them Himself. And He shed His blood on the cross to receive the judgment for our sins on our behalf, thus accomplishing the salvation of rebirth for us who believe.

Furthermore, God gives the Holy Spirit to the heart of those who believe in this word. This is how God seals those who are born again through faith with the Holy Spirit. The person who believes in the truth that Jesus has taken upon Himself and removed all their sins through His baptism and blood is truly a born-again person.

Genesis 1:2 records, *“The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”* Here it is recorded that the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. When it says that the Spirit of God was hovering outside this world, it means

that God the Holy Spirit cannot enter into the heart of a person who has sin. The heart of an unregenerate person is in chaos and darkness because there is sin in their heart. Therefore, this means that the Holy Spirit cannot dwell in the heart of a sinner.

Therefore, God has given the light of being born again through water and the Spirit to those who were born with sin and are in chaos, void, and darkness. *‘Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light’* and only then could the Holy Spirit, who is God, coexist within people. This is why the Holy Spirit dwells in the hearts of those who are born again, that is, in those who believe in the gospel of water and the Spirit given by Jesus. To be born again means to hear and believe in the word of salvation of the gospel of water and the Spirit given by Jesus.

How is one born again? Our Lord spoke about this to Nicodemus, a Pharisee. *“Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”* Then Nicodemus asked, “How can one be born of water and the Spirit? Must one enter the mother’s womb again?” Nicodemus couldn’t understand the other things being said, but he understood the term “born again” literally and asked Jesus, “To be born again, must one enter the mother’s womb and come out again?”

Jesus said to Nicodemus, *“Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?”* and told him that unless one is born of water and the Spirit, they cannot enter or see the kingdom of God. Jesus gradually explained the truth about being born again to Nicodemus, the Pharisee.

In fact, there are many people in this world who believe in Jesus but are not born again. Even among so-called clergy who claim to believe in Jesus, there are a great many who are not born again. Just like Nicodemus the Pharisee mentioned here.

Nicodemus, in terms of our country’s Christianity, would be like a Christian leader, a presbytery chairman, a clergyman,

or a general assembly president. Socially, he would be similar to a member of parliament. Furthermore, Nicodemus was a Hebrew rabbi (teacher) in a religious sense. He was a religious leader of Judaism who believed in God. He was a man of great learning both socially and religiously. At that time, the nation of Israel did not have separate schools, and all the people in the region were educated in the synagogue. The person with the highest level of knowledge in the area would teach the people in the synagogue. Nicodemus, too, was a teacher of the nation of Israel.

Even in this era, there are many false Christian leaders who, like Nicodemus, have not been born again. There are many leaders who teach unborn-again believers while they themselves are not born again.

There are truly many Christian theologians, office bearers, teachers, deacons, elders, and pastors in this world who, like Nicodemus, have not been born again. These people believe in Jesus, but they do not know how to be born again. Like Nicodemus, they think that being born again means going back into their mother's womb and coming out again. There are many such people. They believe in Jesus and must surely be born again, yet they do not know through which words of Jesus they must be born again.

So, like a blind man groping at an elephant, they just stumble around, relying only on what they feel and understand in a worldly sense, and they speak about these things in their sermons. There are many people who claim to believe, yet they have not been born again.

The rebirth of a person before God is not something that depends on what a person must do or how they must act; it is not based on human deeds. We are born again because God has given us the Word of water, blood, and the Spirit, making us,

who were fundamentally sinners, into righteous people, and we are born again by believing in that Word.

Jesus said, *“If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”*

People do not believe that Jesus’ baptism is the truth that takes away all the sins of the world. What is it that they do not believe? They do not believe in the gospel of atonement, that Jesus, through His baptism, blood, and the Spirit, has made us, who were sinners, into righteous people. This is what He meant when He said people wouldn’t believe Him if He told them about “heavenly things.”

Our Lord was baptized in His body directly by John the Baptist at the Jordan River to take away the sins of sinners. And He was crucified and died for those sins, then rose from the dead to make sinners be born again.

Jesus asked, “If I tell you about the heavenly work that I have done with water and the Spirit to save all of you sinners from all your sins, will you believe?”

Then, our Lord referred to the Old Testament and explained to Nicodemus:

“No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, the Son of Man also had to be lifted up. Jesus said that this was so that those who believe in Him would receive eternal life.

Jesus said, *“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up”* (John 3:14). What does this mean? Jesus was explaining, by quoting the Old Testament, that His baptism and blood would take away all the

sins of humankind.

For Jesus to be judged on the cross for sins, for the Son of Man to be lifted up from the earth, He first had to receive baptism from John the Baptist, the last High Priest of all humankind. Through this baptism, Jesus had to take upon Himself all the sins of the world.

Jesus could not be crucified because He was fundamentally a being without sin. For Him to be crucified, He had to receive baptism from John the Baptist, who represented all of humanity, and take upon Himself all the sins of the world.

Therefore, Jesus received baptism and took all the sins of humankind onto His body, and He shed His blood and died on the cross to be judged in our place for the sins of the world.

Only in this way could He save all sinners from all their sins. Jesus granted the salvation of being born again to all who believe in the heavenly work He accomplished through water and the Spirit.

Nicodemus was someone who knew the Old Testament well. *“The Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”* These words of Jesus, that He must be lifted up on this earth, were the words of truth about rebirth — that Jesus would save all sinners from the sins of the world by receiving baptism from John the Baptist and taking all the world’s sins upon His body.

Jesus Christ is God Himself and our Savior, and the baptism that Jesus received led Him to die on the cross. Therefore, this was God’s Word saying that whoever believes in Jesus as their Savior becomes one who is clothed together in Jesus’ baptism, and dies and is born again together with Christ. Later, Nicodemus came to understand and believe the meaning of these words.

Just as the Serpent was Lifted Up on the Pole

Why was Jesus crucified?

Because He took away all sin through His baptism.

Do you know the passage from the Old Testament where Moses lifted up a bronze serpent on a pole in the wilderness? In Numbers 21, it is recorded that the Israelites became discouraged because of their difficult journey through the wilderness. As a result, they complained against their leader Moses and against God. Because of their sin, God sent fiery serpents as judgment for their sin.

In the wilderness, these fiery serpents began biting and killing people throughout the desert where the Israelites had pitched their tents. Those who were bitten quickly became swollen, foamed at the mouth, and soon met their death.

When Moses, the leader, saw his people dying in agony from snake bites, he prayed before God. “God, please save these people.” Then God spoke to Moses, telling him to make a bronze serpent and lift it up high on a pole. And He said that whoever looks at the bronze serpent lifted on the pole would live.

Moses delivered God’s Word to the Israelites exactly as God had commanded. Among the Israelites, those who believed in their leader Moses’s words and looked up at the bronze serpent were healed from the snake’s venom. People must remove the venom of sin that Satan has placed within them. The people who believed Moses’s words and looked up at the pole lived.

Moses raised the bronze serpent high on a pole according to God’s Word. This represents the truth of salvation, where our Lord was baptized and died on the cross to completely end the

sins and curses of sinners by removing all the sins and curses that Satan had caused the Israelites to commit by making them complain against God.

Our Lord came to this earth to save us, who were destined to die and be cursed because of being bitten by Satan the devil. He was baptized by John the Baptist to take upon His body all the sins of the world's people, bore all the sins of worldly sinners, died on the cross, and rose again, thus removing all sins of those who believe in Him.

Just as in the Old Testament, everyone who looked at the bronze serpent lifted on the pole lived, so in the New Testament, Jesus received baptism from John the Baptist, taking upon Himself all the sins of the world, and died on the cross. Through Jesus Christ's baptism and His blood shed on the cross, He granted the blessing of being born again to those who believe in Him as their Savior and accept His baptism and blood as salvation from sin.

Jesus took away all the sins of the world. Our Lord personally bore the sins of the world by receiving baptism from John at the Jordan River. He was then crucified and shed His blood to save those who believe in His water and blood as their salvation in their hearts.

"No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven." Jesus was baptized and shed His blood to remove all sins of humanity and opened the gates of heaven. *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"* (John 14:6). Our Lord took upon Himself all the sins of humanity through His baptism and opened the gates of salvation by being crucified. Through this, He has delivered those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior from all their sins.

Jesus Christ eliminated all the sins of this world so that

anyone who believes in the truth of water, blood, and the Holy Spirit can enter the kingdom of heaven. In other words, He saved us from all the sins of this world through the gospel of water and the Spirit. Being born again is given through faith in Jesus' baptism, His blood, and believing that Jesus is God.

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." What does this passage mean? Why was our Lord crucified on the cross? Did our Lord commit sins like us? Was our Lord weak like us? Was our Lord insufficient like us? No, He was not.

Then why did our Lord have to be hung on the cursed tree of the cross? It was because Jesus Christ received baptism from John to take and bear all the sins of the world.

Therefore, He was crucified on the cross to receive the judgment for sin in our place. This was to save and deliver all those who believe in Jesus from all their sins.

It is to give life to you and me who believe in Jesus Christ's baptism, water and blood as salvation from our sins. Because the Lord took on all the sins of you and me who believe in Jesus by receiving baptism at the Jordan River Himself, the Lord could be hung on the cursed tree, the cross, and because Jesus took on the world's sins by receiving baptism from John, He could shed His blood and receive judgment on the wooden cross in our place, thereby saving us from all sins.

Therefore, for us who believe in the ministry of removing sin that Jesus accomplished through His baptism and blood as our salvation, He has given new life, and this work is God's work and being born again.

The Meaning of Water and the Spirit

What is meant by water and the Spirit?

Water means the baptism of Jesus and the Spirit His being God.

The Bible says that a person is born again when they believe in Jesus' baptism and the blood of the cross. Becoming children of God, being born again, is accomplished through God's written word of the gospel of washing away sins — through water, blood, and the Holy Spirit.

In the Bible, the Holy Spirit signifies that Jesus is God and tells us that Jesus came to earth in human flesh for the spiritual salvation of washing away humanity's sins.

Moreover, as mentioned in 1 Peter 3:21, the water in the Bible signifies the baptism of Jesus Christ, referring to the baptism Jesus received from John the Baptist, who represented all humanity. This baptism transferred all sins of humanity to Jesus, thereby abolishing them.

And the blood of Jesus' cross speaks of how He saved all sinners from sin by receiving judgment in place of sinners. The baptism and blood accomplished by Jesus, who is God, this is the word of being born again.

Jesus Christ came to earth in human flesh, was baptized, and received all punishment for humanity's sins on the cross, thereby saving all who believe from all the sins of the world. Therefore, we must believe that the baptism and blood that our Lord received was the ministry of salvation that eliminated all sins of all sinners.

This is precisely what it means when it is said that only those who are born again of water and the Spirit can enter and

see the kingdom of God. Our Lord has saved you and me through the water of His baptism, His blood, and the Holy Spirit. Do you believe this?

Our Lord, as ‘the High Priest of Heaven,’ received baptism from John the Baptist, who was the high priest of earth, shed His blood and died on the cross, and rose from death to save humanity from all sins of the world. He became the Savior of believers by saving those who truly believe in their hearts this gospel of salvation.

In John chapter 10, the Lord said, “*I am the door of the sheep.*” The Lord stands at the gate of heaven. Who opens that gate of heaven? Our Lord opens it.

The Lord was baptized, shed His blood, and resurrected, saving those who believe in their hearts the salvation He accomplished from all their sins. And He allowed those who believe in the salvation of water and blood that He brought about to enter the gates of heaven.

Jesus turned away from sinners who, although they believed in Jesus, had sin in their hearts because they did not know through the Word how He removed their sins. The Lord turns away from those who cannot be born again because they do not believe in His baptism, blood, and the Holy Spirit, those who do not believe according to the Word, those who deny Jesus’ divinity, and those who deny that Jesus is God.

We must believe in the written Word that Jesus came to earth in human flesh, received baptism, and shed His blood to eliminate all sins of the world.

We must believe that He took on all sins through His baptism and saved us from sin by taking judgment on the cross in our place, and that He rose again after three days, ascended to heaven, and gave eternal life to those who believe.

As it is written, “*The wages of sin is death,*” God has

allowed those who do not believe in Jesus, who saved humanity from all sins, as their Savior to perish.

Jesus, who is God, came to this earth and instead of sinners dying because of their sins, He received all the sins of the world through His baptism and took the judgment on the cross, thereby saving those who believe from all their sins.

Therefore, He has allowed those who believe in the salvation given by the Lord and have become holy in heart to enter heaven.

The gospel of regeneration through atonement, which saves from all the sins of the world, is precisely the gospel that comes through water, blood, and the Holy Spirit. The gospel of water and the Spirit is the gospel of truth that makes one born again.

Just as the Israelites who had sinned before God were healed from the venom by looking up at the bronze serpent lifted high on a pole, our Lord came to this earth and received baptism from John the Baptist to eliminate all sins of humanity, was lifted high on the cross and shed His blood to save humanity from all sins, punishment, and the curse of sin, so that we could receive salvation by looking upon and believing in this truth.

Being born again is accomplished through the gospel of water and the Spirit that eliminated all sins of humanity. This gospel of truth is the way for humanity to receive salvation and the way for you and me to receive salvation. Do you believe this? —Yes.— The word that we are born again through water and the Spirit is precisely the gospel of heaven.

Being born again, being reborn, regeneration, becoming a new person, being saved, becoming righteous without sin — these all refer to someone who is born again through faith in Jesus' baptism and the blood of the cross. Those who believe in the gospel of water, blood, and the Spirit that Jesus accomplished have no sin. Such a person is one who is born again.

Just as Nicodemus did not know this fact, many people today who claim to believe in Jesus do not know this truth either. From a worldly perspective, how excellent a person was Nicodemus? Here in John chapter 3, verses 1 to 15, we find recorded the conversation Jesus had with Nicodemus.

Later, when Jesus died on the cross, this Nicodemus, as a member of the council, came to bury Jesus' body. He came and said to Pilate, "Give me that body. I will go and bury it." And he laid Jesus' body in a tomb of stone that he had prepared for himself.

Jesus saved us believers from all sins through the baptism of water and the blood of the cross, which is the wages of sin death, and by His resurrection made us who believe in this truth to be born again as holy children of God— this is the gospel of being born again.

However, just as there were extremely few people who knew and believed this truth of being born again when Jesus came to earth, today among those who believe in Jesus, only about one in ten thousand knows and believes this truth.

In this present age, there are far too many people who do not know the truth of Jesus' water and the Spirit. This is truly a pitiful and regrettable situation. Jesus has made all people who believe in this truth to be born again.

Through what faith did the Lord make us born again? Through the gospel of water, blood, and the Spirit, He gave new life and made us born again — we who believe in the Lord who took on all sins of the world when He was baptized, was judged and died on the cross, and was resurrected.

Jesus is the Lord of salvation who eliminated all sins of this world through the water of His baptism and His blood, and made us who believe in this truth to be born again.

John 3:16 says, "*That whoever believes in Him should not*

perish but have everlasting life.” We have obtained eternal life by believing in Jesus. We are born again by believing in the gospel through which the Lord saved us with water and the Spirit.

If we do not believe in the gospel of salvation through His baptism and blood that Jesus gave us, if we do not believe that Jesus is God and our Savior, we will go to eternal hell.

However, Jesus, the Creator, came to earth in human flesh, received baptism, died on the cross and was resurrected — these heavenly works that make us born again are the salvation that Jesus accomplished.

That is why the Lord said to Nicodemus, *“If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”*

What is God’s work that He has done for us humans? Jesus Himself came to earth in flesh and received baptism, and for those sins that were transferred through baptism, He was judged to death on the cross in our place, rose again from death, and became the eternal Savior for those who believe in Him from the beginning to the end of the world — this is God’s work.

Jesus not only created the heavens, earth, universe, and all things, but it is also the Lord’s work that He saved our souls from sin and gave us eternal life. This is the gospel of water and the Spirit that makes us born again. The work of making sinners righteous, this salvation is precisely the work that Jesus has done.

Jesus has saved you and me, us humans, from the devil and from the sins of this world. Jesus came to earth and to save sinners, He received baptism taking on the sins of the world, went to the cross to be crucified and die, rose from death, and saved all who believe from sin and judgment.

Our believing in this truth is our doing God’s work. The salvation of being born again is received through faith in the salvation of water and blood.

God has given us humans two kinds of grace: one is special grace, and the other is common grace.

Common grace from God is what provides for our physical life — the sun, air, nature, all plants, and food. This is called common grace because it is the Lord's grace given universally to both the righteous and sinners alike.

Then what is special grace? It is this: Jesus, who is God, came to this earth to save us from all sins — we who were bound for hell in confusion due to sin.

He received baptism to take on all sins of this world and shed His blood on the cross, taking judgment in our place. This special grace is that He makes all who believe in this truth to be born again by saving them from sin.

The Special Blessing

<i>What is the special blessing?</i>
<i>Being born again through the baptism of Jesus, His crucifixion and His resurrection.</i>

John 3:16 “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*” This is the special grace of God given to us.

Jesus, wearing human flesh, came to this earth, was baptized, and crucified to remove all our sins and give us eternal new life. This is the special grace, and what Jesus did to save us, the special grace of salvation. Believing this truth, we receive the special grace of God, being born again of water and the Spirit, the grace of salvation. Do you believe? —Yes.—

Claiming to believe in Jesus while rejecting the special grace of God and advocating an ethical Christian life is a vain faith.

One who is born again through God's special grace can discern whether another person is born again or not.

Throughout my many sermons, regardless of what I preach, I have never failed to deliver the gospel of being born again through Jesus's baptism and the cross. Whether I am preaching the words of Genesis, the words of Revelation, or any scripture, the conclusion always reaches the special grace of God given through the new birth provided by Jesus.

This is because Jesus' baptism and his death on the cross to save sinners from their sins is the core message of the Bible, and this truth of the gospel most clearly reveals God's grace of salvation.

Salvation through Jesus's baptism and the cross is God's special grace. But what about the false pastors of this world? They do not know the word of God's special grace.

They use Christian ethics and human morality to disguise themselves as angels of light in God's name, doing their own work of revealing themselves. Yes, they may perform miracles and heal illnesses, but such acts are far from God's special grace and are merely evil.

Dear brothers and sisters, this truth—that the Lord gave us the gospel of the remission of sins for us who were fundamentally sinners—is His special grace. Through this special grace, He makes believers born again.

God made us, who were fundamentally sinners, into new people and children of God through the water of baptism, blood, and resurrection. This truth that makes believers righteous and free from sin is the Lord's special grace. Do you believe? —Yes.— Have you also received that special grace? —Yes.—

Jesus's baptism, blood, death, and resurrection — this is the gospel of special grace given through water and the Spirit. We truly give thanks for our Lord having saved us by this special grace.

Today, many people who claim to believe in Jesus do not know the truth of salvation—the grace given to us, who, as fundamental sinners, had no choice but to go to hell. This grace is the gospel of Jesus' baptism and His blood, which allows us to be born again through water and the Spirit.

Therefore, it is truly regrettable that they base their faith on religious belief, ethical belief in Christianity, or doctrinal belief learned in the past, and thus live a religious life without being born again.

With so many people believing in Jesus around the world and in our country, and with such a long history... they still believe in Jesus without knowing the truth of being born again, which is God's special grace.

In this last age, the Lord will make this gospel of truth known to everyone—those who are to believe will believe, and those who do not will remain under judgment as they are.

A sinner can become righteous and enter the kingdom of heaven only by being born again through the Word of water and the Spirit. Many Christians desire to be born again and strive to achieve it. However, while they often say that one must be born again to enter heaven, they do not actually know through which Word and how specifically one becomes born again.

That is why many people live a superstitious faith, thinking in their own minds, 'Since I believe in Jesus, I must have been born again,' or 'At that time, my body and heart felt fervent, so I must have been born again,' relying on their emotions to assume they have been born again.

What is the Word of God that Truly Gives Rebirth?

What is the difference between faith and religion?

Faith is to believe what Jesus did to save us, while religion is to rely on one's own thoughts and works.

The Bible clearly states in 1 John 5:4-6 that the elements of being born again are water, blood, and the Spirit of God. True rebirth comes through God's water, blood, and the Spirit.

If we, who believe in Jesus, want to be born again, we must understand and remember that it is only through faith in the clearly written Word of God—the truth of water, blood, and the Spirit—that we can be born again. We must understand that we cannot be born again through visions we see, speaking in tongues, or any physical sensory experiences.

John 3 tells us that unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. If one is to be born again, one generally has to believe in Jesus twice.

When people first believe in Jesus, they often believe in Him religiously. Through God's commandment, the Law, they come to realize their sins. Initially, they believe in Jesus religiously and only come to know that they are wicked sinners. This is because they realize their sinfulness through God's commandment, the Law.

Everyone, when you believe in Jesus, you must not believe in Him as just one of the many religions in this world. Christianity is not a religion. It is the truth of salvation that grants life.

If people understand and believe in Christianity as merely one of many religions, then after believing in Jesus, nothing will remain. Instead, they will be left with confusion, emptiness, and

countless indelible sins before God filling their hearts. Isn't that true?

No one would want to believe in Jesus and become a hypocritical religious person like the Pharisees. Surely, they would have wanted to become truly born-again Christians. However, they will end up being great sinners, living in sin as hypocrites before the Lord and people. This outcome occurs because they have continued to believe in Jesus without knowing the truth of being born again.

If people believe in Jesus and live a life of faith without being born again, they will only see Jesus as part of a good religion. As a result, their own thoughts will become confused, and their hearts will be left with nothing but emptiness.

Those who have believed in Jesus until now without being born again have believed in Jesus wrongly. Therefore, they have become hypocrites before God and people, pretending to be more faithful and noble Christians, becoming false religious people.

Religious people are those who thoroughly hide themselves and act hypocritically, and if you are one of such religious people, you must turn back. If you believe in Jesus as a religion, you cannot escape from sin, and you will always remain a sinner, always be hypocritical, and always live in sighs. To escape from all your sins after believing in Jesus, you must clearly believe in the recorded truth that came through water, blood, and the Spirit.

When you come to know that Jesus's Baptism is the Secret of Salvation

What makes us born again?

The baptism of Jesus, His death on the Cross, and His resurrection

The Bible says that what makes people born again is the imperishable and unfading Word. Let's look at what Apostle Peter wrote about Jesus's baptism. First, in 1 Peter 3:21, it is written, "*There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism.*"

The Bible records in 1 Peter 3:21 that Jesus's baptism is our salvation. Those who believe in Jesus must know and believe in the baptism that Jesus received from John the Baptist, not the baptism we received.

When we believe that the baptism Jesus received was the Word to give us new life by removing all our sins as fundamental sinners, we receive the salvation in which the Holy Spirit seals us.

Because when we know and believe that the baptism Jesus received from John is the word of salvation for the remission of sins, we are saved from all sins once and for all, become righteous once and for all, and receive eternal life once and for all.

In other words, by accepting in our hearts and believing in the truth of being born again through the salvation that God has given us, we receive salvation from all the sins of the world once and for all.

That is why I said that being born again means being born twice. At first, one believes in Jesus as a religion, but later, by realizing and believing in the true truth, one is born again.

The meaning of the name 'Jesus' is '*for He will save His*

people from their sins’ (Matthew 1:21). If we believe in Jesus and correctly understand and believe what Jesus did, all sins disappear, and a person becomes a new creature, becoming sinless and born again.

At first, one believes in Jesus and leads a religious life, but the second time, they hear and believe in their heart that the baptism and blood that Jesus received for us is the gospel of salvation that has removed all the sins of the world, and they are born again.

What is the truth that allows the Lord to make us born again? It is that Jesus, who is God, came to this earth, received baptism from John, shed His blood on the cross, and was resurrected from death.

Being born again comes from believing in Jesus, who saved us through water and blood, as our God and our Savior.

We must understand how the people of the Old Testament were born again.

The Laying on of Hands and Blood that Removed Sin in the Old Testament

<i>What are God’s attributes?</i>
<i>Justice and Love</i>

Then, what is the gospel of being born again in the Old Testament? First, let us examine the gospel of salvation found in Leviticus chapter 1. We must understand through the Scriptures how the people in the Old Testament era were born again.

In Leviticus 1:1-3, it is written: *‘Now the Lord called to Moses, and spoke to him from the tabernacle of meeting, saying,*

“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: When any one of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of the livestock—of the herd and of the flock. If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord.””

The book of Leviticus clearly explains through the sacrificial laws how people could be united with God. The sacrificial laws that appear in the Old Testament are truths that we must know in order to be born again. Therefore, we all must know and believe these words well.

God called Moses and spoke to him from the tabernacle where He dwelled. This was to remove the sins of the Israelites.

‘If any of you brings an offering to the LORD, you shall bring your offering of livestock—of the herd or of the flock. If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it at the door of the tent of meeting, that it may be accepted before the LORD.’

In the Old Testament, when the Israelites broke God’s Law and committed sin, they offered an unblemished animal to God to receive the remission of their sins daily. However, they could not offer just any animal to God; they had to offer an unblemished animal as commanded by God. And they had to offer it according to the Law so that it would be acceptable to God.

The offering that would be acceptable to God had to be, first, without blemish, and second, one must transfer their sins by laying hands on the head of the sacrifice, and then they received the removal of all their sins by killing the sacrificial animal, applying its blood to the horns of the altar, and pouring the rest on the ground.

The sacrificial law within the tabernacle that God gave was the law of salvation through which God bestowed grace upon all

the people of Israel by removing their sins.

The Law was given as 613 commandments, consisting of “do’s and don’ts” before God, and precepts that people had to keep in their lives.

God gave the Law to the Israelites, and while they knew that God’s Law was right, they did not have the ability to live according to God’s Law.

This is because fundamentally, humans inherited twelve sins from Adam. As a result, humans lost the ability to do what is right before God. Thus, humans became unable to act according to God’s commanded Law. Instead, they became people who could only commit fundamental sins that they themselves did not want to commit. All people were destined to be born as sinners and die as sinners.

However, because God loved mankind, He gave the Law of sacrifice so that all people could be saved from their sins. God gave the sacrificial law of the tabernacle so that the people of Israel and all humanity could receive the remission of sins through the sacrificial law that God established.

Through the sacrificial law, God spoke to us of His justice and love and granted salvation to humanity.

God gave the sacrificial law through which people could receive the remission of sins and entrusted the sacrifices to the tribe of Levi. Among Jacob’s twelve sons, only the tribe of Levi was given the priestly authority to offer sacrifices.

Moses and High Priest Aaron came from the tribe of Levi. And God gave the sacrificial law for the remission of sins to the high priest from the tribe of Levi. Therefore, if we understand well how the tribe of Levi offered sacrifices to God in the tabernacle, we too can be born again.

We need to understand well God’s Words about the sacrificial law of the tabernacle. This is the most important

message that God deals with in the Old Testament, and in the New Testament, its fulfillment was accomplished through the blessing of being born again of water and the Spirit through Jesus Christ.

God called Moses from the tent of meeting and commanded him to appoint his brother Aaron as the high priest, who would transfer all the sins of the people onto the sacrificial goat.

Let us look at the recorded words of what God commanded Moses to do. In Leviticus 1:2, *“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When any one of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of the livestock—of the herd and of the flock.’”*

God had already determined the sacrificial offering that would bear our sins. God said that if anyone wants to have all their sins removed before God, they must offer an unblemished bull or sheep as a sacrifice.

Furthermore, it is written, *“If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord.”*

In the Bible, the word ‘burnt offering’ refers to the sacrifice where instead of the sinner dying, an animal receives the sinner’s sins through the laying on of hands and receives judgment in their place.

Here, ‘acceptable’ means to receive with joy. Then how should the offering be presented for God to receive it joyfully? The answer is given in verse 4.

It says, *“Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.”* Please remember the word “lay your hand” here. Also, ‘accepted’ means that God gladly receives the sacrificial offering in place of the sinner.

When a sinner lays hands on the head of the burnt offering, the sinner's sins are transferred to the sacrificial animal. Therefore, before offering the sacrifice to God, the sinner must first perform this law of transferring their sins by laying hands on the head of the sacrificial animal, only then could God gladly accept the offering in place of the sinful person.

In the Old Testament, when people sinned or failed to live according to God's Law, they had to offer unblemished livestock such as goats, sheep, cattle, or doves as sacrificial offerings before God in their place. And before offering their sacrifice before God, they had to transfer their sins to the animal by laying their hands on its head.

Then, after killing the sacrificial animal that had received their sins, they had to apply its blood to the horns of the altar and pour the blood on the ground to receive the remission of sins according to God's established law. Since the wages of sin is death, to pay for sin and be freed from it, sacrifices had to be offered according to the law that God had established.

Leviticus 1:5 records, *"He shall kill the bull before the Lord; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of meeting."* We must understand that the sacrificial laws recorded in the Bible are essential truths that we must know and reflect upon in our hearts.

At the entrance of the tabernacle stood the burnt offering altar, which had four horns, one at each corner. When a sinner laid hands on the head of the sacrificial animal, transferring their sins to it, the priest would then kill the animal and apply its blood to the four horns of the burnt offering altar.

In the Bible, the horns of the altar represent judgment, so applying blood to the horns means that the sacrificial offering was killed in place of the sinner and paid the price of sin with blood.

Therefore, God removed the person's sins upon seeing the unblemished sacrificial offering, the laying on of hands, and the blood applied to the horns.

The sacrificial animal must shed blood because the wages of sin is death. Since the life of all flesh is in the blood, blood must be shed. Hebrews 9 states, "*without shedding of blood there is no remission.*" Thus, God's law that the wages of sin is death was fulfilled through the death of the sacrificial animal.

This blood should have been shed by the sinner, but instead the sacrificial animal received the laying on of hands and was killed in place of the sinner, and the priest applies its blood to the four horns of the altar. These horns, as shown in the New Testament in Revelation 20:11-15, refer to the Book of Works.

Therefore, applying blood to the horns of the altar is equivalent to applying one's own blood to the Book of Works, which is judgment. This truth of salvation, where blood is applied to the horns of the altar, testifies that the sacrificial animal received the sinner's sins through the laying on of hands and shed its blood as judgment for those sins, thus paying the price for sin.

The sins that people commit before God are recorded in two places. One is on the tablet of people's hearts, and the other is in the judgment book before God. Thus, all human sins are engraved both before God and in people's hearts. Therefore, the Bible states that human sins are recorded in two places.

In Jeremiah 17:1, it is written, "*The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron; With the point of a diamond it is engraved On the tablet of their heart, And on the horns of your altars.*" And in Leviticus 17:11, it states, "*For the life of the flesh is in the blood.*" Since blood is the life of a person, the reason for applying the blood of the sacrificial animal that received the laying on of hands and was killed to the horns is because blood

is God's law that removes sin (Hebrews 9:22).

“And he shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces. The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar, and lay the wood in order on the fire. Then the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar; but he shall wash its entrails and its legs with water. And the priest shall burn all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord” (Leviticus 1:6-9).

The priest cuts the sacrificial animal into pieces and burns it on the burnt offering altar as an offering to God which is called either a burnt offering or an offering made by fire.

This sacrifice symbolically shows that when we sin before God, we should shed our blood and be killed like this animal, and then enter the fires of hell to receive judgment for our sins. This burnt offering was God's righteous sacrifice of judgment for sin.

God fulfilled His law of righteous love and salvation through the sacrificial burnt offering — through the laying on of hands on the sacrificial animal, its death, blood, and burning by fire, completing both His law of righteousness and His law of love.

Because God is righteous, He had to judge by fire the sacrificial animal that received our sins through the laying on of hands, instead of us dying. Because God loves people, He had to judge all the sins of sinners through the sacrifice of the burnt offering.

The sacrificial law of the Old Testament is a shadow of Jesus Christ. Therefore, in the New Testament era, because our Lord loves us, He had to receive baptism from John the Baptist, the representative of mankind, taking upon Himself all the sins of the world, and become the sacrificial offering in place of

sinner by dying and shedding His blood on the cross.

The salvation from sin accomplished through Jesus' baptism and blood was to save all who believe in Jesus from all the sins of the world once and for all.

Atonement for a Day's Sin in the Old Testament

<p><i>Whom does the unblemished sin offering of the Old Testament symbolize?</i></p>
<p><i>Jesus Christ</i></p>

Let's look at Leviticus 4:27-31, *"If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally by doing something against any of the commandments of the Lord in anything which ought not to be done, and is guilty, or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, then he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed. And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering. Then the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour all the remaining blood at the base of the altar. He shall remove all its fat, as fat is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offering; and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a sweet aroma to the Lord. So the priest shall make atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him."*

Not only the Israelites, who are descendants of Adam, but all people in this world are born as complete bundles of sin. Therefore, people's inner hearts are bundled with sin. People are bundled with numerous sins such as evil thoughts, lustful hearts,

murder, pride, theft, lies, and so on.

In the Old Testament, for such people to remove the sins they committed in one day, they had to bring an unblemished sacrificial animal before God, lay their hands on the head of the animal at the tabernacle altar in the presence of the priest to transfer their sins at once. Then that animal had to be killed, and the priest would offer the rest of the sacrifice to God on behalf of the people, removing their sins of one day and making them reconciled with God.

If there were no God's commandments in the Law telling people what to do and what not to do, people would not know what sins they have committed even after sinning. That's why God gave us the Law that makes us aware of sin (Romans 3:20).

We must understand what sin is through God's Law. We become aware of our sins when we examine ourselves against God's codified Law of "do's and don'ts" that He has established.

People come to know their sins not by measuring them according to their individual conscience, but by examining themselves against God's Law.

Therefore, people do not commit sins intentionally, but because they were born as sinners, they commit sins unknowingly in their lives. All the trespasses that people commit due to their weakness are considered sins. All of these—both the sins people commit knowingly and all the sins they commit unknowingly—are called sins of ignorance.

People are fundamentally imperfect. Therefore, even the Israelites commit sins of trespasses unknowingly because of their weakness. Human sins and trespasses are categorized as follows: bad thoughts in the heart are called sin, and actually committing those sins through actions is called transgression. And all of these combined are called the sins of the world.

However, even if God wants to remove a person's sins, He

cannot remove the sins of those who claim they have no sin. How can sin be removed from someone who insists they are without sin? Therefore, a person must first acknowledge and accept before God that they are a sinner destined for hell.

In the Old Testament, all sins were transferred through the laying on of hands. “Ah, now I have no sin” — It was through this faith that they became free from sin, because they transferred their sins to the sacrificial animal through the laying on of hands, so they no longer had to die for their sins.

Through the sacrificial animal, laying on of hands, and blood, both God’s love and righteous judgment were fulfilled, and this is the truth of salvation.

Because God made humans from dust, people are but a handful of dust. Pouring the blood of the sacrificial animal that received all sins through laying on of hands at the bottom of the altar (the ground) and applying it to the horns of the altar means that the sins engraved both before God and in our hearts have been erased. This is because the price for the sins recorded in our hearts has been paid.

“And the priest shall burn it on the altar for a sweet aroma to the Lord” signifies in the Bible that the oil directly represents the Holy Spirit. Thus, to atone for the sins we have committed, we must offer sacrifices according to the laws set by God, and we must believe and accept in our hearts the sacrificial method of salvation as ordained by God.

God commanded to set apart and offer unblemished lambs, goats, or cattle as sacrificial offerings. In the Old Testament, the sacrificial animal was a chosen offering. A cow is an animal that chews the cud. The requirement for the sacrificial offering to be without defect is because Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and came to this earth, was to be that sacrificial offering.

In the Old Testament, people could receive the remission of sins by laying their hands on unblemished lambs or goats to transfer their sins, and through the priest offering sacrifices with the blood. Similarly in the New Testament, Jesus took on all the sins of the world once and for all by being baptized by John the Baptist, and by shedding His blood and receiving judgment in our place, He made it possible for all who believe in Jesus as their Savior to receive salvation from all sins.

Only Aaron's Descendants could become High Priests

Looking at the Old Testament, not just anyone could become a priest — only Levites could become priests. Among the Levites, only Aaron's descendants could serve in the position of High Priest. If someone from the tribe of Judah were to say, "I am of royal blood, so I will offer the sacrifice," they would either be struck with leprosy or be immediately put to death by God. God had predetermined the Law that in the sacrificial system, the High Priest must be a descendant of Aaron.

The Atonement for the Year's Sins of the Israelite Nation

In the Old Testament, when people sinned, they had to bring an unblemished animal daily before the priest. The procedure began with laying hands on the head of the sacrifice to transfer their sins, then cutting the throat of the sacrificial animal. The priest would then apply the blood to the horns of the altar, pour it on the ground, cut the meat into pieces, separate the

fat, place it on the altar, and burn it together with the fat as an offering. Thus, the Israelites received daily remission from sins through these sacrifices.

When the Israelites sinned, they needed one animal, and when they sinned again, another animal was required. As this continued, the number of animals was vastly insufficient compared to the sins they committed.

Therefore, the Israelites became weary of offering daily sacrifices for their sins and became negligent in offering sacrifices before God. Because the people's obligation to offer sacrifices to God was endless, they began to develop a desire in their hearts to stop making sacrifices.

No matter how hard we try to live according to God's Law, we cannot help but sin, and although we try to repent daily to resolve these sins, our prayers of repentance fall far short compared to our sins. Therefore, true freedom from sin is only possible through faith in the salvation law established by God.

No matter how much a person believes in God and tries to live according to the laws God has set, they reach a limit due to insufficient ability. Thus, they ultimately come to realize their own weakness and inability to live according to the Law, acknowledging that they are destined for hell.

That is why God, from His side, established a sacrificial law for the Israelites that would eliminate all their accumulated sins for the entire year at once (Leviticus 16:17-22).

In Leviticus 16:29, it says *"This shall be a statute forever for you."* This ordinance refers to an established law, and what was established is found in Leviticus 16:29-31, *"In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be*

clean from all your sins before the Lord. It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.”

The Israelites received great rest in their hearts when, on the tenth day of the seventh month, the High Priest offered a sacrifice once on behalf of the Israelite people, completely removing all the sins that had accumulated over the year, thus giving the people great rest through their faith.

In Leviticus 16:6, it says *“Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house.”* Aaron, as the High Priest of the Old Testament era, had to offer a bull for his own atonement, and similarly had to present a burnt offering before God through the laying on of hands and blood.

So on the tenth day of the seventh month, High Priest Aaron offered the yearly atonement sacrifice on behalf of the Israelite nation. Normally, even priests could not be in the holy place. Therefore, on the tenth day of the seventh month, Aaron first offered sacrifice for himself and his household, and then offered sacrifice on behalf of all the people to remove their year’s worth of sins.

Leviticus 16:7-10 states, *“He shall take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat. And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the Lord’s lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.”* Here, two goats were taken on the tenth day of the seventh month.

At this time, High Priest Aaron first offered sacrifice for himself and his family to receive the remission of sins, and then

“cast lots for the two goats,” with one lot for the Lord and one lot for the scapegoat.

In the Bible, Azazel means “to put forth” or “to send away.” This signifies presenting the sacrificial offering for all the people before God.

Of the two goats, one was offered before the Lord, and in the tabernacle, the High Priest laid hands on it on behalf of the people to transfer the year’s worth of sins of the Israelite nation.

After laying hands on it, killing it and collecting its blood, he would enter the holy place before God’s ark and sprinkle the sacrificial blood seven times on the ark to remove the year’s sins of the Israelite nation.

The other goat was used when High Priest Aaron laid hands on it in front of the Israelite people, transferring all the sins committed by the Israelite people over the year to that sacrificial goat, so that this goat would receive judgment in place of the Israelite nation. By offering this sacrifice to God, he removed all of Israel’s sins for the year, thus bringing them salvation.

To atone for the year’s sins of the Israelites, it was necessary to have two sacrificial animals and two kinds of sacrifices offered by the high priest. And these sacrifices had to be conducted according to the laws set by God.

The sacrificial offering had to be without blemish according to God’s Law, and the sacrificial offering must receive the transfer of sins through the laying on of hands by the High Priest, be killed, and its blood sprinkled seven times on the east side of the ark.

Without the sacrifice offered by the high priest, the people of Israel would never have received atonement. But through the ordained sacrificial system of laying on of hands, blood, the high priest, and the sacrificial offering, God provided salvation by removing the Israelites’ sins for the entire year at once. This

salvation was the method and law of salvation of a righteous God.

God gave Aaron the office of High Priest to offer sacrifices of atonement for God and the people. Aaron had the authority to offer the great atonement sacrifice on the tenth day of the seventh month, and by performing this duty before God, he completely removed all the people's sins and made them clean.

When the Israelite people saw High Priest Aaron, representing the Israelite nation, laying hands on the sacrificial goat to transfer all of Israel's sins for the year, they became confident that all their sins committed during the year were removed. The salvation from sin for the Old Testament Israelites came through the sacrifice offered by High Priest Aaron on their behalf on the tenth day of the seventh month.

For the People

Aaron, in front of all the Israelites, offered one of the two goats before God, while for the other, he laid his hands on the sacrificial goat in front of the Israelites, saying, "Oh God, the people of Israel have committed murder, adultery, theft; they have been jealous, quarrelsome, bowed to idols, violated the Sabbath, taken Your name in vain, and have committed all sins against what You commanded to 'do' and 'not do.'" He laid his hands on the sacrificial animal. At that time, a year's worth of the people's sins were transferred to the goat through the laying on of hands.

Looking at Leviticus 16:18-20, it says, "*And he shall go out to the altar that is before the Lord, and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. Then he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven*

times, cleanse it, and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel. And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat.” This is how they offered one goat as a sacrifice before God.

Then in verses 21-22, it says, *“Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.”*

The scapegoat, after receiving the sins of the Israelites through the laying on of hands by the high priest, wandered alive in the uninhabited wilderness and died in place of the people.

The sins of humans are recorded in two places, and the sins recorded in both places must be cleansed. First, one must receive atonement before God, and second, one must receive removal of the sins that exist in one’s own heart.

For the sins of people recorded in God’s book of judgment, the sacrificial offering dies, and its blood is applied so that people’s sins are washed away and atonement is received.

God sees that blood and accepts it as payment for the sins of the Israelite people, acknowledging that through the laying on of hands, all the sins of the Israelite people were transferred to this animal, and this animal died and was judged in their place. This is how He acknowledges and accepts that sacrifice. He acknowledges that faith.

In the Old Testament, the gospel of cleansing sins through the laying on of hands and blood was God’s gospel of salvation from sin. Please do not forget that this gospel of salvation remained the same in the New Testament era.

Through this process, the Israelites were saved from all their sins by faith, believing that all the sins they had committed throughout the year were transferred to the Azazel goat at once through the laying on of hands.

In the Old Testament, those who believed in the sacrificial law of laying on of hands and blood, which God established to remove all sins for one year, gained the assurance of salvation that all their sins were washed away. All sacrifices in the Old Testament were a shadow of the gospel of cleansing of sins in the New Testament through Jesus, where sinners are born again as righteous people.

The Gospel of Sin Removal in the New Testament

How was the removal of all people's sins accomplished in the New Testament? In Matthew 1:21-25, it says, *“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.’*

Our Lord came to this earth as Immanuel, God with us, to save us from all our sins. Therefore, His name was called Jesus.

Jesus came as the Savior of all humanity in human form to remove all sins of all people who were created in God's image. Our Lord came to this earth and performed the work of atonement to save us from sin.

The Gospel of Being Born Again

In Matthew 3:13-17, *‘Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”’*

In the New Testament, Jesus saved all sinners from all their sins by receiving baptism from John the Baptist at the Jordan River at the age of 30, where the sins of the world were transferred to Him. By receiving baptism from John the Baptist at this time, Jesus fulfilled all the righteousness of God.

Why did Jesus receive Baptism in the Jordan River where all the Sins of the World were transferred to Him?

<i>What is revealed in the gospel?</i>
<i>The righteousness of God</i>

In Matthew 3:13-17, it is recorded that Jesus, the High Priest of heaven, and John the Baptist, the representative of the earth and the last High Priest, met to fulfill God’s righteousness. Through this event, by receiving baptism where all the sins of

the world's sinners were transferred to Jesus, He removed all the sins of the world.

John the Baptist, who baptized Jesus, is the greatest among those born of women. In Matthew 11:11, Jesus testified about John the Baptist, saying he was *“among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist.”*

Just as in the Old Testament, when the sacrificial lamb received the laying on of hands from the sinner or the high priest, all the sins of the one who laid hands, the sins of the people of Israel, were transferred to the sacrificial lamb and they were made sinless, In the New Testament, when Jesus received baptism from John the Baptist, all the sins of the world were transferred to Jesus who came as the Lamb, and those who believe in this truth receive salvation through faith.

The gospel of being born again through the remission of sins is the gospel that all the sins of the world are completely washed away through Jesus' baptism and blood. Therefore, the gospel of Jesus' baptism, through which all the sins of the world were transferred to Him, is the gospel permitted by God, which saves humanity from the sins of the world and makes people sinless, fulfilling God's righteousness.

Jesus received baptism as the most appropriate way to bear the sins of all sinners to accomplish God's salvation.

What does 'all righteousness' mean? It means that Jesus received baptism to bear humanity's sins and to remove their sins from His side, making all who believe in Him righteous. Jesus' baptism was to cleanse the sins of us sinners by Himself.

“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith” (Romans 1:17). The righteousness of God refers to God sending His Son to this earth to be baptized by John and to shed His blood, thereby removing all sins to save all people from all the sins of the world.

In the New Testament, the righteousness of God is Jesus' baptism and blood.

What is the righteousness that we sinners receive from God? It is that Jesus received baptism from John the Baptist, equivalent to the laying on of hands, to remove the sins of sinners.

The reason we, who were sinners, become righteous is that about 2,000 years ago, Jesus received baptism from John the Baptist, and through this, all our sins and all the sins of the world were transferred to Jesus Christ. Those who believe in this truth become righteous through the salvation of Jesus, who bore all the sins of the world.

By accepting the salvation of this truth, we become righteous people with no sin, and this is God's righteousness, through which we obtain salvation before God.

Matthew 3:15 states, *"Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."* When Jesus was baptized, Matthew 3:16-17 says, *'the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."'*

These words are God the Father Himself testifying that His Son fulfilled all righteousness through His baptism, bearing witness to this salvation.

God the Father Himself testified, "This Jesus who has just been baptized by John is my Son." God the Father personally testified that His Son received baptism to bear all the sins of humanity and to save humanity from all sins.

God the Father's personal testimony was to ensure that the work done by Jesus, His Son—the righteous work of removing the world's sins through baptism— would not be in vain.

Jesus, while being the Son of God, is also the Savior who

saved sinners from the sins of the world. When God the Father testified “with whom I am well pleased,” it means He was pleased with this truth that Jesus, in obedience to the Father’s will, took upon Himself all the sins of the world through baptism.

The word “baptism” contains meanings such as ‘to wash,’ ‘to transfer,’ ‘to pass on,’ and ‘to bury.’ Because all our sins were transferred to Jesus when He was baptized, we can receive salvation from all the sins of the world by believing this in our hearts.

The baptism that Jesus received is the fulfillment of salvation, God’s prophetic word that connects the Old and New Testaments. Thus, the Old and New Testament scriptures finally match as pairs.

These two paired events are: in the Old Testament, the high priest laying his hands on the sacrificial animal to transfer one year’s worth of sins of the Israelites (Leviticus 16:29), and in the New Testament, Jesus receiving baptism from John the Baptist to remove all the sins of humanity (Matthew 3:15-17).

Jesus received baptism to save sinners from the sins of the world. Because of Jesus’ baptism that bore our sins, all the sins in our hearts were transferred to Jesus, and those who accept this truth of salvation in their hearts—that all personal sins and original sin committed in the world were transferred to Jesus—have all their sins completely washed away from their hearts and are fully saved from all the sins of the world.

If you do not accept Jesus’ baptism and the cross by faith in your personal heart, you cannot wash away sins through any actions or any religion.

If all our sins were transferred and removed by any means other than Jesus’ baptism and the blood of the cross, it would not be the fulfillment of God’s Word.

The true salvation is Jesus’ baptism that bore all the sins of

the world, and His judgment on the cross is the true salvation of Jesus for humanity.

Will you accept these words of salvation? Or will you not accept them? These are not the words of men. These are the words of God.

Jesus died on the cross because He had taken on the sins of the world through His baptism, and as a result, He was judged and shed His blood on the cross. And He rose from death to save those who believe. Jesus' death on the cross was the result of the baptism He received to bear the sins of this world.

Romans 8:3-4 records, *"For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."*

Because human flesh was too weak to keep God's Law and was destined for hell, the truth that Jesus took all the worldly sins of humanity through His baptism and bore all sins in His flesh was precisely the baptism Jesus received from John.

Because Jesus received baptism, His death on the cross could occur. This is the primitive wisdom of God's gospel of removing sin.

If until now you have only believed in the cross of Jesus, then turn back and accept the gospel of salvation through both Jesus' baptism, which bore all the sins of the world, and the blood of the cross. Only then can you become a child of God.

The Original Gospel

What's the original gospel?

The gospel of the water and the Spirit

The original gospel is the gospel of atonement that blotted out sin — this is the gospel of Jesus' baptism and blood, death and resurrection, which God accomplished through water and the Spirit. Our Lord washed away the sins of the world once and for all by receiving baptism in the Jordan River, and by dying on the cross and shedding His precious blood, He gave salvation to those who believe in the baptism of Jesus and salvation through His blood. Those who are saved received salvation by believing the words of truth of the original gospel in their hearts.

Therefore, all sins—past, present, and even all future sins that will be committed—have been completely washed away and removed through faith. Now those who believe and receive salvation are saved from all sins by believing in the truth of Jesus' baptism (laying on of hands), the blood of the cross (judgment), and resurrection.

Do you now believe? Yes, I believe. Then you have become righteous.

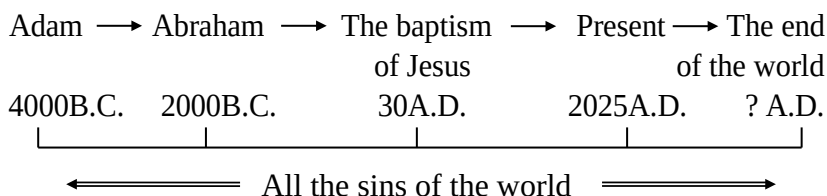
Now let's look at the recorded words of what happened after Jesus was baptized. First, in John 1:29, "*Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*"

The Bible records events as happening "*the next day.*" John the Baptist testified that Jesus was the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This is because John the Baptist had transferred all the sins of the world to Jesus through baptism at the Jordan River.

A witness can only testify to what they know for certain.

Similarly, John the Baptist could testify about Jesus the next day, saying “*Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*” because he had personally baptized Jesus.

The gospel of being born again is this message that Jesus received baptism and took all the sins of this world to the cross.



“*Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*” (John 1:29) This Word means that Jesus took away all the sins of the world from the beginning to the end of the world through His baptism.

The sins you committed from when you were born from your mother’s womb until you were 10 years old are also the sins of the world. Do you acknowledge this truth that those sins were passed on to Jesus when He was baptized? Yes, I acknowledge. Also, you commit sins in the world from ages 11 to 20. These sins were also passed on to Jesus through baptism. Do you believe this? Yes, I believe. Then, were the sins from ages 21 to 30 also passed on? Yes, they were passed on.

Are the sins that you will commit in the future also the sins of the world? Yes, they are the sins of the world. Were those sins also passed on to Jesus’ body? Yes, they were passed on. Do you truly believe that all your sins were passed on to Jesus through the baptism He received? Yes, I believe. Do you believe that Jesus took responsibility for all the sins of the world through His baptism? Yes, I believe.

Do you also want to receive salvation from all the sins of

the world? If you want to be saved, believe in Jesus' baptism and the blood of the cross as your salvation from sin and as the gospel of being born again. If you believe, you are saved.

This is the salvation of being born again that God acknowledges. Jesus' baptism and blood are the original gospel of being born again, the salvation from sin that God gave to sinners, and the gift through which one can be born again.

True faith and true rebirth are believing in the salvation of rebirth granted through the baptism received by the Lord and the blood shed on the cross, and embracing and believing in God's love of salvation with all our hearts. The water and the blood of Jesus, this is the word of rebirth. We must accept the word of truth recorded in the Bible to be born again.

Religion and Faith

<i>What witness do we have in the hearts of the born again?</i>
<i>That Jesus blotted out all our sins with His baptism and blood</i>

If you believe in Jesus as a religion, you create Jesus according to your own thoughts and arbitrarily decide whether you are saved or not.

However, salvation from sin has nothing to do with our thoughts. God loved us and planned our salvation this way: In the Old Testament, He removed sins through sacrificial offerings, laying on of hands, and blood. In the New Testament, Jesus, who came as the Lamb of God, took on the sins of the world through His baptism and eliminated all the sins of humanity by shedding His blood on the cross.

Therefore, we receive salvation through this true faith of salvation, by knowing and accepting the truth of this original gospel.

Without the baptism that Jesus received from John the Baptist, there is no passing on of sin, and without the shedding of blood, there is no salvation from sin. All our sins were passed on to Jesus and washed away through His baptism, and as judgment for the sins of this world, Jesus bore all those sins, went to the cross, and paid the full price for those sins by shedding His precious blood.

Therefore, by accepting the truth of regeneration through the baptism and blood received by the Lord, we are saved from all the sins of the world.

True faith is believing in God's righteous truth of salvation, where Jesus took on and completely washed away all the sins of the world when He was baptized for us, and received judgment for our sins by shedding His blood on the cross in our place.

God so loved humanity that to save everyone from all sins, we receive salvation through believing and accepting the gospel of being born again — through His baptism and the shedding of His blood on the cross.

Only by accepting and believing in this gospel, which the Lord accomplished to save humanity from all judgment of sin, can we be born again as righteous people without sin and be freed from all punishment due to sin.

"I believe in the Lord. Although I have no merit of my own, I believe in the gospel of His baptism, death, and resurrection where He took on the sins of the world for me." In this way, we receive salvation with gratitude by believing in the gospel of being born again that the Lord has given us. Accepting and believing in God's original gospel of being born again is true faith and true belief.

For us to be born again, “*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*” (Romans 10:17), “*And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*” (John 8:32). We must know the truth (1 John 5:5-8) and believe in the testimony of water, blood, and the Spirit that Jesus truly became our Savior.

As it is written, ‘*The truth shall make you free*’ (John 8:32), have you gained freedom from all sin by believing in the word of water and blood that Jesus fulfilled, by believing in Jesus’s baptism and the cross?

Are you people who live a religious life, or are you people who live a life of faith? The Lord meets those who have faith in His baptism and blood, which is the gospel of rebirth.

If you are someone who believes in His baptism and blood, which is the gospel of rebirth through which Jesus eliminated sin, there will be no sin in your heart. However, if you are a religious person who believes in Jesus, you will always be a sinner because you have sin in your heart and continue to be insufficient.

Why is that? It is because you do not fully believe in the truth of salvation through Jesus’s baptism and blood, which is the gospel of rebirth that washes away sin.

Nevertheless, if you try to receive forgiveness by making prayers of repentance each time to be forgiven of all your sins, such people are those who live a religious life. Such people cannot receive salvation from their sins.

A person’s prayer of repentance cannot substitute for the gospel of rebirth — the salvation accomplished through Jesus’s baptism and blood that eliminated all sins of this world from the beginning to the end of time. This is because we receive salvation only through faith in Jesus’s gospel of sin removal, which eliminated all our worldly sins, even the future sins of believers.

To say it again, the daily prayers of repentance currently practiced in Christianity cannot substitute for the gospel of rebirth through which Jesus eliminated all sins from His side. All Christians must now believe in the gospel of rebirth, which is salvation from sin given by Jesus.

We are people who cannot perfectly repent of the sins we commit. False repentance does not bring us back to God but only comforts our own hearts. False repentance is a one-sided plea that ignores God's will and ends with self. God does not desire such repentance.

What is true repentance? It is returning to God. It is coming back to the word of salvation where Jesus has saved sinners and believing in the word of truth as it is.

The gospel of rebirth that saves us from sin, where sin is completely erased, is the faith in the baptism, blood, and resurrection received by Jesus, and this faith is the gospel that leads to eternal life. We receive salvation through complete faith in this gospel word.

This is the gospel of rebirth that eliminates sin. This truth is fundamentally rebirth through Jesus's baptism, blood, and resurrection, and this truth is the gospel of God's kingdom that brings rebirth if we just believe it in our hearts.

Our Lord's words that we must be born again of water and the Spirit is the gospel of truth saying that we must be born again by believing in the word of Jesus's baptism and blood.

We can enter and see the kingdom of God the Father by believing in Jesus's words. We must believe in what Jesus accomplished. The two pieces of evidence that God provided for our salvation —Jesus's baptism and the blood of the cross, and His death and resurrection— believing in these words is the word of rebirth given to us.

Do you believe in the gospel of rebirth that eliminates sin?

We have received salvation from all worldly sins, both original sin and personal sins, because we believe in Jesus Christ's baptism and the blood of the cross. This faith is believing in the gospel of rebirth.

Jesus completely washed away all sins of all sinners in the world through His baptism and ended all judgment through His blood, shouldn't we receive salvation from all sins by believing in this gospel of truth?

A person who has the true testimony of the word that Jesus spoke to make us born again, the word of Jesus's baptism and blood, is truly someone born again of water and the Spirit.

God has testified that He acknowledges the faith of such a person (1 John 5:3-10). Those who believe and are born again have the testimony of water, blood, and the Spirit, which is God's evidence of salvation, within their hearts.

In living a life of faith in Jesus, one must not believe in a false gospel, but in the true gospel that removes all sins through the Spirit, water, and blood.

Just as in the Old Testament, Commander Naaman's leprosy was completely eliminated when he dipped himself seven times in the Jordan River (2 Kings 5), we must believe that Jesus eliminated all sins of all humanity living in this world through the gospel of rebirth—His baptism and the blood of the cross—and gave us salvation through our faith in that truth.

I am now delivering to you the gospel of rebirth through which Jesus has blotted out all sins of this world.

Love is not that we loved the Lord first, but because the Lord loved us first and because Jesus, who is God, eliminated all sins of the world for us, we receive salvation from all worldly sins and enjoy eternal life through our faith in this gospel of rebirth.

I hope we all believe in the true gospel of truth and are born again. ☑

SERMON 2

Cults and Heretics --- **within Christianity**

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But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber (2 Peter 2:1-3).

Cults and Heretics within Christianity

< Isaiah 28:13-14 >

“But the word of the Lord was to them, ‘Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little,’ that they might go and fall backward, and be broken and snared and caught. Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scornful men, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem.”

There are many pseudo-journalists in the world. A pseudo-journalist refers to a person who, without proper journalistic credentials, takes advantage of the status of a journalist, often engaging in crimes such as extortion and blackmail to obtain money. The term “pseudo” means something that appears real but is actually fake—something that has the same outward appearance but is fundamentally different inside.

In religious circles, this is referred to as heresy, and within Christianity, there are many so-called “pseudo-religions” or “heretical sects.” The severity of their influence also seems to be quite significant. However, it is truly difficult to find people who clearly present the definition or criteria of heresy and teach it biblically.

With a heavy heart, I have written this piece to examine what the Bible says about heresy. For those who genuinely believe in God, this is a matter that requires serious reflection. Therefore, I hope to shed light on this issue through the Bible

and provide clarity on heresy.

Biblical Definition of Heresy

<i>How does the Bible define heresy?</i>
<i>The Bible defines a heretic as someone who believes in Jesus but has sin in their heart</i>

Heresy is different in its end. In Titus 3:11, there is a clear biblical definition of heresy: “*Knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.*” A heretic is someone who sins by themselves and self-condemns. In other words, a person who believes in Jesus but has sin in their heart is a heretic in the sight of God’s Word.

The Lord took away all the sins of humanity by baptism, and yet, those who do not believe this blessed news of God saving sinners, and instead reject the atonement of salvation, self-proclaiming to be sinners, are heretics.

In Titus 3:11, God called those who believe in Jesus but still believe they have sin within themselves heretics.

How about you? Even while believing in God, we must always consider whether we might be heretics before God and live our faith life with this in mind.

Even though you believe in Jesus, aren’t you still claiming that you have sin before God because you haven’t heard the spiritual gospel truth of water and the Spirit? If you say you still have sin in your heart even while believing in Jesus, you are despising the salvation of Jesus’s gospel of water and the Spirit.

Before God, all who claim they have sin are acknowledging that they themselves are not children of God, not God’s people.

Also, those who confess ‘Lord, I am a sinner’ while believing in Jesus need to reconsider their faith in Jesus.

When Jesus has eliminated all sins of the world, including yours, why do you still claim to be a ‘sinner’ while believing in Jesus? When our Lord took all your sins through His baptism and paid the full price for those sins by being judged on the cross, how can you not know this gift of salvation from the Lord and condemn yourself as a sinner?

Such a person becomes a heretic before God because they consider themselves sinners irrespective of God’s work of salvation.

We must rightly know and believe in the true Gospel, the blessing of being born again through water and the Spirit. If you claim to believe in Jesus without understanding the true Gospel and being born again, then you are currently a heretic.

Everyone who claims to believe in Jesus but is not born again is a heretic. This is because while Jesus has eliminated your sins, you yourself who claim to believe in Jesus still have sin in your heart.

The Origin of Heresy in the Bible

<i>What is the most important qualification for a priest?</i>
<i>He has to be born again.</i>

It can be seen through 1 Kings 12:25-26. ‘Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built Penuel. And Jeroboam said in his heart, “Now the kingdom may return to the house of David.”’

Jeroboam was originally a servant of King Solomon, but due to Solomon's corruption, he was appointed as the king of the 11 tribes of Israel following Solomon, according to God's will during the reign of Rehoboam.

After becoming king, Jeroboam's first concern was what to do if the people of Israel returned to the house of David, currently ruled by King Rehoboam of the tribe of Judah.

Thus, he devised a radical security measure, which was firstly to replace God with golden calves, and secondly, to change the place of worship from Jerusalem to Bethel and Dan. 1 Kings 12:28 says, *"Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold."* He placed one golden calf in the temple of Bethel and the other in the temple of Dan, making the people worship these golden calves.

This act became a great sin before God across that era and subsequent times. He also set up anyone who volunteered as priests to offer sacrifices before God. *"After this event Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but again he made priests from every class of people for the high places; whoever wished, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places. And this thing was the sin of the house of Jeroboam, so as to exterminate and destroy it from the face of the earth"* (1 Kings 13:33-34). This is the origin and the result of heresy.

'Whoever wished, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.' And even today, heretics appoint priests before God if anyone volunteers. People who apply to seminaries can become false pastors, false evangelists, false elders, false deacons, and false congregants upon graduation, even if they have not been born again through the Gospel of water and the Spirit as spoken by Jesus. This is a system that can lead to heresy.

How can unregenerate sinners become clergy? Any place

that appoints the unborn-again as false clergy becomes a factory producing heretics.

Looking again at the origin of heresy, Jeroboam first replaced God with golden calves to maintain his regime. Second, he appointed anyone who volunteered, even if they were not regenerated righteous people, as priests (pastors, evangelists, deacons, deaconesses, and overseers). The saying that ordinary people were made into false clergy means just this. It is the same today. Since Jeroboam, heresy has continued to flow in this manner.

Those who have not been born again of water and the Spirit should not become pastors or evangelists. Can one become a clergy just by attending a theological school or just by being recognized by a denomination? Are true clergy made in theological schools? No. Don't you know that today's theological system is producing false clergy?

The Bible says that God's servants are appointed directly by God. But today, if you attend a theological school, you are made into a clergy. Do you think there is no problem with this? Judges in society become judges through examinations conducted by higher civil service institutions, but serving God is about following the Holy Spirit. Can one serve without the Spirit in their heart?

Of course, I am not saying that learning the Word is wrong, but merely having theological education does not qualify one to be a clergy. I believe that only those who are born again can truly become clergy.

Can one become clergy without God's recognition? No. Only those recognized by God are true clergy. Clergy recognized by God are at least those who believe in the Gospel of water and the Spirit of Jesus and are born again.

The Bible records in 1 Kings 12:25-26 and Chapter 13 that

the sins of Jeroboam provoked the wrath of God.

We must know about the sin of Jeroboam, who created false clergy, and we must not follow his example. It is necessary to be aware of this, and if one does not know, they should revisit the scriptures. Jeroboam was the originator and principal leader who appointed false clergy to protect his own kingship by replacing God with golden calves.

The same situation is occurring in our present reality. We should carefully consider whether today's false ministers are also replacing God with golden calves to maintain their pastoral positions and false ministries.

Have church leaders not changed their ministry methods to focus on material blessings, fearing that their congregants might turn to 'the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit'? Haven't they emphasized that believing in Jesus brings material blessings and physical healing, while promoting their denomination as orthodox and appointing unborn-again people as false clergy?

This is akin to the sin of Jeroboam before God, and it is a great sin that provokes the wrath of Jehovah.

The Golden Calf God Served by False Clergy

Even today, there are many false clergy who serve the golden calf. These false clergy exploit the congregants under the guise of 'Solomon's thousand burnt offerings' to extort money. Foolish congregants are being robbed of their money by these false clergy. Those who serve God as a golden calf are collecting donations for church construction, not because the church is too small, but to exploit money.

Solomon's thousand burnt offerings were not about

bringing and offering money. False clergy are extorting money by establishing pretexts to extract money from their congregants. Believers in God should not partake in such foolish acts. Just because you put money in an envelope daily and offer it doesn't mean God receives it; it goes into the hands of false clergy filled with their own desires, just like Jeroboam. I hope you will not be deceived by false clergy who serve the golden calf as God again.

Then why was God pleased with Solomon's thousand burnt offerings? It is about offering a sacrifice of faith before God by believing in the gospel of removing sin that God gives, as one acknowledges their own sinful nature that deserves death, just like the burnt offering sacrifice, recognizing their own sins.

The offering of a thousand burnt sacrifices was an act of worship in which thanksgiving sacrifices were offered through faith, believing in God's salvation that He had eternally saved us through the sacrificial offering given in place of our death due to our sins.

Solomon's offering of a thousand burnt sacrifices spiritually signifies coming before God daily in worship, reflecting on the Lord's cleansing of sin through water and the Spirit. Understanding this meaning, we must no longer be deceived by the false priesthood of the golden calf faith.

Those Who Work in the Priesthood Without Being Born Again Are Heretics

What do heretics say about being born again?

They say they are born again of visions, dreams, and various kinds of spiritual experiences

In today's Christianity, there are false ministers who tell others to receive cleansing from sin when they themselves haven't received it - these people are all heretics. They do not know the gospel of water and the Spirit, so they themselves have not been born again, yet they tell others to be born again through water and the Spirit. This is truly absurd, and it is the way false clergy conduct their ministry.

False shepherds distort the truth of the gospel of water and the Spirit that cleanses all sins, telling their congregation members to resolve their personal sins individually before God on their own. They say, 'Try mountain prayers, try fasting prayers, serve diligently, do well in dawn prayers, be obedient, give construction offerings. Just figure out how to receive cleansing from sin on your own.' This kind of ministry by false religious leaders is fraudulent and merely an empty shell ministry without substance.

Someone shared their testimony of being born again, saying that in a dream there were people standing in line, and when it was their turn, Jesus called their name. They testified that this is why they believe they were born again — but is this the correct assurance of salvation?

However, God does not speak this way. In John 3:5, it is written that *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."*

God's written word states that only those who are born again through the gospel of water and the Spirit can be called born-again believers and born-again ministers. Those who believe they are born again through dreams, visions, or prayers of repentance are all false ministers.

Today, many follow denominational faiths within Christianity, but in reality, those who have not been born again according to Jesus' words—by water and the Spirit—and those who fail to preach the gospel of rebirth are the very pseudo-clergy and heretics.

Religious Reformers and Present-day Christianity

When did the true gospel begin to be mixed in with and distorted by other religions?

From the time when the Roman Emperor Constantine proclaimed the Milan Edict in 313 A.D.

When did the various Christian denominations around the world begin to emerge? When did denominations like the Baptist, Lutheran, and Presbyterian churches originate? The Reformation took place in 1517, so it has only been a little over 500 years.

The early Christians were those who followed Jesus while He was on this earth. The meaning of the term 'Christianity' is 'a group of people who follow Jesus.' Initially, those who followed Jesus were the apostles, and the apostles and the early church fathers continued this faith until A.D. 313.

From the time Emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Milan in 313 A.D., true followers of Jesus became mixed with false Christians — sinners who were not born again of water and

the Spirit — leading to a thousand-year dark age of Christianity throughout the medieval period.

Later, in the 1400s, Martin Luther came forth with the message ‘the righteous shall live by faith’ and called for religious reformation. Shortly afterward, in the 1500s and 1600s, reformers such as John Calvin and John Knox led movements to break away from Catholicism. This was the beginning and entirety of the Reformation movement.

The Reformation was simply an effort to separate from Catholicism; it did not fully reject the doctrines of the Catholic faith as entirely wrong. The reformers did not leave Catholicism because they sought true faith through being born again of water and the Spirit, but rather because they wanted to escape the corruption and oppression of the Catholic Church. Thus, the Reformation was merely a movement for reform, not for the pursuit of true faith in Jesus Christ.

So, Protestant Christianity was called ‘Protestantism.’ This term originally meant ‘rebellious ones.’ Luther didn’t leave because he understood that Catholic faith itself was wrong. He only tried to stop the Catholic leaders from selling indulgences to build St. Peter’s Basilica.

Therefore, we can still see many by-products of Catholic faith remaining in Christianity today. Infant baptism, confession prayers similar to Catholic penance, sacred rituals, the notion that only those trained in seminaries can become clergy, and large, grand churches that appear holy—these are all remnants inherited from Catholicism.

Furthermore, from around the 1600s, the Reformed Church movement began in earnest, and it has only been about 500 years since the Reformation. The history of modern Christianity does not span thousands of years. In reality, it is barely about 500 years old. Therefore, we should not claim that any particular

group is the one and only ‘orthodox’ church based on such a short history.

The reformation of Christianity is still ongoing and must continue in the future. However, there is one fundamental truth that must be known and believed: Jesus said that one must be born of water and the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God. This truth must be believed and preached without compromise.

Are you believing in and preaching the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit, as Jesus said? If you are not preaching it, then you are not a servant of God. In John 3, Jesus told Nicodemus that unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter or even see the kingdom of God.

Then, does the Bible only speak of the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit? Should we ignore other aspects, such as social service or living a holy life? No, we cannot. All these things are good, but they must come after believing in the gospel of water and the Spirit, which is God’s will. God’s will is for us to first believe in the gospel.

The Teachings of False Clergy!

<i>Who is a heretic?</i>
<i>One Who Believes in Jesus but Still Has Sin in Their Heart</i>

When did the rise of false clergy within Christianity begin?

Before Jesus Christ came, the Israelites worshiped the one true God, Jehovah. However, as the nation of Israel, a single ethnic group, became divided, pseudo-Christianity and heretical faith began to emerge during the reign of King Jeroboam, as recorded in 1 Kings 12 and 13. Please understand this historical fact.

The Bible clearly speaks about the teachings and doctrines of pseudo-Christianity in Isaiah 28 and Titus 3:10-11.

Scripture states that those who believe in Jesus yet still have sin are false clergy and false believers. Anyone who believes in Jesus but still has sin in their heart is considered a heretic before God—in other words, a false believer.

And concerning the teaching of heretics, Isaiah 28:9-10 says, *“Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”*

When speaking of the teachings of heretics, who are false clergy, it says they add precept upon precept and line upon line — what does it mean to add precept upon precept? The meaning is that they say ‘Be careful! Be careful! Be careful of those who claim to be born again in Jesus.’ They unconditionally tell people to be careful. They unconditionally tell people not to listen and not to go. They say this is how people fall into heresy.

If their faith is true, why can’t they defeat what these mere heretics preach by examining it against the Word? It’s truly pathetic to see them struggling without the Word while claiming to be orthodox and true believers. Those who are truly born again by faith overcome heresy with the Word.

What we really need to be careful about are false clergy. Today, there is a problem with those who call themselves traditional denominations unconditionally labeling as heretics the ‘righteous who are born again of water and the Spirit’ simply because they are different from them. Why is it heresy to believe in the gospel of salvation through being born again of water and the Spirit, as Jesus said?

Even if someone belongs to a denomination currently

labeled as heretical, if they believe in and preach the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit, they are a true evangelist. On the other hand, those who claim to be the true faith but do not believe in or preach the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit are the real heretics.

The distinction between heresy and true faith depends on whether one believes in and preaches the gospel of water and the Spirit. It also depends on whether, after believing in Jesus, one still has sin in their heart or not.

If one has sin after believing in Jesus, they are heretics; if not, they are true believers. How can it be heresy when one knows and believes in Jesus's gospel of water and the Spirit through the Bible's words, and is born again through the spiritual elimination of sins?

Is someone who has no sin in their heart, being as white as snow through faith in Jesus's baptism and blood of the cross, a heretic? Or is someone who has sin in their heart because they don't believe in Jesus's gospel of water and the Spirit a true believer?

Today, there are too many false clergy who hold beliefs that have strayed from the Bible. They only emphasize their doctrine of the blood of the cross and ignore Jesus's baptism (water), claiming their gospel to be orthodox, which is why they are gradually moving away from the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit.

What difference is there between today's Christianity and Catholicism? Just as the followers of Jesus in Catholicism are blindly devoted, is Christianity not also blind in its faith? This is why denominations have been divided within Christianity over time. Now, even within Christianity, we must resist false clergy. Only then can we hear the words of the true gospel and obtain true faith.

<i>What do we have to do to avoid becoming heretics?</i>
<i>We have to be born again of water and the Spirit.</i>

The Bible says that only those who believe in Jesus's baptismal water and the blood of the cross have true faith. Jesus spoke to Nicodemus in John 3:1-12.

False clergy are just pushing their congregants with zealousness. They emphasize the importance of early morning prayer. They tell people to be zealous every day and to be even more zealous. False clergy, no matter how zealous they are, still have sin in their hearts if they are not born again of water and the Spirit.

When we say we are righteous people who have received the elimination of sins by believing in Jesus's gospel of water and the Spirit, they unconditionally oppose us with just one verse, "*There is none righteous*" (Romans 3:10). If they label those who have faith in righteousness as heretics, how can people hear the gospel and be saved from sin?

False clergy are pseudo-heretics. When the Bible says, 'there is no righteous one,' what does it mean? They speak without understanding the context. Was Apostle Paul really saying in Romans 3:10 that there was not a single righteous person in this world?

Romans 3:10 refers to the fact that no one was able to live perfectly under the Law. Jesus Christ, who is God, came and eliminated all sins of this world through water and blood, thus saving humanity from all sin. Therefore, those who believe in Jesus have become righteous. This is what is said in Romans 3:10 and the previous chapter.

False clergy only tell people to beware of heretics. They strictly warn and control their congregants, telling them never to

go to any denomination other than the ones they approve of.

Therefore, even when church members want to attend meetings where the word of being born again of water and the Spirit is preached, they cannot come because their denomination forbids it. They prevent people from hearing despite having ears, thus preventing them from being born again. These are false clergy who will receive the same woes as the Pharisees mentioned in the Bible. Those who do this will receive terrible punishment from God in the future.

False clergy who are heretics must turn back. Who is a false clergy and heretic? Is it someone who has no sin in their heart after hearing and believing in Jesus's gospel of water and the Spirit and receiving the removal of sins? Or is it someone who believes in Jesus but still has sin in their heart?

The Bible states in Titus 3:11, "*knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.*" False clergy tell people not to attend gatherings where the righteous preach the message of being born again of water and the Spirit. They warn that something terrible will happen if they go.

Everyone, if they weren't false clergy, would there be any need to fear heretics? But because they themselves are false clergy, they fear when truth comes. "*Precept upon precept, precept upon precept*" — this is the faith pattern of false clergy who are pseudo-heretics in both the Old and New Testament.

Our Lord also said this. When false clergy and pseudo-heretic leaders preach, they take a little from this book, a little from that book, a little of God's Word, mixing it with words from philosophers and literary figures, along with their own thoughts.

False clergy educate their congregation with worldly teachings because they view their members as ignorant. True churches and true education must educate and preach with the

living word of God. People don't come to church to hear worldly teachings. Rather, they come to hear the blessing of "being born again of water and the Spirit" that Jesus gave through God's written word, which cannot be heard in the world.

Believers come to church because they want to hear the Word, believe it, and become righteous through faith, so they can live a confident life of faith before God with a heart free from sin.

But what are those who claim to believe actually doing? Aren't they blocking the path for church members to come before God's Word of being born again of water and the Spirit? This is truly foolish. You may deceive church members, but you cannot deceive God. You may deceive church members, but you cannot deceive God's blessed word of being born again of water and the Spirit.

If you truly want to hear God's Word, you must turn to God. You must no longer block the gospel of salvation of being born again of water and the Spirit.

Heretics only educate their followers with doctrine. They prevent their church members from meeting believers from other denominations because their falsehood would be revealed through the Word. This is truly pathetic.

A pseudo-pastor can carry out ministry even without God's Word. They preach, counsel, and lead a congregation with their own thoughts. However, one who ministers without the Word of God is a heretic. The Bible calls such people hired hands and wolves in sheep's clothing (John 10).

Pseudo-believers are heretics because while they appear the same on the outside, they are different inside. False clergy are called such because they appear as Christian clergy on the outside but are sinful pagans on the inside.

Some label churches that aren't affiliated with

denominations as heretics, but we see that these minorities choose not to join because existing denominations have strayed too far from the Bible.

What is wrong before God? Aren't those who only preach their denominational doctrine instead of following the Bible's words the real heretics?

Heretics all use their own standards to label others as heretics. Thus, because everyone is different, everyone becomes a heretic. But if heresy is not determined by personal opinions, then by what standard does one become a heretic or a true believer before God?

This must be discerned through the Bible's words and the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit. Some people look at other denominations and say they were once heretics but now they're not.

Pastors tell their congregations to receive remission of sins while they themselves have sin in their hearts, having not resolved their own sins. Such teaching is wrong and falls into the sin of Jeroboam. Those who claim to do the Lord's work while still having sin in their hearts must realize that God's holiness does not align with their sinful nature. They must recognize that they themselves are the heretics described in the Bible.

Titus 3:11 speaks about heretics, saying, *"Knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned."* A person who, with a corrupt faith, declares themselves a sinner, saying, 'I have sin,' and continues to sin before God—such a person is the heretic described in the Bible.

Therefore, whether one is a pastor, holds a position in the church, or is a believer, if they still have sin in their heart, they must recognize that their faith is heretical before Jesus. Fundamentally, they have become heretics because they neither

know, hear, nor believe in the gospel of salvation of being born again of water and the Spirit.

If one meets a false teacher, learns incorrectly from them, and then teaches others the same way, they also become false. The Bible says that a tree is known by its fruit. A person who believes in Jesus' baptism and blood and has become righteous will bring forth righteous and saved believers who have no sin.

On the other hand, those who believe in Jesus yet hold to the doctrinal faith that they are still sinners will produce many sinful believers when they learn and teach such doctrine. This result aligns with the Scripture that says, *"Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit"* (Matthew 7:17).

The people of the religious group who call themselves 'Jehovah's Witnesses' do not acknowledge Jesus as God. While claiming to be witnesses of God, they actually go around testifying to the falsehood that Jesus is not God.

False pastors and their followers add caution upon caution. "Be careful of this, be careful of that" — why so many warnings! They are afraid their falsehoods will be exposed. This is because they are pastors who lack the assurance of salvation through being born again with Jesus's water and the Spirit.

Cults deceive people with patchwork sermons, taking a little from here and a little from there. They are people who deliver knowledge, not faith, to their congregation.

What Do False Ministers Say During Their Sermon Time?

<i>What Do Heretical Pastors Preach?</i>
<i>Worldly theology and man's thoughts</i>

“Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little” (Isaiah 28:13).

When it comes to adding precept upon precept, they teach ‘this means this in Greek, and that in Hebrew, and there’s this theory here and that theory there.’ Also, cults warn that one should be careful of black-and-white truth of salvation.

And they say, ‘Martin Luther did this, John Calvin said that, John Knox said this, and so-and-so said such-and-such, and we think both this and that are correct.’

False ministers don’t even know what they are saying or what they believe while they are speaking.

Those who have the true faith of being born again can accurately distinguish between falsehood and truth. They can clearly discern between the gospel that leads to rebirth and the gospel that doesn’t. God’s servants who are born again deliver the clear gospel truth of water and the Spirit.

However, false ministers are gray-zone dwellers. Their faith is like that of a bat. Just as bats prefer caves during the day and outside at night, these false ministers believe the Bible can be interpreted this way or that way, and following their own thoughts in believing various things is heresy. Those who live their faith life this way are false ministers and heretics.

Also, the church members who follow false ministers are following without knowing what they are doing or what they believe and follow. Therefore, when false ministers go to hell,

their church members go to hell with them. In this world, there are many church members who go to hell because they met the wrong spiritual guide.

Does the pastor who guides you know and believe in the gospel of water and the Spirit? Is he born again? Did he clearly deliver to you the gospel message of being born again through the written Word? If you have received this true gospel, you are blessed. And if not, you are someone following a false minister.

Church members who are not yet born again must hear sermons about being born again with water and the Spirit. And they must be born again. False ministers hate the gospel of being born again with water and the Spirit the most.

False cult ministers preach like this: 'Jesus Christ came to eliminate our sins and eliminated all sins. And He is eliminating sins, and He will eliminate sins,' speaking as typical false ministers do.

Do you think this makes sense? They say we are righteous. But we commit sins. So we are sinners again. This is how false ministers teach false doctrines and teach human thoughts and vain doctrines. Those who say one can be both a sinner and righteous are false ministers and heretics.

The Bible says that those who claim they have sin by themselves and commit sins because they are corrupted by themselves, these are the heretics.

Life Is Hard Under False Ministers Who Are Heretics

<i>On what do heretics place the most emphasis?</i>
<i>On works</i>

False ministers speak inconsistently. So when church members approach their pastors with questions about salvation that eliminates sin, that is, being born again of water and the Spirit, heretics cannot provide answers. Instead, they say irrational things like they were born again in a dream, or they were reborn without knowing it, or that only God knows about being reborn, not themselves. It's a sad and ridiculous reality, but it's not funny.

In John 3:5 Jesus clearly tells Nicodemus that *"Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."* However, the reality is that they dare to oppose and call heretics those who are born of water and the Spirit, those righteous ones who declare they are born again of water and the Spirit.

False ministers claim they don't speak about being born again because they are humble. Rather, they tell their church members not to attend revival meetings with titles about the blessing of being born again of water and the Spirit, warning that if they go there and try to be born again, they'll be in big trouble and might be expelled from their denomination. They say if you want to keep faith with us, just remain as a sinner, and eventually God will make you born again on His own.

However, whether you are born again or not depends solely on you, and it's your responsibility if you go to hell. But if you go that way, what becomes of my reputation, and where will the tithes, thanksgiving offerings, and Sunday offerings go?

Did I speak too directly? But this is the reality. Today's state of Christianity is deplorable. There are even some pastors who tell people, 'Even if you go to that church, continue giving your offerings here.'

False ministers tell their non-born-again church members, 'Just stay in our church. However, your being born again is not my responsibility but yours. So figure it out yourself. Just stay quiet and go before God. You'll know when you get there. I don't know what happens after that. Just attend here because this is an orthodox denomination.'

I hope you know that our Lord will judge such people. God says He will make those with heretical faith stumble and be caught by the messenger of hell.

Heretics interpret the Bible with their own minds. The Bible should be interpreted through both Old and New Testament words, but they interpret it in their own way. Therefore, many biblical scholars and Christian 'denominations' have emerged in the world.

Because there are so many heretical denominations and scholars in this world, there are countless books of heretical doctrine in circulation. False pastors deliver messages by mixing 'a little from this book, a little from that book,' combining different doctrines. However, those who are truly born again through God's Word only deliver the biblical message.

Heretics produce many false ministers. Heretics live well only in this world and then go to where sinners go, without being born again. This is the final destination God has allowed for false ministers.

God is patient at first. And God blesses even those who don't believe in the love of truth, along with the righteous who believe in the true salvation of being born again through God's water and the Spirit. However, for those who ultimately reject

the blessing of being born again with water and the Spirit, He passes judgment of hell at the end of their life. If they ultimately go before God without believing in the gospel of being born again, they will be sent to hell.

God judges false ministers. Heretical pseudo-faith is extremely zealous and fervent at first. They take a little here and there from various human teachings, and eventually only insist on doctrines of human teachings, ultimately failing to be born again.

Heretics who are false ministers become works-based believers. The congregants who learn under them believe in Jesus but ultimately die as sinners without having their sins removed.

Pastors who cannot deliver the gospel of water and the Spirit for rebirth are great heretics before God. Heretics pressure their church members relentlessly: 40-day overnight prayers, 100-day dawn prayers, daily one-meal fasting prayers, mountain prayers, construction offerings, Solomon's thousand burnt offerings, revival meeting thanksgiving offerings, and so on — they even chart and check each member's offerings. Just by looking at their works (fruits), it's clear they are heretics.

God's curse falls not only on false ministers but also on the church members under heretics. Both pastors who minister without receiving the removal of sins and the church members who blindly follow them receive God's curse.

False ministers like to cry daily and are good at reading the room. They need to watch for the deacons, elders, female church officers, church inspectors, and even the laypeople's reactions. False heretical ministers can't help but constantly read people's faces every day.

Heretical pastors must practice hypocrisy every day.

'Holy and merciful,' they say, even though their hearts are

full of sin, because they must follow their doctrines and speak holy words with their mouths, they become more hypocritical as days go by.

That's why some pastors have said, "Ministering without receiving the Holy Spirit is itself a curse." This means that those who do God's work without receiving the removal of sins are heretics, pseudo-believers, and live the most cursed life. Pastors and church members who fall into this category must quickly turn around and believe in the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit, and be born again.

Anyone who believes in Jesus but is not born again has heretical faith. Such pastors and church members must turn to faith in the gospel of water and the Spirit. The righteous who are born again through believing in Jesus's gospel of water and the Spirit share this gospel of being born again with others.

Heretics Only Shout 'Peace'

<i>How do heretic priests satisfy their followers?</i>
<i>They always cry out for peace, saying their followers can enter the kingdom of Heaven even though they are sinners.</i>

In Isaiah 28:14-15, it says: "*Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scornful men, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.'*"

Who are the haughty men? They are those who mix God's

Word with their own thoughts and deliver it according to their own will. Regardless of what their thoughts may be or what doctrine may say, they should accurately understand and spread the word of God as it is written in the text, but cult leaders and false pastors, both then and now, consistently mix God's Word with their own thoughts when delivering it. These are the haughty.

"We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us."

False clergy say that calamity will not come to them, so there's nothing to worry about. Even though destruction and hell are coming to them, they say there is peace and absolutely no destruction or hell.

Everyone, you can only survive by quickly leaving these cults. The cults say it's fine even if you haven't been born again of water and the Spirit. Is it really okay not to believe in the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit? No. Unless you are born again of water and the Spirit, you absolutely cannot enter the kingdom of God. Are they saying it's fine even if you can't enter God's kingdom? Are they saying it's okay to go into the fires of hell? I hope not. I want all of us to believe in the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit and go to heaven.

The cults deceive people by saying that because they believed in Jesus, even though they have sin in their hearts, they have been forgiven, are being sanctified, and will not go to hell.

Does one receive Jesus's protection even with sin? Do sinners go to heaven? Does one not go to hell even if they have sin?

Everyone, does the Bible say that because you claim to believe in Jesus, you won't be sent to hell even if you're not born again? The Book of Revelation says that sinners who are not born again will be sent to hell.

‘We have made a covenant with death’ — The cults say that because they have sworn and made a covenant with death, death will absolutely not come to them. If they believe in Jesus but have sin in their hearts, and arbitrarily believe that hell will not come to them, does that really mean hell won’t come to them?

False clergy reassure people that even with sin, death and hell will not come to them. While they should prepare people with the gospel of water and the Spirit so they don’t go to hell, cults fail to do this. Being a pastor, deacon, elder, evangelist, or church member without being born again is what makes a cult.

God said that anyone who doesn’t know and believe in the gospel of water and the Spirit that Jesus fulfilled will go to hell, and we need to know and believe this truth.

Is it because we believe in Jesus despite our sins that we go to heaven? Can sinners go to heaven? Does the Bible say that sinners go to heaven? No, it doesn’t. Are there no righteous people in the Bible? Are you saved even with sin? Are there righteous people with sin? Those who tell such lies are cultists and false clergy.

The Bible states, *“The wages of sin is death.”* This is the law established by the Lord. The Lord sends all church members and clergy with sin to hell.

However, we must know that He sends all saints and servants who are born again of water and the Spirit to heaven.

“When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves” they say. They boldly claim that because they have sin in their hearts but still firmly believe in Jesus, they will not go to hell.

However, because they are hidden under false doctrine, they cannot meet God and are deceiving people of this world. They live only believing in the doctrine of their own

denomination to which they belong. Those who only believe in their denomination's doctrine and don't believe in God's Word are cult groups and people who are willingly heading to hell. It is lamentable that there are so many cults in this land.

False Clergy Are Only Interested in Material Wealth

<i>What's the aim of heretical priests?</i>
<i>To extort as much money as possible from their followers</i>

Cults are only interested in material things, they are greedy. They think, 'How much is that person worth when they join our church? How much tithe will they give in the future?' This is like burning incense and praying to a golden calf. When people come to church, they have no interest in their own souls and pray, 'Please make things go well, make me rich, make everything successful...' The unborn-again pseudo pastors guide people this way.

'Everyone, after believing in Jesus, you'll get coal briquettes, the barren will have children, and the poor will become rich' — this is the fraudulent sermon content of pseudo-religious cults.

Many people are deceived by false clergy, suffer, get robbed of their money, and go to hell. How unfair is this! When people who were in cults come to their senses, they see that they've already lost too much in Jesus's name. They regret how foolishly they followed such cults with all their might.

People belonging to false clergy are very zealous. Starting from dawn prayer, they have mountain prayers, special offerings, tithes, thanksgiving offerings, Sunday offerings, and many types

of offerings. The collection basket comes around frequently.

Naive church members make offerings without distinguishing between their own money and church funds, even when painting the chapel. Such members believe that calculating what's theirs while serving God is like serving idols, so they offer their possessions to God even beyond their means. They also paint with great enthusiasm and try to take on the responsibility of serving the church. Yet despite all this devotion, they still have sin in their hearts.

This is because their pastor didn't teach them the gospel of water and the Spirit, so even though they attend church so diligently, they still have sin in their hearts.

Some church members have asked their pastor about the truth of salvation through being born again of water and the Spirit, but he didn't teach them. At the time, they thought maybe the pastor was just being too humble. However, later they found out that person was actually a cult pastor.

Anyone who is not born again of water and the Spirit is a cult clergy member.

Pitiful Heretics and Their Followers

<i>Who are the most pitiful in the world?</i>
<i>Those who minister without being born again of water and the Spirit</i>

“Oh poor pastor! You poor thing, receive the removal of sins first.” The epitome of pseudo-religious cult faith is exactly like Jeroboam's worship of the golden calf. The first thing cults do is build a temple and place a golden calf there to worship it.

This is the same as building a large church to exploit money from church members. They take bank loans to build large churches and only exploit money from members. They stir up members' emotions and pass around collection baskets. Then watches, rings, necklaces, cash, and other offerings pour in. These are false clergy. All cults use the same methods.

False clergy appear to be interested in souls, but in reality, they're only interested in money. Perhaps this is what's happening at the church you're attending?

Don't attend churches that only care about money. Don't attend churches where members who give more money receive special treatment and higher positions. It's very wrong for churches to announce individual offering amounts. Such churches are only exploiting money. Why should offerings be made public? Why announce who gave how much in the bulletin or from the pulpit? Why not let people give freely before God?

And false clergy tempt with these words: "Everyone, if you believe in Jesus, you'll be blessed. I hope you receive blessings by believing in Jesus. Please serve diligently. The more you serve, the more blessings you receive. If you become an elder, you'll receive material blessings."

That's why everyone wants to become an elder. If being an elder only meant serving, who would want to become one? In such churches, they choose elders based on who can provide the most financial support. They select elders based on how faithfully they believe in the denomination's doctrine, how high their social status is, and how much money they can give to the church. This is the truth.

False clergy only know money. Cults are interested in building large churches and believe it's fine if their members go to hell with sin as long as there's no doctrinal problem.

Cults are those who work for a handful of bread. They bind

people with church positions. As seen in Ezekiel 13:17-19, they freely give out positions like deacon, elder, senior deaconess, and steward. They use these positions to increase church finances and prevent people from leaving their denomination. Those who bind church members to their chapel through positions without preaching the gospel of water and the Spirit are cults.

Even if someone has only attended church for a few months, they'll make them an elder if they believe well in the doctrine, have the ability to provide financial support, and serve well with material offerings. This is all the same sin as Jeroboam who replaced God with a golden calf.

False clergy worship the golden calf. While failing to help church members be born again before God, they only collect money by preaching that giving more material offerings brings blessings and making members pursue worldly wealth. They are people who only care about their chapel's finances, regardless of whether church members go bankrupt. Such people are cultists and pseudo-religious leaders.

The Characteristics of False Clergy Who Deceive People's Souls

The characteristics of false religious leaders lead believers away from God's established sacrificial laws and words that remove sin. By leading people away from the gospel of water and the Spirit given by God, that is, the gospel of salvation from sin, they cause many people to go to hell.

The characteristic of pseudo-Christianity is that it does not clearly testify to God's Word of water and the Spirit. Also, they cannot clearly explain the word of rebirth, being born again through water and the Spirit, which removes sin. They just

preach by mixing a little from here, a little from there, a little from doctrine, and a little from the Bible.

False Ministers Are Characterized by Their Lack of Conviction When Preaching

The characteristic of false religious leaders is that when they preach, they say things like “it might be this way, it might be that way,” showing a lack of conviction in the Biblical words.

Because they don’t have their own faith embedded in God’s Word, they just speak as if they’re merely thinking that way. They only say things like “I think so, one could say that, just believe it.” They cannot teach with certainty.

Christianity that belongs to false cults and heresies does not help people’s souls to be born again with water and the Spirit, and ultimately aims to send them to hell.

Heretics Play the Role of False Prophets

<i>What constitutes blasphemy against the Spirit?</i>
<i>To believe in Jesus while living as a sinner who doesn’t believe in His baptism</i>

Matthew chapter 7 records the words about people who believe in Jesus but go to hell.

In Matthew 7:22, heretics plead before God’s judgment seat, saying “*Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?*” Then God says, “*I never knew you; depart from Me,*

you who practice lawlessness!”

It means they did not believe in the gospel that Jesus washed away their sins with water and the Holy Spirit, that Jesus eradicated all their sins. They have practiced lawlessness. What does it mean to practice lawlessness before God? It refers to those who preach about believing in Jesus while having sin in their own hearts.

Some might say or think, ‘What’s so wrong with that?’ However, before God, this becomes a great sin. When a sinner tells another sinner to believe in Jesus, because they themselves are not born again, they can never help another person to be born again through Jesus’s words of water and the Spirit.

Therefore, when a sinner tells another sinner to believe in Jesus, the result is that they create believers who are still sinners, and this becomes a sin before God, which is why God calls them lawless ones. Heretics served money as their god, they served the golden calf as their god.

This means they did not believe according to God’s Word and did not deliver the Word as it is. And they only extracted money from believers in Jesus. These are the ones who believe in Jesus but are wrong. It is lawlessness to act as a leader without receiving the elimination of sins. Those who practiced lawlessness acted as leaders, and if that wasn’t enough, they produced many heretical pastors.

False Ministers and Heretics Are Counterfeits of the Righteous

How do we distinguish between those who have been born again and those who have not?

By faith, we can discern by seeing whether there is sin in their hearts or not.

I hope you won't be deceived by those who claim to be pastors while admitting they have sin. I hope you won't have your money stolen. I hope you won't give your hard-earned money to places where only sinners gather, to sinful shepherds. Please don't offer your precious money to false shepherds who can't resolve your sins through the Word.

If you want to give money to a church or chapel, it's not too late to do so after your heart's sins are removed through God's Words of water and the Spirit, and after you have been cleansed of all past, present, and future sins through the Word and are born again. Do not give material offerings if you are not born again. After being born again, it is appropriate to give material offerings to serve God.

There are many imitations in faith. An imitation is something that looks the same on the outside but is different inside. Faith is the same way. While outwardly people seem to believe in Jesus the same way, there are those who believe in Jesus and have no sin in their hearts, and there are sinners who say they believe in Jesus but still have sin in their hearts. Which of these two is the imitation faith? I hope you can discern for yourselves.

Who is a true minister? Who is an imitation? Who is a heretic? Who is true? According to God's Word, the righteous

who believe in Jesus and have no sin in their hearts, having received cleansing of sins, are true. Those who are sinners with sin in their hearts are heretics. Heretics have sin in their hearts.

Then are all these people heretics? One might say or think this way. But let's go back to the Bible. Does it mean that those who believe in Jesus but are not born again are not heretics? It's very clear that those who believe in Jesus, are born again, and have no sin in their hearts are true believers.

Heretics are those who believe in Jesus while having sin because they are not born again. Heretics are imitations of the righteous.

They also claim to believe in Jesus and say they have no sin, but still say they have sin, and they say they go to heaven, are saved, and serve God. It sounds similar to what the righteous say, but it's completely different. Please don't be deceived by the faith of heretics, which is an imitation of true faith.

False Ministers Who Will Be Judged

<i>Why was the pure gospel changed?</i>
<i>Because false priests and heretics mixed people's mistaken beliefs with the pure gospel.</i>

“Therefore the Lord says, the Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, ‘Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries, and take vengeance on My enemies. I will turn My hand against you, and thoroughly purge away your dross, and take away all your alloy. I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city.’ Zion shall be redeemed with

justice, and her penitents with righteousness. The destruction of transgressors and of sinners shall be together, and those who forsake the Lord shall be consumed. For they shall be ashamed of the terebinth trees which you have desired; and you shall be embarrassed because of the gardens which you have chosen. For you shall be as a terebinth whose leaf fades, and as a garden that has no water. The strong shall be as tinder, and the work of it as a spark; both will burn together, and no one shall quench them” (Isaiah 1:24-31).

God says that if you trust in people, you will be put to shame because of people. In God’s Word, He says that you will be put to shame because of the denomination you have chosen, and that shame will be like an oak whose leaves are withered and like a garden without water.

God’s Word says that false leaders and their church members who have human teachings but no Word of God will receive God’s judgment of hellfire like burning thread on the last day.

It states that false leaders, heretics who have not had their sins removed, sinners, and those who oppose God and the righteous will all receive God’s judgment by fire.

Churches built on human doctrine may look glossy and splendid on the outside, but in reality, they have nothing.

Having no Word of God and no gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit that Jesus fulfilled is like a garden without water. It means that while it’s a tree, it’s like a dead tree. What fruit can a dead tree bear? If a well is called a well but has no water, what kind of well is it?

“The strong shall be as tinder, and the work of it as a spark; both will burn together, and no one shall quench them.” In God’s sight, those who have sin in their hearts and do not have the Holy Spirit have no Word of God, and though they appear

strong outwardly, they are ultimately like tinder. They will be judged like sparks.

“Watchman, what of the night?” (Isaiah 21:11) The Lord speaks to those who are born again in faith. He is telling the righteous who have life that they must spread the gospel of water and the Spirit as light in the night full of sin.

God is light, and Satan is darkness. God leads to the right path, while Satan leads people to false churches through confusion and doctrine.

In the time of Prophet Isaiah, just like now, how confused was the faith of those who believed in God, how much human-made doctrine and teachings were mixed with God’s Word, and how much they fed and led the people of Israel with these... Our Lord decided to remove this.

“And take away all your alloy. I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning.” Sacrifices unacceptable to God refer to those established with human doctrine, mixed with impurities.

In God’s sight, He does not accept sacrifices where faith is not pure. Though it may seem right in human thinking, doctrinal faith spoken by humans is like polluted water mixed with many impurities. God severely rebukes these Israelites and especially rebukes the heretics, false leaders, and the princes of sinful church members.

If you look at Exodus or Deuteronomy, God did not act that way from the beginning. At first, God loved, helped, and greatly blessed the people of Israel.

However, after passing through Deuteronomy and after the death of Joshua as leader, from the book of Judges onward, we see that the nation of Israel was invaded, and when God established a new leader, they would recover, but then they would again disregard God’s Word and act according to their

own thoughts.

Later, the prophet Jeremiah advises the people of Israel to surrender to Babylon. There is a spiritual meaning in these words. It means that the righteous should advise those who maintain heretical faith to surrender to the gospel of water and the Spirit.

God Rebukes False Ministers

<i>Why does God rebuke false ministers?</i>
<i>Because they serve idols instead of God.</i>

What is God's harsh rebuke to His servants concerning the people of Israel? First, when they changed God's law of sacrifice, second, when they appointed anyone from the common people as priests, and third, when they changed the dates of sacrifice.

Jeroboam changed the sacrifice date appointed by God from the 10th day of the 7th month to the 15th day of the 8th month, replaced God with a golden calf, and changed the Levitical priesthood from the tribe of Levi to ordinary people.

As a result, they made it impossible for people to be born again while believing in God. God rebuked such false leaders. Those who served the golden calf instead of God became heretical priests.

In fact, God didn't act so severely just because His people served idols. Don't you and I serve idols and continue to sin as we live? These sins of ours, our shortcomings, are not a big problem because we live by faith, having received grace before God.

However, the problem is that changing God to a golden calf, changing God's law of sacrifice, and making ordinary people

priests were major issues and sins that would bring destruction.

Is this sin an ordinary sin that can be overlooked? No. It is the greatest sin. How can the sin of replacing God with a golden calf be considered a small sin? The Bible records this as the sin of Jeroboam that provoked God's anger.

God curses and destroys such people, both in the past and present. God is rebuking the people of Israel, saying He will curse them unless they turn away from this heretical faith that replaced God with a golden calf.

The City of Righteousness Defiled by False Ministers

The prophet Isaiah continues to speak about the sins of false priests. Originally, God's people could receive complete removal of sins when Aaron the High Priest laid his hands on the unblemished sacrificial offering to transfer sins, according to the holy sacrificial law given by God.

Thus, by offering such sacrifices, the people of Israel became righteous people without sin before God, and even when they sinned due to their shortcomings, they could receive complete removal of sins before God.

The people of Israel and the priests could receive the removal of all sins by offering sacrifices before God through burnt offerings, sin offerings, and peace offerings that God established.

Therefore, they were righteous people who could dwell in the city of righteousness. Their city was a city of righteousness where God could walk together with them. In God's sight, there was no friction or discomfort in walking together with the people of Israel.

The God who called Abraham's descendants out of Egypt

and led them into the land of Canaan to live there was the God of righteousness. The God who said, 'Be holy for I am holy' was the God of the righteous.

Because God was holy, He established the tabernacle's sacrificial law of cleansing sins for the people of Israel, making them completely holy people without any sin. Because the people of Israel were His people, God completely removed their sins for an entire year at once through Aaron the High Priest, the sacrificial offering, and the sacrificial law, and therefore, the sanctified people of Israel could walk together with the holy God.

However, as time passed, the Israeli leaders and people became corrupt. Northern Israel became corrupt first, and later the southern Judah also became corrupt. Like how an older brother goes first then the younger follows, the north became corrupt first and the south later became corrupt. So both nations were completely destroyed. Finally, they were completely destroyed by the Roman general Titus in 70 A.D.

God promised Abraham's descendants that He would bless them and give the land of Canaan to their descendants, so why did God curse the people of Israel? Why did God, who led the people of Israel to the land of Canaan, cause the Israeli nation to perish? There was God's will in this.

Sinful Sacrifices Offered to God by False Ministers

<i>What do we have to do before we can serve God?</i>
<i>Have all our sins washed away.</i>

There is God's will in the destruction of Israel. We must understand who the king of the Israelites was at that time and

who the false priest in the Tabernacle was. By knowing this, we can properly discern in this New Testament era what true faith is and what is not within today's Christianity.

The king of Israel and the heretical priests of this time were opponents of God. The problem lies in the fact that the king appointed priests who ignored God's sacrificial law. First, King Jeroboam, who had fundamentally wrong faith, appointed ordinary people, not from the tribe of Levi, as priests to offer sacrifices to God in the tabernacle. It was a major problem that he appointed anyone who wanted to be a priest and allowed them to offer sacrifices.

God commanded that those who work in the tabernacle and priests must be appointed from the tribe of Levi. Specifically, He ordained that only Aaron's family line could serve as high priests. This is the Law that God established forever.

However, King Jeroboam appointed ordinary people as priests instead of Levites and had them offer sacrifices to the golden calves on behalf of the people. We must all realize how greatly this act provoked God's anger.

Today, they appoint anyone who volunteers as pastors, elders, evangelists, or deaconesses, even if they are not born again. These actions violate God's fundamental sacrificial law and accumulate God's wrath.

Everyone, do you think God will accept the sacrifices of those who have replaced Him with a golden calf? You must quickly abandon the golden calf and serve and honor God. We must understand and practice by faith that priests should be appointed from among the righteous who are born again, not from sinners. This matter must be reformed.

Isaiah 1:10-17 says, *"Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah: 'To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices*

to Me?’ says the Lord. ‘I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats. When you come to appear before Me, who has required this from your hand, to trample My courts? Bring no more futile sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; they are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.’”

When we look at these words, we can see that the religious leaders of Israel offered sacrifices with great zeal according to their own will. Although their enthusiasm was remarkable, they were destroyed because they offered sinful sacrifices to God, having strayed far from God’s law.

We can see that they offered unlawful sacrifices to God instead of the sacrificial law established by Him. Additionally, we can see how they did not listen to God’s Word and how greatly they disregarded it.

They were so zealous that they brought countless sacrifices before God. The Bible records that the blood of sacrificial animals flowed like a river in the temple. The Lord saw this and said that the people of Gomorrah were committing sin.

God spoke to those offering sacrifices before Him, saying that they were not actually offering sacrifices but were committing sin before Him. God saw their sacrifices and said that He would rather they had not brought any offerings at all—

that He wished they would not offer sacrifices to Him.

God said, “You are offering sacrifices to the golden calf, but the sacrifices you offer can never remove sins. I am too weary to endure this any longer. I wish you would restore everything according to the Law I have established and offer sacrifices again in the proper way; then I will accept your sacrifices. Otherwise, do not offer sacrifices in My name at all.”

Their unlawful sacrifices were not acts of worship before God but acts of mocking Him and committing sin. Everyone, even if you believe in Jesus, if you still have sin in your heart while doing God’s work and serving Him, you must understand that you are actually committing sin before God.

Heretical Clergy Like the Teachers of Old Village Schools

<i>What do heretics teach?</i>
<i>They teach ethics, not how to be born again.</i>

False clergy appear to be even holier than the truly righteous when judged by outward appearance. The way they ascend to the pulpit is so solemn that most people are deceived by such external appearances of these heretics. With such a solemn and sincere appearance, they preach logically — first, second, third — and conclude their sermon by saying let’s all live kindly and righteously. Is this what God has spoken? How is their preaching any different from the moral teachings of an old village schoolmaster?

The church established by God is a gathering of saints who are born again through faith in the gospel of water and the Spirit,

coming together to serve Jesus Christ. And such a church is truly the church of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is God who came to solve all our sin problems and has actually solved all the sins of the world forever. And the church established by God is a place where born-again servants of God and the righteous gather. There exists a true church of God on this earth that God acknowledges.

In God's church, they don't teach believers what actions they should take, but rather preach the gospel of water and the Spirit — that regardless of how you are, our Lord has solved your sins through Jesus with water and the Spirit. This is exactly what is taught in God's church.

False clergy give instructions to their audience saying "do this, do that" while not lifting a finger themselves. Heretics are obsessed with passing down wealth to their children, not caring whether their members are starving or going to hell. They have no interest in spreading the gospel but are only interested in material wealth. You can tell false shepherds of heresy by their actions.

Heretical shepherds demand large amounts of compensation from the church. Beyond their official salary, ministers demand more and more, both visibly and invisibly, including education fees, book allowances, nurturing fees, visitation fees, and so on.

Some people even complain that their compensation is too low. Shouldn't ministers be content with not starving while preaching and serving God's gospel of water and the Spirit?

True ministers find comfort and peace in God. But heretical ministers who lack peace demand money from church members. They are serving the golden calf. Such people are 100% certainly heretics.

God's church is sometimes called an inn and sometimes

called Zion. Everyone, where is a church as beautiful as Zion? It is because it is where the gospel of water and the Spirit is preached.

Isaiah 1:21 says, *“How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice; righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers.”*

This is not just a message given to false religious groups of the past. God says of His church, ‘Justice was abundant there.’

God is righteous and just. Because we are lacking, because we are born with sin as descendants of Adam and cannot help but sin, our Jesus came to this earth to eliminate all sins of this world from His side, and He eliminated all sins of this world through the water and the Spirit that He received. That’s how righteous our God is.

Also, God’s people come before God’s Law and say, ‘Due to my weakness, I have violated God’s Word and done evil before God. However, through faith in God’s law of righteousness, which is the gospel of water and the Spirit that the Lord has performed, I have received the removal of sin, and regardless of my weakness, I have no sin,’ as they confess by faith.

This is how we solve the sin problem through faith in water and the Spirit.

In the Old Testament, when people were lacking and did evil, they would confess, ‘I have violated God’s Word in these ways, I have done evil before God.’ When they came before God with this confession, God would cleanse them each time through the law of sacrifice, and for those who came once a year, He would eliminate a whole year’s worth of sins all at once.

Similarly, in the New Testament era, Jesus Christ came to this earth, took on all the sins of the world through His baptism, and was judged on the cross in our place, eliminating all sins once and for all and saving us who believe.

During New Year's Eve services, many people pray with tears, saying 'Lord, please forgive the sins I committed during the past year' and 'Lord, please save me and bless me in the coming year.'

Ladies and gentlemen, what is the truth of being born again through water and the Spirit? It is the gospel truth that the Lord came 2000 years ago and eliminated all sins of all people in the world once and for all, saving us eternally from sin. Jesus has saved us from all the sins of the world through water and blood. So if people still ask for remission of sins every day, what would our Jesus say? *"How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice; Righteousness lodged in it, But now murderers."* A heretic is one who believes in Jesus but claims to still have sin.

False Clergy's Sermons Lack the Gospel Message of Being Born Again Through Jesus' Water and the Spirit

<i>Does God hear the prayers of sinners?</i>
<i>No. He can't hear them because their sins separate them from God.</i>

As the scripture here indicates, God calls those who believe in Him and call upon His name murderers. 'If you still claim to have sins despite believing in Me, then should I come down again and die on the cross again?' The baptism and the cross of Jesus are evidence and signs that Jesus Christ has saved us.

In 1 Peter 3:21, it says, *"There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism."* Baptism is the sign of salvation. Jesus Christ received baptism once to take on all the sins of this world

once and for all to save humans from sin, and He was judged once on the cross and died for those sins. The truth states that Jesus eliminated all the sins of this world once and for all. And after three days, He rose again and ascended, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father.

Jesus received baptism once and died on the cross once to save us all from the sins of the world.

Jesus took on all the sins of humanity when He received baptism from John at age 30. When it is said that Jesus died once for the sins of the world, this means that all judgment for the sins of this world was completed once and for all.

But if we still ask Jesus to eliminate our sins now, does this mean that Jesus should come down to earth again and die once more on the cross, and that Jesus must continue to die repeatedly?

Those who believe in their hearts the gospel of water and the Spirit before God receive salvation from sin once and for all, become righteous once and for all, go to heaven, receive all the grace that God gives, and live happily for eternity.

When anyone meets the righteous, they can receive the righteous salvation of washing away sins through water and the Spirit. Therefore, all can become blessed people before God, and all who seek righteousness before God receive grace.

Let's look at Isaiah 1:18-20, *“‘Come now, and let us reason together,’ says the Lord, ‘though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword;’ for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”*

He said if you obey the gospel of water and the Spirit, you will eat the good produce of the land, but if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.

Our God says, ‘Come, let us reason together, let's talk. Are

you lacking? Are you not righteous? Don't you have much self-love? Can't you live according to the commandments before me? Can't you live according to the Law? Even though you know, isn't it difficult to do well? Then come.' He says, 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.' This is the word of covenant that the Lord will righteously save sinners and make them righteous from His side.

Originally, when God first created Adam and Eve, there was no sin. But Satan the devil intervened in between. Satan the devil deceived people to go against God's Word, and then made them commit sin, turning all people into sinners. They fell into becoming sinners.

Originally, humans were not sinners before God. They were ones who lived together with God in the Garden of Eden. But they fell into sin and became sinners because of Satan.

So God says come, let us reason together, let's examine this! He asks how many sins have you committed in this world? And how many sins will you commit in the future? 'Oh God, it is impossible for me not to sin in the future. No matter how hard I try, it's impossible.'

"Then how many sins have you committed until now?"

"Ah! God, putting aside all the big and small ones, you know that one thing that I can't accept in my conscience, that time? You know that time, that sin, right?"

The Lord says, "Tell me about it. Is that all? Do you know how many more there are besides that? But I, who am God, will eliminate all your sins forever — first, the sins you remember, second, the sins you don't remember, and third, even the sins you will commit in the future. Not only your sins, but I have eternally eliminated all sins of this world, from your ancestors above to your descendants below, to your grandchildren and

their descendants. I am a righteous God. When I eliminated sins, I eliminated them all once and for all.”

God, who eliminated all sins of all people from Adam until the last day of this world, is the Alpha and Omega, the Savior of humanity who came to redeem all humans, all sinners from all sins, and is our almighty God.

“I am the LORD, the God of mercy.”

“I will judge those who are to be judged, and have mercy on those whom I will have mercy.”

We can receive God’s grace if we seek mercy before God and are honest before Him. And our God wants to bestow grace upon all people. He wants to make all people righteous. That is God’s love and heart — wanting to make everyone, without exception, His people and righteous ones.

God desires to wash away all the sins of every person as perfectly as white snow, once and for all, and He has accomplished all this righteousness.

Jesus has already cleansed all sins of all people through His baptism and blood. If a church cannot solve a person’s sin problem and life direction issues, it cannot be called God’s church.

Today, church members come to pastors and ask, ‘Oh pastor, I have sin, what should I do? No matter how much I repent, the sin won’t go away. I feel like dying. I feel like I can’t live a life of faith.’ Any leader who cannot definitively solve the sin problem at such times is a heretic. If they say ‘Figure it out yourself, go pray in the mountains, do a 40-day fast, just believe,’ then that leader is a heretic.

Such leaders and religious guides are full of impurities in their own souls, so they themselves don’t know the gospel of Jesus’ water and the Spirit. Their hearts are full of sin, and they themselves don’t know whether their souls will go to heaven or hell. Such a leader is not one recognized by God but is a false

teacher and heretic.

A false believer is one who outwardly believes in Jesus but still has sin inside, one who hasn't received the elimination of sins. Also, one who ministers while having sin is a heretic and false shepherd. We must all not be deceived by such heretics or false shepherds who cannot deliver the truth of the elimination of sins through water and the Spirit that removes people's sins.

Regarding heretics, Titus 3:11 says, "*Knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.*" Those who believe in Jesus yet claim to have sin, not being born again, ignore and do not believe in the gospel of water and the Spirit, thus condemning themselves and trampling on His word. It is said within Christianity that these are the heretics.

Also, Titus 3:10 says, "*Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition.*" Those who believe in Jesus but say they have sin are heretics. Heretics are different from God. It means they are not holy.

God is holy. Those who believe in the gospel of water and the Spirit through faith in Jesus have received the remission of all sins and have been cleansed. Therefore, those who believe in Jesus and claim to have sin are heretics.

We must stay away from those who claim to believe in Jesus but say they have sin both internally and externally. And we must find the lost sheep who haven't yet heard this gospel, who want to believe but cannot because they don't know, and share with them this gospel of being born again. Moreover, we must reject those heretics who obstruct and hinder the gospel of water and the Spirit that regenerates people.

We must share with the people of the world "the blessed gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit" that Jesus gave us. Amen!

Do Believers in Jesus Still Become Sinners?

No, you don't. In 1 Timothy chapter 1 verse 15, Apostle Paul, reflecting on his former self before meeting the Lord, said that he was "the chief of sinners."

Today, many Christians think they are "sinners even though they believe in Jesus." However, this is not true. While all people were sinners before believing in Jesus, when they properly know and believe in Jesus, they become righteous, not sinners.

Apostle Paul confessed that he was the chief of sinners when recalling his life as a sinner before believing in Jesus. However, when Jesus met Paul on the road to Damascus, Paul came to know that Jesus was his Savior, and with gratitude in his faith, he spent his lifetime preaching this gospel of truth.

Paul testified that Jesus' baptism, which is God's 'righteousness,' was the baptism that took on the sins of the world, and furthermore, he testified that His death on the cross was because Jesus took on the world's sins through baptism. Therefore, Paul became God's servant who preached the gospel of water and the Spirit.

Paul reflected on his pre-salvation self, before meeting Jesus, and confessed in gratitude that he had been the foremost of sinners before believing. This statement has been misunderstood, leading some to think that even after believing in Jesus, Apostle Paul remained a sinner, which is incorrect.

However, in reality, Paul was not like that. Rather, he was someone who had nothing to do with sin and could meet the Lord at any time without any relation to sin.

Paul lived the life of an evangelist preaching the gospel of salvation where Jesus eliminated all sins of all people through His baptism and blood. Even now, the Pauline epistles are recorded in the Bible, testifying that the gospel of the early

church in the apostolic age was the gospel of water and the Spirit. We must understand that Apostle Paul was confessing his gratitude to the Lord while reflecting on his past before God.

Was Apostle Paul still a sinner even after believing in Jesus? No. Although Apostle Paul was a sinner before being born again, he became righteous by believing in Jesus' baptism and the blood of the cross as one, after realizing that Jesus was the Son of God and his Savior, and understanding the mysterious gospel that the world's sins were transferred to Jesus' body through His baptism.

When Apostle Paul called himself the chief of sinners, he was referring to himself before meeting Jesus when he persecuted believers in Jesus, and he said this while reflecting on the past with deep gratitude for God's grace.

Who can say Paul was a sinner? Who can call righteous people sinners when they believe in Jesus' baptism and blood as one salvation? Those who say such things do not understand the truth of Jesus' vicarious redemption.

After Apostle Paul believed in God's gospel of redemption, received the elimination of sins, and became righteous, he became God's servant who preached the 'gospel' — the way of Jesus' baptism and cross — through which all people could become righteous by believing in Jesus, the Son of God, as their Savior. People must understand that Apostle Paul was not a sinner but a righteous person, a servant of righteousness, and became Jesus' true servant who preached the gospel to sinners.

How can someone who is still a sinner preach Jesus' gospel of salvation to others? It would be a futile effort. How can one deliver something to others that hasn't worked for themselves! How can one save others when they themselves need salvation! If someone who is drowning tries to help another drowning person, not only will they fail to save the other person, but they will both end up drowning together.

How can someone who is still a sinner save others? One must realize that a sinner can only lead another sinner to hell. How can someone infected with the plague save another person with the plague? How can someone deceived by Satan's lies save another who is deceived?

Apostle Paul was once a sinner but became righteous by believing in Jesus' baptism and blood for salvation. Therefore, he was used by God as a servant of righteousness preaching the gospel to sinners.

Apostle Paul could save other sinners through God's righteousness. Apostle Paul was no longer a sinner. Paul lived a life as one who was born again and became a servant of righteousness. Therefore, after being born again, Paul lived not by the righteousness of the Law but by God's righteousness. And while preaching the gospel, he became a servant of righteousness, an apostle of righteousness who brought many people back to God's righteousness. He lived his entire life this way until he was called by the Lord and embraced in the Lord's arms.

After being born again, the Apostle Paul became a servant of righteousness who preached not his own zeal or the righteousness of the Law, but God's righteousness. Was Paul still a sinner after he believed? No, he was righteous. He became an apostle who preached the gospel of God's truth as a righteous person.

Do not call Paul a sinner. Calling Paul—a man who received the elimination of sins and became God's servant—a sinner is a misunderstanding and an act that dishonors God. Paul is righteous. Calling Paul a sinner damages the honor of both Jesus and the Apostle Paul. If Paul had remained a sinner even after meeting the Lord, it would make Jesus a liar. This is because Jesus saved Paul from being a sinner and made him righteous, using him as a servant of righteousness.

Are Sins Washed Away Just by Prayers of Repentance?

Sins are not washed away by prayers of repentance alone. This is because receiving the elimination of sins does not depend on human actions or prayers of repentance. Jesus did not save us by praying a prayer of repentance before God the Father.

Rather, to receive the washing away of sins, we must believe that Jesus is God, that He received a baptism similar to the laying on of hands in order to bear all the sins of the world, and that He shed His blood on the cross as the price for sin—dying and giving new life to those who believe in this truth. The true washing away of sins lies in faith in Jesus' baptism, His blood shed on the cross, and in believing that Jesus is God.

Otherwise, can we wash away the sins we commit daily through prayers of repentance? No, we cannot. All the sins that we humans commit in this world were already transferred to Jesus 2,000 years ago when He came to earth and received baptism from John. We must believe in this spiritual salvation that Jesus completely saved those who believe in this truth.

The true washing away of all the sins of the world was accomplished when Jesus removed not only our original sin but also every sin we commit in the world through His baptism and the blood of the cross. This was because Jesus became the sacrificial lamb for us believers. Even though we inevitably continue to sin after believing in Jesus, those sins as well have been washed away by faith in Jesus' baptism and the blood of the cross—that is, the truth of Jesus' redemption.

Because Jesus has already become the savior of humanity, He has taken upon Himself and eliminated all the sins of our actions that we commit until we die.

The Lord came to this earth and at age 30, at the Jordan

River, through “fulfilling all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15), He received baptism and accomplished all of God’s righteousness by. The Son of God, Jesus, took on all sins by receiving baptism. Jesus’ baptism carries the meaning of being washed and in its original language, carries the spiritual meaning of being transferred.

Because all the sins of humanity, all the sins of us who believe in Jesus, were transferred to Him when Jesus received baptism, the sins in our hearts are completely washed away.

Also, baptism means ‘to be immersed’ or ‘to be buried,’ which signifies that all the sins of our world were transferred to Jesus through His baptism, and He died in place of sinners. And those who believe in the fact that Jesus took on all the sins of the world along with all their sins become sinless through that faith.

True faith is knowing and believing that our Lord, long ago, about 2,000 years ago, took on all the sins of humanity through baptism at the Jordan River and fulfilled all of God’s righteousness.

The correct faith for those living in modern times who believe in Jesus is believing in our hearts that when Jesus received baptism from John the Baptist, He washed away our original sin, our personal sins, and all the sins of the world at that moment. This is how we wash our sins of action, like washing our outer garments. If our Lord had not taken on our sins through His baptism at the Jordan River in ancient times, none of us would have had any way to cleanse the sins we commit through our actions.

In Revelation 22:14 “*Blessed are those who keep His commandments*” means that those who are blessed are the ones who maintain this sinless faith by confirming the true gospel of baptism (Matthew 3:15, Hebrews 10:9-16).

All sins were already removed when the Lord was baptized

in the Jordan River.

Now, we must bring before Jesus the sins of the world that we commit in our weakness, and by saying, “Lord, You have removed this sin too, haven’t You? You have removed this sin as well, haven’t You?”—and by believing, confirming by the Word, and giving thanks—this is the correct faith and spiritual salvation.

Therefore, Jesus came to this earth, was baptized, went to the cross, died, and was resurrected on the third day. Thus, He became the Savior for those who believe.

The saying that “*Blessed are those who keep His commandments*” means that by believing in the truth of the atonement through baptism and the blood—which removed all our faults about 2000 years ago—and by daily confirming that truth with faith to cleanse one’s heart, that is the faith of keeping His commandments.

This is the truth by which not only original sin but also personal sins are removed. True faith is the belief that, through Jesus’ baptism, all the sins of the world were transferred to Him.

Are Sins Removed Through Confession?

No. Sins are not removed through confession. They are removed by believing in the gospel of water and the Spirit. Sins are removed from the hearts of believers through faith in Jesus’ baptism and blood, which eliminated all our sins.

When people confess their sins, it comes from acknowledging God’s law, but receiving the elimination of sins comes when people believe in Jesus’ baptism and the blood of the cross as the atonement for their sins, and through this faith, they receive salvation from sin.

The water of Jesus' baptism and the blood of the cross are the truth of salvation that rescued people from all sins. The removal of all sins for people does not depend on their confession, but on believing that the Lord took on all the world's sins through His baptism.

Jesus' crucifixion was the punishment He received in place of sinners, and true elimination of people's sins was accomplished through Jesus' baptism at the Jordan River. We receive the elimination of sins by believing in God's salvation through atonement.

Sin is not eliminated merely by confession. If there are those who teach that all sins can be eliminated simply by confessing, they are people who neither know nor respect God's true salvation.

Confession of sin is what humans should do before God, while the elimination of all sins once and for all is the spiritual salvation accomplished by our Lord Jesus. Therefore, we must believe in the salvation accomplished through Jesus' baptism and blood, which is the salvation of atonement.

Do not say that sins are forgiven just by verbally confessing them to God. One must know that their sins would lead them to hell, and it is through believing in the gospel of salvation - Jesus' baptism and blood that accomplished our salvation - that we receive the elimination of all sins.

We must understand that we receive the elimination of all sins once and for all through faith in the truth of Jesus' water and blood.

Sins are absolutely not eliminated each time we confess them. If anyone insists on confession alone for the removal of sins, they will receive condemnation to hell from God on the last day. Therefore, we must believe in the true gospel.

Let us now become those who have received the

elimination of sins once and for all by believing in Jesus' baptism and blood, not just with our heads but with sins in our hearts being removed.

The Day of Atonement

The annual Day of Atonement for the nation of Israel was on July 10th. Likewise, the day of atonement for the sins of all people in the world is the day Jesus came to this earth and was baptized by John. Because on that day all the sins of the world were transferred to Jesus, it is the Day of Atonement on which we receive the elimination of sins by faith in Jesus' work (Matthew 3:13-17).

The Day of Atonement on which God abolished all the sins of the world is the day that Jesus was baptized by John (Matthew 3:15). It was the Day of Atonement that *“fulfilled all righteousness in this way.”*

Method of Atonement: On the Day of Atonement in the Old Testament, like other festivals, purification rituals were performed in the tabernacle, and the high priest washed his body and wore linen garments rather than his bright official robes.

He then selected one bull as a sin offering for himself and his household, and one ram for a burnt offering (Leviticus 16:3-4). Then the high priest laid both his hands on the head of the sacrificial sin offering to transfer the sins.

In the Day of Atonement, the laying on of hands was essential in transferring sins to the sacrifice, and if there was no laying on of hands in the sin offering, the sinner's sins could not be transferred to the sacrificial animal. Therefore, he transferred his sins and the people's sins at once through the laying on of hands, because without it, the judgment of the sacrifice dying by

shedding blood as a substitute could not be accomplished.

Leviticus 16:21 states, *“Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man.”*

From this passage, we see that Aaron took two goats from the congregation as sin offerings and one ram as a burnt offering.

Then he placed the two goats at the entrance of the tent of meeting and cast lots—one lot for the LORD and the other for Azazel. The goat chosen by lot for the LORD was offered as the sin offering, and the other goat was set before the LORD and was to be sent away into the wilderness alive (Leviticus 16:7-10).

In other words, through Aaron laying both hands on the sacrificial animal and transferring all the sins of the children of Israel, the sacrifice that bore the people’s sins received judgment through the shedding of blood as an atoning sacrifice on their behalf.

Therefore, in the Old Testament atonement sacrifice, the laying on of hands to transfer sin was absolutely necessary; according to the prescribed atonement ordinance of God, without exception all the sins of the Israelites were transferred onto the goat for Azazel, which, as the atoning sacrifice, was set in the desolate wilderness for reconciliation with God. In this way, it was possible to cleanse the sins of the entire year for the people of Israel.

In the New Testament, in a similar manner, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist—a baptism that serves as a form analogous to the Old Testament laying on of hands. John baptized Jesus with both hands, and Jesus, who came as the Lamb of God, received the transfer of all the sins of humanity. Through this, Jesus accomplished the atoning salvation of God

the Father and became the sacrificial offering for atonement (Leviticus 20-22; cf. Matthew 3:15, John 1:29, 36).

In the Old Testament, after the casting of lots between the two goats was completed, Aaron laid both hands on the head of the bull for the sin offering for himself and his household before killing it (Leviticus 16:11). Then he filled the censer with burning coals from the altar and put incense on the fire before the LORD behind the curtain, so that the cloud of incense would cover the mercy seat. He then sprinkled the bull's blood with his finger seven times on and in front of the mercy seat.

Then for the people, he laid hands on the goat for the sin offering before the LORD, killed it, and sprinkled its blood as before. Coming out to the altar, he took both the blood of the bull and the goat and sprinkled it on the horns of the altar (Leviticus 16:12-19).

In this sacrificial ceremony of atonement, the essential procedure was Aaron's laying of hands on the head of the sacrifice. This was the atoning ritual where Aaron laid both hands on the head of the live goat before the altar and transferred all the sins and iniquities of the children of Israel to the sacrifice.

As seen in Leviticus 1:4, a designated person took the scapegoat that received the laying on of hands into the wilderness and released it. The sacrificial animal, bearing all the sins of the Israelites, would cry in the desert and die as a substitute — this was the sin offering of the Old Testament.


The New Testament's atonement sacrifice is the same. Jesus received baptism from John to bear all sinners' sins and became the sacrificial offering of atonement by shedding His blood on the cross in place of sinners, eliminating all sins of those who believe.

In the faith of Christians, it is indispensable to acknowledge that Jesus Christ, the great High Priest of heaven who enables

believers to receive the elimination of sins, was baptized, died on the cross, and was resurrected. This is the fulfillment of salvation through being born again by water and the Holy Spirit, as Jesus proclaimed.

What is God's True Church?

God's church is an assembly of righteous people who have received the elimination of sins in their hearts by believing in the substitutionary baptism and blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The church is where righteous people who have been sanctified by Jesus Christ's baptism and blood gather to live their faith lives serving the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:2).

As stated in Ephesians 4:5, "*One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God,*" God's true church is where those who have been sanctified in faith gather — those who have received the elimination of sins by believing in Jesus, who is God, who bore our sins through His baptism, and who saved us sinners by receiving all judgment for sin through His death on the cross. Amen! 

SERMON 3

Is the Gospel by Blood Alone,

by Water Alone,

or by Both Water and Blood?



Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by hand of a suitable man. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to and uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness (Leviticus 16:21-22).

Is the Gospel by Blood Alone, by Water Alone, or by Both Water and Blood?

< Exodus 12:43-49 >

“And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘This is the ordinance of the Passover: No foreigner shall eat it. But every man’s servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat it. A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat it. In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones. All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it. One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.’”

<i>What was the indispensable condition for the Israelites to become children of God in the Old Testament?</i>
<i>They had to be circumcised.</i>

The words of the Old and New Testaments in the Bible are equally important and precious to those who believe in our God.

We must not neglect even one word of the Old Testament because all the words of Jehovah God are words of life.

The passage we read today instructs that those who wish to keep the Passover must be circumcised before they may do so. Without circumcision, one cannot participate in the Passover ceremony. We must consider why God has given us this command.

We need to understand the meaning of circumcision in the Old Testament as spoken by our Lord and believe in Jesus. Circumcision is the act of cutting off part of the foreskin of a young boy's genitals.

Why did God command Abraham and his descendants to practice circumcision? Because God promised to make a people cleansed of sin His own people. Therefore, in the Old Testament, God commanded all the Israelites to be circumcised.

The Israelites had to be circumcised to become the people of God. Being commanded to be circumcised was an order from God. God became the God of those who were circumcised in faith, having their sins removed. In the New Testament as well, God becomes the God of those who cut away their sins through faith.

What Is the Passover Festival?

<p><i>What was the Passover?</i></p>
<p><i>It was the day for the Israelites to remember and thank God for the Exodus from Egypt.</i></p>

The most important festival for the Israelites was the festival of Passover, followed by the festival of Pentecost. The

festival of Passover was significant to the Israelites because it marked their deliverance from 430 years of slavery in Egypt by the hand of God.

God rescued the Israelites from Egypt by breaking the will of the Egyptian king through ten plagues He inflicted upon Egypt, allowing the Israelites to escape and enter the land of Canaan.

In the final plague, the death of the firstborn, the Israelites were able to be saved through the blood of the sacrificed lamb. Therefore, God commanded the Israelites to “*observe the ceremony of Passover.*”

Who May Partake in the Passover Festival Established by God?

<p><i>What did the Israelites have to do in order to keep the Passover?</i></p>
<p><i>They had to be circumcised.</i></p>

We must understand that to participate in the Passover ceremony, one must be circumcised. If not circumcised, one cannot partake in the Passover festival. The Israelites had one essential requirement to observe this Passover ceremony: they had to receive circumcision themselves.

Exodus 12:43-49 says, “*This is the ordinance of the Passover: No foreigner shall eat it. But every man’s servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat it. A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat it. In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones. All the*

congregation of Israel shall keep it. And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it. One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.”

God commanded that after receiving circumcision, one may observe the Passover festival.

Who were the ones allowed to eat the meat of the Passover lamb and observe the ceremony? Only the circumcised among the Israelites were eligible to keep the Passover. The Passover lamb, as we well know, represented Jesus, who took upon Himself the sins of the world.

Then, what does circumcision mean in the Old and New Testaments?

Circumcision is cutting off part of the foreskin of the male genitalia. When Jesus came to this earth, He was also circumcised on the eighth day after His birth.

Since God commanded that one should participate in the Passover ceremony only after being circumcised and ordered that those who were not circumcised could not participate, circumcision must be performed according to God’s command. Therefore, if you say you believe in Jesus, you must certainly understand what circumcision means in the New Testament.

What Was the Ritual of Circumcision That God Ordered Abraham to Perform?

How could Abraham and his descendants become children of God?

By being circumcised

Going back to the book of Genesis, God made a promise by His word to Abraham and his descendants.

In Genesis 15, God promised Abraham that he would have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and that He would give them the land of Canaan. In Genesis 17, God said that He would be the God of Abraham and his descendants, and Abraham and his descendants would be God's people, and as a sign of that promise, He commanded Abraham and his descendants to be circumcised in their flesh; this was a covenant established by God.

If they bore the mark of circumcision on their bodies, it signified that they were God's people, and God promised to be their God.

In Genesis 17:7-10, “*And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.*” And God said to Abraham: “*As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised.*” As a sign

of that promise, God also commanded Abraham and his descendants to be circumcised.

What Is Spiritual Circumcision?

What is the spiritual circumcision?

It is to cut off all the sins in our hearts by believing in the baptism of Jesus.

God recognized Abraham as His people, as righteous before God, because Abraham believed God's Word.

What was the evidence of God's promised word established with Abraham and his descendants? It was circumcision. *"This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised."*

Circumcision is cutting off part of the foreskin, which signifies transferring all our sins to Jesus through faith in the water baptism that Jesus received in the Jordan River.

Spiritually, this means cutting off our sins by accepting Jesus' water baptism. This was the circumcision of salvation in the original spiritual gospel. It refers to the circumcision through which Jesus removed sins by receiving baptism in the New Testament, which is His baptism in the Jordan River, that is, the baptism of water.

The act of circumcision in the Old Testament was the word of baptism in the New Testament, and this was the promised word of becoming God's people regardless of the Old or New Testament; the circumcision of the Old Testament was actually the water baptism of the New Testament. Just as all the sins of

this world were transferred to Jesus when John the Baptist baptized Jesus, making the world sinless, so the descendants of Abraham obtained the mark of becoming God's people through the circumcision that cut off their foreskin.

Jesus' baptism was about cutting off the sins of sinners through baptism, making them sinless. Just as the skin is cut off during circumcision, all people's sins were completely transferred to Jesus when He was baptized by John in the Jordan River.

When Jesus was baptized, all the sins of us sinners were transferred onto Jesus by John the Baptist, and those who accept this truth, that Jesus resolved all sins, become God's sinless people, the righteous, through spiritual circumcision.

The False Faith That Makes People Cut Themselves Off from God

<i>What made the Israelites cut themselves off from God?</i>
<i>Uncircumcision</i>

God said that if there was no circumcision, He would cut off from among the people of Israel, so then what is spiritual circumcision?

If physical circumcision involved cutting off a part of the skin of our bodies, then spiritual circumcision is precisely the transference of the sins of all humanity to Jesus. This is the spiritual circumcision of the primitive gospel.

The baptism that John the Baptist gave to Jesus was the spiritual circumcision of the primitive gospel, where all the sins of humanity fell away and were loaded onto Jesus' body. Jesus'

baptism by John the Baptist was a spiritual circumcision that caused all the sins of humanity to fall away from them. All the sins of humanity were transferred and placed on Jesus' body.

God made a covenant with Abraham and his descendants through circumcision, commanding them to cut off the foreskin, in order to become the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, and their descendants. Therefore, God became the Savior God of those whose sins fell away through circumcision.

What is the circumcision that cuts off one's sin? It was God's promise to Abraham, a promise of rebirth and becoming God's people, established for those who believe in Jesus' baptism and blood as their salvation. God was the God of those who were circumcised.

God spoke to Abraham. *"He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant"* (Genesis 17:12-14).

Anyone who tries to enter into the Lord by believing in Jesus without undergoing spiritual circumcision is cut off from God's people; and spiritual circumcision in the New Testament was the baptism through which Jesus took on the sins of the world through John.

Those who believe in Jesus must accept the circumcision of the Old Testament and the spiritual baptism of salvation that Jesus received in the New Testament and believe in Jesus in order to be saved from all sins and receive the Holy Spirit to

become God's people. For those who believe in Jesus, the circumcision of the Old Testament and the baptism of the New Testament were the same circumcision.

If you do not know the true meaning of circumcision and do not accept the circumcision of spiritual salvation that causes rebirth, you will believe in Jesus in vain, and although you may say you believe well, in reality, it is like building your house of faith on sand.

God tells His people who believe in Him to be circumcised, to believe in Jesus' baptism of washing away sins, which is the spiritual circumcision of the remission of sins.

If you do not have circumcision in your body, you are not God's people. Without circumcision, you were cut off from among the people. Therefore, whether purchased with money, a foreigner, a servant, or anyone, men were to be circumcised before participating in the Passover ceremony. God said that even if they were native-born Israelites, they would be cut off if they were not circumcised. This law that God established for the Israelites is the same for all who believe in Jesus today.

Also, in Exodus 12, we must know that the Israelites who ate the Passover meat and bitter herbs had already been circumcised, and we must understand that to eat the Passover meat, one must first be circumcised to be qualified.

We all need to know that all the Israelites who came out of Egypt, who ate the meat at Passover and put blood on their doorposts, were already circumcised. Therefore, all those who would participate in the Passover ceremony afterward also had to be circumcised. Only then were they qualified.

Not receiving circumcision in the body was a decree that cut one off from among the Israelites and revoked one's qualification as God's people. This speaks of the sin that leads to destruction due to the absence of faith in spiritual

circumcision. People can receive salvation from the Lord only by believing in Jesus' baptism, which is spiritual circumcision.

What Is the Circumcision That We All Must Definitely Consider in Our Hearts?

Now, there is one thing we need to take note of here. You must know and remember that the Israelites had already been circumcised before the Passover ceremony. Abraham and his descendants received circumcision and became God's people. In the Old Testament, those who were not circumcised could not become God's people. And they lost the qualification to participate in the Passover feast. Abraham and those who heard and believed God's covenant word through him could all receive circumcision and become God's children.

Those who believe in Jesus must receive spiritual circumcision in their bodies, which removes sin and makes them God's people.

The Israelites, who were descendants of Abraham who received physical circumcision, lived as slaves in Egypt for 430 years according to God's providence. They prayed to God. "God, please help us escape from Egypt," and God answered their prayer. They were able to escape by putting the blood of the Passover lamb on their doorposts, and when they encountered the Passover festival in the wilderness afterward, we must remember that all those who had not yet been circumcised had to first receive physical circumcision before participating in the Passover ceremony in order to take part in God's Passover festival sacrifice.

Afterward, all the Israelites, who were descendants of Abraham, were circumcised on the eighth day after birth. The

Israelites, who became God's people, revered God and cried out to God, who became their God, for salvation in times of difficulty.

The Israelites living in Egypt had to receive the circumcision promised to Abraham, and afterward, Israelite males were only recognized as God's people if they were circumcised on the eighth day after birth. This was akin to receiving spiritual circumcision in the later New Testament era, where sin is shed only by believing in the baptism Jesus received. Physical circumcision was the act of believing in God's promise to Abraham that they would become God's people and performing circumcision.

The Israelites killed a lamb at Passover when the angel of death passed by and applied its blood to the lintel and doorposts. Therefore, death did not enter their homes but passed over them. Death did not come upon them; in other words, judgment did not come but passed over them.

Afterward, God renewed the promise of physical circumcision to the people living in the wilderness heading toward the land of Canaan, and promised it to our future generations as well.

In Exodus 12:47-51, *“All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it. One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.” Thus all the children of Israel did; as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. And it came to pass, on that very same day, that the Lord brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt according to their armies.’*

Whoever wishes to participate in the Passover ceremony

must first be circumcised physically, and those who participate in Passover without being circumcised will be cut off, as this was a commandment from God.

The physical circumcision of the Old Testament was meant to tell those who believe in Jesus today to believe that Jesus' baptism is the spiritual circumcision that cuts off our own sins.

"There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism" (1 Peter 3:21), it says. Do you who believe in Jesus believe in the fact that all your sins were transferred to Jesus' body through the baptism that Jesus received? If you understand and believe the truth of Jesus' baptism and blood, you will come to realize for yourself that you have become a saint who has received spiritual circumcision. And you will come to believe the spiritual truth that because there was Jesus' baptism, there was also the sacrifice of Jesus' blood on the cross.

If you believe only in Jesus' cross without Jesus' baptism of spiritual sin removal, you will experience that you are already far from God's mercy and still have sin in your heart.

The circumcision of the Old Testament was cutting off a part of the skin of our body, but we should know that this spiritual circumcision of salvation is the faith that accepts as our salvation the baptism that Jesus received, which places our sins on Jesus' body.

We must believe the truth that our salvation from sin begins with Jesus' baptism and concludes with His blood. The spiritual circumcision of salvation is accepting the word of truth of Jesus' baptism and blood into our hearts by faith and becoming children of light by escaping from darkness through faith. And this faith spiritually separates those who are born again from those who are not.

Our Lord says that He has already eliminated the sins of the world through baptism and blood, and tells us to believe in the

salvation He has accomplished. Therefore, to have the evidence that we have become God's people, we must believe in the baptism that Jesus received. Otherwise, we will be severed from Jesus.

The spiritual circumcision of salvation's remission of sins is the baptism that Jesus received, and the circumcision of the Old Testament was the faith of cutting off the skin of the body. Salvation was made complete by faith in both the baptism of circumcision that Jesus accomplished and the blood of Jesus on the cross, who was the Passover lamb.

The counterpart to the physical circumcision of the Old Testament was the baptism of Jesus in the New Testament. Isaiah 34:16 says, "*Search from the book of the Lord, and read: Not one of these shall fail; Not one shall lack her mate.*" There is a counterpart in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. Every word of God has its counterpart. Then, what does the physical circumcision of the Old Testament correspond to in the New Testament? It corresponds to the baptism that Jesus, who took on the sins of the world, received in the Jordan River. The spiritual circumcision of salvation in the New Testament is the baptism Jesus received (Matthew 3:13-17).

Who Are the Foolish Ones Who Believe Wrongly?

<i>Who will go to hell among all the believers in the world?</i>
<i>Those who don't believe in the spiritual circumcision</i>

Today, many people only believe in the blood of the Passover lamb. They say, 'Circumcision, what circumcision? That was something the Jewish people did in the Old Testament,

and in the New Testament, isn't physical circumcision irrelevant?' Yes, that is correct. However, I am not telling you to receive physical circumcision now, but rather I am trying to speak about the spiritual circumcision that Apostle Paul speaks of in the New Testament.

There are those who disregard the spiritual circumcision of sin removal, which is not physical circumcision. Spiritual circumcision does not require formality, but you must receive the circumcision of faith in Jesus in your heart through belief. It is not telling those who believe in Jesus to receive physical circumcision. Physical circumcision is nothing to us, but the spiritual circumcision of salvation, where sinners come to Jesus and are cleansed from sin by believing in the baptism Jesus received, is something that must be received.

Spiritual circumcision is absolutely necessary for a person to be born again. Those who believe in Jesus must receive spiritual circumcision. Only then will all sin fall away from the heart. And they become righteous. They become those without any sin. Therefore, we must accept spiritual circumcision by believing in our hearts the baptism that Jesus received through John at the Jordan River.

The Apostle Paul also emphasized spiritual circumcision. *"And circumcision is that of the heart."* Everyone must receive the spiritual circumcision that removes sin. Therefore, you must receive spiritual circumcision in your heart that washes away sin.

Have your sins fallen away from you as they were transferred to Jesus? You who believe in the God of the New Testament must also receive circumcision in your heart by believing in Jesus. In the Old Testament, physical circumcision was practiced by cutting off part of the body's skin, while in the New Testament, this spiritual circumcision believed in the heart became the mark of becoming God's people. Living in the New

Testament era, we must experience the spiritual circumcision through which we are saved by the baptism Jesus received.

In the Old Testament, God clearly stated that He commanded the skin of our flesh to be cut off first in order to cut away all the sins of the people of Israel, make them His people, and become their God.

Likewise, by receiving baptism, Jesus removed all the sins of humanity. Through the baptism of Jesus, we transfer all our sins to Him by faith. This is receiving the spiritual circumcision through Jesus, who removed our sins.

Jesus first took upon Himself all the sins of the world through His baptism, and then received judgment in place of humanity, thereby saving us believers. Through faith in the baptism and blood of Jesus Christ, those who have received this spiritual circumcision are made righteous and adopted as God's children — this spiritual circumcision is God's salvation.

God acknowledges us as His people by seeing our faith in the baptism and blood of the cross of His Son Jesus. This faith is spiritual circumcision, that is, the removal of sin.

What Is the Salvation of Sinners Accomplished by Jesus' Baptism and Blood?

<i>How was salvation completed by Jesus?</i>
<i>Through His baptism and death on the Cross</i>

The salvation of sinners is accomplished through water and blood, which is the baptism Jesus received. The blood of the lamb spoke of judgment, and Jesus' baptism spoke of the circumcision that cuts off sin.

Today, Christianity disregards spiritual circumcision. Although the circumcision of the Old Testament became nothing in the New Testament, we must not disregard the baptism that Jesus received in the New Testament. In the New Testament, Jesus' baptism is the true gospel of truth that removed all your sins. If you disregard the baptism that Jesus received, you will not encounter the gospel of being born again, where Jesus eliminated all sins through water and blood.

Looking at the Bible, circumcision and the blood of the Passover lamb are connected. This was the secret of Jesus' spiritual baptism.

Spiritual circumcision was the original gospel of believing in the baptism that Jesus received. The gospel that Apostle John delivered was precisely the gospel of Jesus' baptism and the blood of Jesus Christ. In 1 John 5:1-10, "*Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood.*"

Apostle John says that Jesus came by water, blood, and the Spirit. He says that Jesus came to us not by water only, not by blood only, but by water and blood, and by the Spirit. The baptism Jesus received, the blood of the cross Jesus received, and Jesus' resurrection from death — these three become the evidence of our salvation.

The water, blood, and the Spirit of Jesus' baptism testify that those who believe in Jesus are saved from sin. The evidence that we who believe in Jesus are born again from all sin, are saved, is Jesus' baptism, the blood of the cross, and the Holy Spirit.

Why Does the Bible Speak of the Baptism of Jesus and His Blood?

Were the people of Israel saved only through the blood of a lamb on the Passover?

No. They were already circumcised before they kept the Passover.

The baptism and blood of Jesus are words that regenerate us with water and the Holy Spirit. In Exodus 12, it is said, 'Slaughter the lamb and put its blood on the sides and tops of the doorframes of your houses. Then, when the angel of death comes, it will pass over your house' (Passover; to pass over, to be spared from judgment).

If that is so, does one receive the remission of sins by believing only in the blood of the Passover lamb? Then in the New Testament, the apostles say, 'crucified with Christ,' 'whoever has been baptized into Christ has put on Christ,' 'baptism that now saves us' (1 Peter 3:21). Peter said it, Paul said it, and countless disciples of Jesus Christ speak of this baptism, which refers to the baptism that Jesus received from John in the Jordan River, and faith in Jesus' baptism and blood is the truth of being born again of water and the Spirit.

To be honest, I believed in Jesus and for 10 years I only believed in the blood of Jesus Christ while in a state of believing in Jesus. But my heart was always bound by sin. Even though I clearly believed in Jesus, there was sin in my heart. Then, 10 years after believing in Jesus, I learned about the spiritual circumcision of Jesus' baptism and was born again. After 10 years, as I was born again and looking at the Word, I came to know the truth that the circumcision of the Old Testament was

baptism in the New Testament. So I came to believe.

In the New Testament, believing in both Jesus' blood and the baptism that Jesus received is the right faith. After I was completely born again by believing in Jesus' baptism and blood, I began to worry: Is my faith biblically correct? Despite believing in the Word of Jesus' baptism and blood, I began to worry.

Is it right faith to simply believe, regardless of this faith, that my sins were transferred to Jesus Christ through His baptism, that Jesus died for me on the cross without baptism, and that Jesus is my God and my Savior? I had questions while reading Exodus 12.

Today, many people look at Exodus 12 and think that by confessing faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, in Jesus who was crucified as their Savior, this faith is right without any further consideration. So they unconditionally believe that "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,*" yet they continue to live as sinners every day.

However, they say that because they believed in Jesus as their Savior, even though they still have sin after believing, they are saved. But in fact, that faith is not the faith of truth that leads to being born again. The faith of the righteous who are born again is faith in Jesus' baptism and blood.

Then what does this passage in Exodus 12 speak of? As I carefully examined the verses before and after in the Bible, I thought there might be a problem with people who claim to believe in Jesus but ignore Jesus' baptism and only believe in His blood. Before I finished reading Exodus 12, I discovered the truth that spiritual circumcision is not accomplished by blood alone. I confirmed through the Bible that true spiritual circumcision is Jesus' baptism and the blood shed on the cross.

Looking at Exodus 12:47-49, I realized, 'Ah! That's why

God told the Israelites to be circumcised before eating the Passover meat!’ I discovered this truth in Exodus 12:49, which says, “*One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.*” So those who were not circumcised should not eat the meat of the Passover lamb.

Therefore, in the New Testament, when we believe in Jesus as our Savior, we must first accept the fact that our worldly sins were transferred to Jesus through the baptism He received in the Jordan River.

By accepting in my heart this truth of salvation—that Jesus took on the sins of the world through His baptism and was crucified on the cross to receive judgment in our place—I experienced spiritual circumcision that saves from all sin, becoming as white as snow, experiencing salvation with no sin in my heart, and I came to accept the gospel of water, blood, and the Spirit.

I realized that in the Old Testament, both circumcision and the blood of the lamb were necessary for salvation from all the sins of the world, and in the New Testament, faith that fully believes in Jesus’ baptism—where He took on the sins of the world from John in the Jordan River—and His blood, through which He received judgment for all sins on the cross, is our salvation. Everyone, the circumcision in the Old Testament and the baptism Jesus received in the New Testament are the same spiritual circumcision.

I came to know and believe that Jesus Christ became the Savior of the world by receiving judgment not simply for our sins, but because He took upon Himself all the sins of the world through the baptism He received from John. Those who believe that John, representing all people in the world, passed the world’s sins to Jesus through baptism accept in their hearts these two things: Jesus’ baptism and His blood.

However, those who claim to believe in Jesus but deny His baptism do not believe in Jesus' spiritual baptism. Therefore, even though they believe in Jesus, they still have sin in their hearts, and despite their faith in Jesus, they become sinners who fall away from God and face destruction.

How can one live in this world with a spirit of a sinner, having sin in the heart even while believing in Jesus? It is truly regrettable that they will face destruction. Those who do not accept that the sins of all mankind were transferred to Jesus through His spiritual baptism remain sinners with sin in their hearts.

Many people claim to have received the remission of sins by believing only in Jesus' cross, but such faith does not perfect the faith of those who believe in Jesus. Those who believe only in Jesus' blood cannot eliminate all their sins through faith. This is because they do not have the faith to believe in Jesus' baptism, which removed their sins.

We become the people of God and are saved from sin when we believe in Jesus' water <baptism> and blood, according to the law of spiritual circumcision established by God. If you claim that only the blood of Jesus is the spiritual circumcision, you must consider whether you can have your sins completely removed from your heart, and you should carefully examine yourself and turn back to believe.

In the Old Testament, we believe in circumcision and blood, and in the New Testament, in the baptism Jesus received and the blood of the cross, to be saved from all sins in this sinful world and from God's judgment. Those who believe have become the people of God, and God has become their God. Through these two—circumcision and blood, the blood of the Passover lamb, the circumcision promised to Abraham, and the baptism and blood received by Jesus—believers can become the people of

God. This truth is the word of rebirth through water, blood, and the Spirit spoken by Jesus.

What Is the Gospel of the Remission of Sins Through Water and the Spirit That the Bible Speaks Of?

It refers to the original gospel where Jesus left His throne of heavenly glory, came to this earth, and at the age of 30 received water baptism from John, taking upon Himself all the sins of humanity.

Jesus' blood was the judgment for the sins of sinners that He took on through baptism. Jesus came as humanity's Savior and gave the water and blood of salvation to sinners, rescuing those who believe from all the sins of this world.

Is being born again only through blood? No. Humanity is saved from sin through Jesus' baptism and blood.

I would like to ask a question to those who accept only the blood of Jesus Christ in their hearts. Do sinners become righteous by believing in Jesus Christ only through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ? Or is it by believing in both the baptism where Jesus Christ received the sins of the world from John in the Jordan River and the blood of the cross?

Is it only through blood, or is it faith in both Jesus' baptism and blood? I am asking which of these truths is the true truth and true salvation.

True rebirth through water and the Spirit comes through faith that believes in the true salvation accomplished by Jesus, who is God, coming to earth in the flesh, receiving all the sins of the world through baptism in the Jordan River, and bearing the world's sins to the cross to receive punishment, thus providing salvation from all sins and taking judgment upon

Himself.

Which faith is spoken of in the Bible: faith only in Jesus' blood, or faith in both Jesus' baptism and blood? Faith that ignores Jesus' baptism and believes only in His blood holds that Jesus was judged in place of us sinners, took all the curse, and rescued us from sin and judgment by being wounded and struck. However, this faith is uncertain as truth. Why was Jesus Christ crucified? Where is the reason for this?

The Bible clearly states that the wages of sin is death, but Jesus never committed sin when He came to this earth. And because He was fundamentally God, He merely borrowed Mary's body through the Holy Spirit to become human; Jesus is fundamentally the Son of God who knows no sin.

Because Jesus came to this earth as the Savior of sinners, in order to pay the price of sin on behalf of humanity, He had to take on all the sins of the world by receiving baptism from John the Baptist before dying on the cross. Thus, Jesus completed the salvation of sinners by taking on the world's sins through baptism from John and shedding His blood on the cross.

We can understand this truth through the sacrificial system of the tabernacle. In the Old Testament sacrificial law, sinners or Aaron had to directly lay their hands on the head of a sacrificial lamb or goat to transfer their sins and the sins of the people, and then kill the sacrificial animal to offer it on the altar. Since the Old Testament is a shadow of the New Testament, and Jesus is the Lamb, the question is when and how Jesus received and was judged for the sins of the world from us sinners.

Have you who believe in Jesus ever transferred all your sins to Jesus by faith, as if passing physical objects to another person?

In the Old Testament, it was absolutely forbidden to kill a sacrificial animal without laying hands on it (the word "laying on of hands" means to transfer). Therefore, a sinner or Aaron

could not offer a burnt offering before God without first laying hands on the animal's head to transfer their sins.

"Shall lay his hand" — In Leviticus 1, it says "shall lay his hand," "shall lay his hand," indicating that one must lay hands on the sacrificial animal before offering the sacrifice. Through the laying on of hands on the head of the sacrificial lamb or goat, sins were transferred, and then the sacrificial animal was killed and offered. Through this laying on of hands and offering the blood and flesh to God, they received salvation from their sins. Even in the Old Testament, salvation came through faith in the sacrificial law given by God.

In Exodus, you can see circumcision and the blood of the Passover lamb. Then in Exodus 20, God's Ten Commandments appear. What follows is the sacrificial system of the tabernacle. When offering a burnt offering to God, the priest had to lay hands on the head of the sacrificial lamb to transfer the sinner's sins, and then cut the lamb's throat in place of the person, apply the blood to the four horns of the altar, and pour the rest of the blood on the ground to remove sin.

Similarly, in the New Testament, it says that we sinners receive salvation from all sins by faith through believing in Jesus' water and blood. In 1 John 5:1-10, it is written that sinners receive remission of sins by believing in the baptism Jesus received and the blood of the Lamb (the cross). Therefore, we receive remission of sins through faith in the baptism of Jesus Christ and the blood of the cross, which is the Word of God. Jesus' baptism, blood, and the Holy Spirit—this is the truth of being born again of water and the Spirit.

Do you receive sinlessness by believing only in the blood of Jesus Christ? Those who try to be born again by believing only in the blood of Jesus' cross always have sin in their hearts. Therefore, we can receive salvation from all our sins by

believing in the baptism that Jesus received, which is the circumcision of the Old Testament and the spiritual circumcision of the New Testament.

Today, faith in Jesus differs across denominations. I know these faiths are not correct. The Presbyterian denomination believes in predestination, the Methodist denomination believes in Arminianism, that is, humanism, the Baptist denomination advocates baptism, and the Holiness denomination emphasizes living a holy life.

But what does the Bible say is true rebirth? The Bible says that Jesus' baptism and blood are the gospel of true rebirth. Those who believe according to the true Word of God believe based on the paired words of Scripture, as the Bible says there are pairs in Scripture.

What Is the Secret of the Baptism That Jesus Received?

<i>What is the spiritual circumcision in the New Testament?</i>
<i>The baptism of Jesus</i>

Jesus' baptism was a spiritual circumcision. In the Old Testament, God said that anyone who is not circumcised would be cut off. We must know and believe that the spiritual circumcision of salvation in the New Testament is the baptism that Jesus received.

Jesus received baptism from John in the Jordan River as He began His public ministry to save humanity from sin. Therefore, we can receive spiritual circumcision in our hearts by believing in Jesus' baptism. We need to deeply consider why Jesus had to

receive baptism from John in the New Testament.

The baptism Jesus received is recorded starting from Matthew 3:13-15. *‘Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him.’*

Jesus received baptism from John in the waters of the Jordan River (the Jordan River is the river of death). John the Baptist laid his hands on Jesus’ head. This is the correct way of baptism (Baptism: *βαπτίζω (Baptizo)*, ‘to immerse in water’). For Jesus to bear the sins of the world, He had to receive baptism in the Old Testament manner of laying on of hands to take the world’s sins upon Himself.

The baptism that Jesus received from John the Baptist in the Jordan River is spiritual circumcision for us who believe in Jesus (similar to laying hands on the head of an animal in the Old Testament), so He said, *“It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness in this way.”*

This means it was fitting for Jesus to take on all the sins of the world, fitting for Him to become the true Savior God of sinners, and fitting for Him to bear all our sins and die on the cross. The baptism that Jesus received was the word by which sinners are born again, that is, the mystery of water and the Spirit.

The very first thing Jesus did in His public ministry to save sinners from sin was to receive baptism from John. Baptism is called *βαπτίζω (Baptizo)*, “which means “to wash, to bury, to transfer, to pass over.”

In the Old Testament, on the Day of Atonement on the 10th day of the 7th month, when the high priest Aaron laid his hands on the head of the sacrificial goat on behalf of the people, all the

sins of the Israelites were transferred to the head of the sacrificial goat.

Of the two selected goats, one goat was laid hands on before God, killed, and offered with blood, while the other goat was kept alive, laid hands on in front of the people to transfer the people's sins, and then taken into the wilderness. This is written in Leviticus 16 in the Old Testament. On this day, the high priest laid hands on the sacrificial goat to transfer all the sins of the Israelites.

Jesus took upon Himself all the sins of humanity once and for all by receiving baptism. *"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)* After receiving baptism, which is spiritual circumcision, for all people on this earth who believe in God, Jesus, as the Lamb of God who bears and carries away the sins of the world, went to the cross to receive judgment and save humanity from all sins.

Those who accept Jesus Christ's baptism, the circumcision of the Old Testament, the blood of the Passover, and the blood of the cross as their salvation can be saved from all sins. Jesus saved sinners through His baptism and blood. This is the spiritual circumcision that cuts off sin.

Is Salvation by Blood Only? No, It Is Not

<i>By what did Jesus come to the world?</i>
<i>By water and blood</i>

God says in 1 John 5:4-8: *"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but*

he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (This is He that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three who bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and the three agree in one.) —ASV.”

What do you think is the evidence that you have been saved from the sins of the world? It is faith in the Son of God who came by water and blood.

What is the victory that has overcome the world? It is this: water and blood. The one who came by water and blood is Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

Jesus came to this earth, was baptized, and shed His blood to save us from death, the wages of sin. This means that Jesus, the God of creation, became the Savior of sinners. In other words, God came to this earth in human flesh through the Spirit, received baptism in the Jordan River to take all our sins upon His body, and shed His blood on the cross to receive judgment for sin, thereby saving us from all sins. Therefore, the evidence that saves those who believe in Jesus from all sins and all judgment is the original gospel of water and the Spirit.

What Is the Water and Blood That Are Evidence of the Remission of Sins?

What is the counterpart of the circumcision described in the Old Testament?

The baptism of Jesus

Water refers to the baptism of Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament, Jesus' baptism is referred to as circumcision. Jesus' baptism is paired with the circumcision of the Old Testament. The evidence that all the sins of sinners were transferred to Jesus is the baptism that Jesus received.

Only those who believe this can stand confidently before God and confess their testimony of sin removal through faith, saying, "Jesus is my Savior. He is my Lord. I have no sin because I believe in Jesus' baptism and blood, the gospel of water and the Spirit. I am a child of the Lord. God is my God. Jesus is my Savior."

The ability to testify like this comes from faith in the baptism and blood that Jesus received. What is the word of rebirth? The evidence in our hearts—Jesus' baptism and the blood of the cross—is the gospel of being born again of water and the Spirit.

Beloved saints, is it only through the blood of Jesus Christ that sinners believe in Jesus and accept Him as their Savior? Not only through blood. It is these two things: water and blood, the gospel of water and the Spirit.

Everyone, you must know and understand God's Word about water, which is Jesus' baptism. 1 Peter 3:21-22 says, "*There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good*

conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him."

The Apostle Peter states that the baptism Jesus received is the decisive evidence of salvation that eliminated our sins as sinners; in other words, baptism was the confirmation of salvation from sin.

Jesus' baptism is the circumcision of the Old Testament. Just as the people of Israel in the Old Testament became God's children and people by believing and acting on God's Word of promise, cutting off the foreskin, in the New Testament, Jesus' baptism eliminated the sins of sinners, so circumcision in the Old Testament and baptism have the same meaning.

Do you believe the evidence that baptism is circumcision? 1 Peter 3:21 says that water is the symbol that saves us, namely baptism. Will you oppose God's written Word?

Also, the Apostle Paul said, "*circumcision is of the heart*," so how does one receive spiritual circumcision in the heart? It is by believing that Jesus Christ came to this earth in the flesh, received baptism to bear all our, shed His blood on the cross, and was resurrected.

The Apostle Paul said circumcision is of the heart, and the circumcision of the heart is believing in Jesus' baptism and blood. If you also want to perform spiritual circumcision of the heart, you must accept and believe in the gospel of Jesus' baptism and blood. Only then can you become a true people of God. Circumcision is done by believing in Jesus' baptism and blood in your heart.

Jesus received baptism for the salvation of sinners and fulfilled all righteousness. Matthew 3:15 says, "*For thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*"

Because all the sins of mankind were transferred to Jesus Christ's head, those who believe become sinless, and by accepting the truth of this baptism through which we pass our sins to Jesus, we are born again as righteous people. Also, Jesus Christ bearing the sins of the world and receiving judgment through the blood of the cross is precisely how He received judgment for all of mankind's sins.

Everyone, the two things that saved sinners from all sins, these two works that were accomplished through His 33 years of life, were fulfilled by Jesus. Do you accept Jesus' baptism and blood?

John 1:29 says, "*Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*" Jesus was baptized to take all the sins of the world and carried those sins to the cross. Jesus is the Son of God and Creator, who as our Savior eliminated all the sins of this world through His baptism, fulfilling the promised word of circumcision in the Old Testament.

Those who accept in their hearts the water of baptism and blood given by the Lord are born again of water and the Spirit. Hallelujah! The Lord is our Lord who fulfilled the promise of salvation and saved us from the sins of the world.

1 Peter 3:21 says, "*There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*" Believing in Jesus as the Savior does not mean that the flesh will not commit sin. Although the flesh still sins, by believing in the baptism of Jesus Christ and passing all worldly sins to Him, and by faith in His cross's blood for all judgment, accepting these two elements, Jesus' baptism and blood, as one's salvation, all sins are removed.

Being born again by accepting the Lord as our Savior happens in our souls, in people's hearts. The removal of sin

occurs in people's hearts. While our hearts are born again by believing in Jesus' baptism and blood, the flesh still commits unclean acts and still sins, but those sins have already been removed.

Jesus' baptism is the word of evidence for those who are saved. When Jesus was baptized, all sins were transferred to Him, and by believing this in our hearts, we are without sin. By accepting the truth of the baptism of salvation in our hearts, we are born again, and thus we become righteous by water and the Spirit, which is the primitive gospel. This is the faith of Abraham spoken of in the Old Testament, the faith by which one becomes righteous by faith that Paul speaks of, and the evidence of salvation that Peter speaks of.

Is it by blood alone? No, everyone, it's not by blood alone. Is it by water alone? It's not by water alone either. Salvation from human sin is accomplished by water, blood, and the Holy Spirit.

Everyone, the Son of God, Jesus, came to this earth and through His baptism took all our sins upon Himself, bearing all our sins. By bearing our sins, He was judged on the cross, thus saving all sinners from sin. It is because Jesus Christ took away our sins through baptism and received judgment in our place that we receive the remission of sins and salvation through faith.

Just as Abraham became righteous before God by accepting and believing God's Word, our salvation is also accomplished by believing in the word of Jesus' baptism and blood. In this way, the Lord came to this earth, took all the sins of the world's sinners upon Himself through baptism, and then received the judgment of bloodshed in our place.

The gospel of water and blood that Jesus fulfilled has saved us, who were sinners, from all the sins of the world. Therefore, we can be saved from sin and be born again by accepting and

believing in this gospel of salvation and the remission of sins.

The Bible says in John 1:12, “*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.*” Have you accepted Jesus, who saved us from sin through His baptism and blood, as your Savior? We all need to accept the salvation accomplished by the Son of God through water and blood.

What should we do before God? Believe in the Son of God. And believe in what He has done to receive the remission of sins.

Jesus came to this earth in the flesh, and at the age of thirty, He received baptism, taking on all the sins of sinners. This is spiritual circumcision. In other words, He took the sins of the world upon His own body, and then went to the cross where He was slain as a lamb, shedding His atoning blood for sinners.

Believing in the truth of Jesus’ baptism and blood is the faith that leads to being born again. The Lord became an atoning sacrifice for sinners through baptism and blood. Therefore, He has saved us who believe from all sins. This is the faith of water and the Spirit that leads to being born again.

The truth that makes us righteous through faith is precisely this gospel of the water of Jesus’ baptism and blood. Is it by the blood of Jesus Christ alone? No. It’s by water and blood. The Bible speaks of salvation from sin not only by Jesus’ blood but by Jesus’ baptism and blood. Jesus’ baptism is the word of spiritual circumcision in the Old Testament and the truth of salvation that removes our sins, and the shedding of blood refers to the judgment He received on behalf of sinners, the judgment He received for you and me.

Through the gospel of salvation from sin that Jesus accomplished, by receiving and believing in His baptism and blood in our hearts, He has exempted us from the judgment of sin. We are saved from all the sins we commit in the world

through faith. By accepting the remission of sins accomplished through Jesus Christ's baptism and blood as our salvation, there is no sin in that person's heart. Do you believe? I hope you believe in the gospel of water and the Spirit. I hope you believe and obtain eternal life.

Was John the Baptist Sent by God?

<p><i>Who was John the Baptist?</i></p>
<p><i>He was the representative of mankind and the last high priest according to the lineage of Aaron.</i></p>

Here, a question arises about who John the Baptist is, who baptized Jesus. John is the representative of humanity. This part is mentioned in Matthew 11:11-14: *"Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come."*

Everyone, He said that among those born of women, there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist. *"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John."* The era of the Old Testament, which was God's promise, ended with John the Baptist. This is because Jesus Christ, the protagonist to fulfill that promise, had come.

Then who is the one to fulfill all the promises of the Old

Testament? It is Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist passed sin to Jesus through baptism. Everyone, who is the last prophet of the Old Testament? Who is the last high priest? Who is the descendant of Aaron? It is John the Baptist. Jesus Himself testified that John the Baptist is the greatest among those born of women, being the representative of humanity.

Everyone, Moses, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were all born of women. But who is the greatest throughout both the Old and New Testaments, in other words, throughout all of humanity from beginning to end? It is John the Baptist.

John the Baptist, like the high priest in the Old Testament who laid hands on the sacrifice to transfer sins, was God's servant sent by God as the representative of humanity and the last high priest of the Old Testament. He baptized Jesus, the Lamb of God who came in the New Testament, transferring all the sins of humanity to Him.

In this way, John the Baptist was God's servant who completed the spiritual circumcision in the hearts of those who believe in Jesus' baptism by baptizing Jesus and transferring the sins of this world to Him.

Everyone, you must accept Jesus' baptism along with His blood as the word of evidence for the remission of sins. Jesus has already taken all the sins of the world upon Himself through His baptism, and He has also received all the judgment for sin through His death on the cross. Being born again is accomplished by believing in this fact that Jesus has already eliminated all sins through His baptism and the blood of the cross.

If you just accept the gospel message of being born again of water and the Spirit, you become a spiritual descendant of Abraham and one who has entered into the world of Jesus Christ by faith.

There are already those who have entered by faith, and

there are those who are outside of Jesus Christ due to unbelief, but now the world is nearing its end. Believe in Jesus' baptism and come into Jesus. The faith that believes in Jesus' blood and baptism becomes your spiritual anointing of salvation. Please understand that spiritual preparation through oil is accomplished by believing in the gospel of salvation through Jesus' baptism and blood.

For Whom Was Jesus Baptized?

<i>For what purpose was Jesus baptized?</i>
<i>To wash away all the sins of mankind</i>

'And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.' Jesus was baptized to remove the sins of all people. Everyone, Jesus is the Son of God, and to us, He is God. He is our Creator.

Jesus came to this world to make us His people and to fulfill the Father's will. Who were all the prophecies in the Old Testament about? They were about Jesus Christ. They were prophecies about how Jesus Christ would come to this earth and take on sin and remove it.

As prophesied in the Old Testament, Jesus came to this earth and took on all the sins of humanity, from Adam and Eve to the last person, through His baptism.

Everyone, you must accept and believe in the salvation of Jesus' baptism and blood. *"For thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."* So Jesus was baptized by John. The word

baptism itself means to be washed. How are our sins washed away when Jesus is baptized? Because all our sins were transferred to Jesus' head and planted in His body. That's how the sins in our hearts are washed away.

Because all people's sins were transferred to Jesus when John the Baptist, the representative of humanity, baptized Him, people are saved from sin by accepting this fact in their hearts. Baptism means the washing away of sin. This baptism that washes away sin is the spiritual circumcision of the New Testament.

"Circumcision is that of the heart." When we accept by faith the truth of His baptism, where all our sins—from birth until death—were transferred to Jesus, circumcision occurs in our hearts. Circumcision of the heart is acknowledging by faith that all our sins were transferred to Jesus through baptism.

Have you received the circumcision of the heart? If you believe in the circumcision of the heart, your sins are washed away. In this way, He fulfilled all of God's righteousness—the salvation of all sinners.

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Like the laying on of hands in the Old Testament, Jesus was baptized to take upon Himself the sins of all people. In the Old Testament, to have sins removed, people would bring a flawless animal, lay their hands on its head to transfer their sins to it, and then the animal would be killed, and the priest would offer it as a sacrifice to remove the person's sins. Jesus was baptized to take upon Himself the sins of sinners, all the sins of the world.

The Lord received the sins of the world through baptism, and then He went into the water and was fully immersed. This speaks of death and the judgment of sin. The immersion signifies the blood judged on the cross. Then He came up out of the water. This speaks of resurrection. Jesus was resurrected on the third

day after His death. This was a sign that Jesus is our God and that He saved us from sin.

Jesus coming to this earth, being baptized, shedding His blood on the cross, being resurrected on the third day, and sitting at the right hand of God's throne is the word of confirmation that He has saved all of humanity from sin.

Everyone, I hope you accept this word of confirmation in your heart and mind. This is the truth. If you just accept the Lord's salvation in your heart, you will be saved from all sins. *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).*

Everyone, do you understand the truth of why Jesus came to this earth and was baptized? Do you believe it? The baptism Jesus received was to take on the sins of all people. This is the baptism of circumcision in the New Testament. Baptism, this is spiritual circumcision. That's why the Apostle Paul said that circumcision is of the heart.

So that we have no choice but to accept in our hearts the confirmation that the sins of the world were transferred to Jesus, He has surely saved us through His baptism and blood. Now, all we have to do is to accept with faith, in our hearts and minds, all this truth of salvation with a 'Yes'.

Do You Accept This Fact?

<i>What should we do?</i>
<i>What we should do is to believe in the baptism and blood of the Lord.</i>

It has been over 2000 years since Jesus came to this earth, was baptized, and died on the cross. All we can do now, in this era, is to accept and acknowledge in our hearts the truth of the water and blood that Jesus accomplished. There is nothing else to do.

Circumcision is to be done in the heart, so we must perform circumcision in our thoughts, hearts, and faith. We are saved by faith. In the Old Testament, Abraham's descendants were saved through circumcision and the Passover blood applied to the doorposts and lintels.

Those who believe in Jesus' baptism and blood for salvation are not afraid or fearful even when God's judgment comes upon this earth. For those who accept the salvation of Jesus' baptism and blood in their hearts, judgment passes over, but for those who do not accept this truth, God's judgment will come.

Everyone, why have people who believe today, though sinners, become so corrupt after believing in Jesus? Why do they live so miserably? It's because they don't know the truth of Jesus' baptism and blood, and believe they are saved by Jesus' blood alone.

Is salvation by Jesus' blood alone? Does the Bible testify that it's by blood alone? What is recorded in the Old and New Testaments? The Bible records that it's not just by the blood of the Lamb, but that Jesus' baptism and blood are one (1 John 5:3-6).

Even in the Old Testament, it is recorded in the Word that God's sinless people were made by these two things: circumcision and the blood of the Passover sacrifice. In the New Testament, it is also recorded in the Word that it was accomplished by the baptism Jesus received and His blood. This is the truth and the salvation that the Lord accomplished. This is the word of the Bible. The words of the Bible are not human

words; the words testified in the Bible are God's Words.

Do you believe only in the blood of Jesus? If so, you surely have sin in your heart. You must turn away from this mistaken belief.

You must repent for not knowing and acknowledging that the Lord took on all your sins through baptism in the Jordan River, and for not believing and thus distressing God until now. You must confess and believe. Therefore, you must accept in your heart and mind the truth that the Lord took on your sins, the sins of the world, through baptism. We are all saved through the gospel of the water and the Spirit, through Jesus' baptism and the cross.

Have you relied only on the blood of Jesus until today? If so, you certainly have sin in your heart. When you commit sins, there is sin; and if you think your conscience becomes a bit cleaner when you do not commit sins, that is merely a feeling and not based on the Word of God but on fleshly emotions.

Therefore, you must now turn back and believe in the baptism and blood of Jesus. Then, a spiritual circumcision of salvation will occur in your heart, and you will be freed from all sins. Being freed from all sins means believing in the primitive gospel that Jesus has completely removed all sins through His baptism and blood, and thus, being saved.

Do you believe in Jesus' baptism and blood as the salvation for your sins? If you do, you will gradually experience what blessings come. Peace will find its way into your heart, and you will become righteous—not by your deeds but by the Word of God.

I would like to ask a question and offer advice to those among you who may be relying on and believing only in the blood of Jesus. Was your salvation from sin achieved through Jesus' blood alone? Your salvation from sin was not through

blood alone. It was through Jesus' baptism and the blood of the cross, the original gospel. This is the advice I want to give.

The complete salvation of mankind from sin was accomplished through the gospel of the Spirit, which is Jesus' baptism received from John and His blood. The Holy Spirit is God. God came to this earth in human flesh. *"You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."* This is what was said through the prophet. God said, *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel,"* which is translated, 'God with us.'

Jesus, who is God, came to this earth to save sinners, was baptized to take on the sins of sinners, was judged on the cross, and thus saved sinners. This truth is salvation accomplished by God's water and blood. I tell you this: Are you saved by blood alone? I tell you that is not the case. You are saved by the combination of Jesus Christ's baptism and blood.

The reason why many false prophets and heresies appear today is because they do not fully understand Jesus' water, which is His baptism. Jesus said in John 8:32, *"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

We must know and believe why the Bible speaks of Jesus' baptism. We need to understand why God commanded circumcision in the Old Testament, and why He spoke of the blood of the lamb and the blood of Passover. If we only know one side, we cannot understand the truth of being born again of water and the Spirit. Jesus said, *"Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"* (John 3:5).

The Bible is a book of mysteries about salvation. Is it by Jesus' blood alone? The Apostle Paul often spoke of Jesus' baptism in Romans and Galatians.

In Romans 6:3-8, it says: *"Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His*

death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him."

Here in verse 5 it says, *"For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection."*

Everyone, God's Law states that *"the wages of sin is death."* It says that whoever has sin will die, perish, and go to hell. In other words, if you don't believe in Jesus Christ, if you don't believe in the complete truth and have even a speck of sin in your heart, where does Jesus say He will send you in Matthew 5:26? If you have even a speck of sin, even if you believe in Jesus, you will go to hell and receive judgment by fire.

Because without Jesus, if we pay for our sins with our own death, it would surely be hell, God sent Jesus Christ to this earth and transferred our sins to Jesus Christ through baptism, and judged Jesus Christ.

Instead of us dying for our sins, God transferred our sins to His Son through baptism, mercilessly nailed Him to the cross, made Him shed all His life's blood, and saved us who believe in Jesus from all sin. The faith that believes in Jesus' baptism and blood is the faith that unites with Jesus Christ.

Everyone, the wages of sin is death. You and I had sin. Because of that sin, we were destined to go to hell. But instead of us dying, instead of us going to hell, Jesus took on our sins

through baptism in the Jordan River and suffered the punishment of the cross in our place.

Jesus' death is your and my death, and believing in your heart that the baptism He received was to bear your and my sins is the faith that unites. This faith unites us with Jesus Christ.

We Should Not Believe in a Religious Manner

Many people believe in Jesus religiously, going to church, shedding tears, confessing their sins, saying, "Lord, forgive me. I won't do it again. Jesus died on the cross for me, Lord, I believe."

These people cite 1 John 1:9, "*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness,*" and claim this as confirmation of the remission of sins, but that's not the case. Here, sin is not about daily repentance and forgiveness, but rather about receiving salvation once and for all when you confess that you haven't yet been saved.

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." *"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* Truth is firm. Everyone, if you ignore that Jesus Christ took on our sins through baptism in the Jordan River and only believe that He died on the cross, it becomes a vain faith.

For a believer in Jesus to be saved from all their sins, they must believe in their heart the primitive gospel of Jesus Christ's baptism and blood — that Jesus Christ was baptized in the Jordan River and judged on the cross.

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Jesus Christ became our Savior by taking on all our sins through baptism and being judged in our place on the cross. We believe in our hearts in Jesus, who came by water and blood as His name suggests, to attain righteousness, and confess with our mouths to reach salvation.

Everyone, are you a sinner or a righteous person?

Galatians 3:27 says, “*For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*” Everyone, it was because Jesus was baptized that He could consequently die on the cross. And He rose from the dead after three days, sat at the right hand of God’s throne, and became the Lord of salvation for those who believe.

If Jesus had not been baptized (water), if He had not shed His blood on the cross, Jesus could not have become our Savior. All people must believe in the gospel of Jesus’ water and the Spirit to be saved.

Even if you are a son of Moses

<i>Why did God try to kill Moses on his way to Egypt?</i>
<i>Because he hadn’t circumcised his sons.</i>

Everyone, I am now preaching the gospel of atonement accomplished by Jesus Christ’s baptism and blood, the mystery of redemption that removed all the sins of sinners. It is truly blessed and fortunate to hear this Word of God.

Is Jesus Christ’s salvation by blood alone? In the Old Testament, people became Abraham’s descendants through circumcision and the blood of Passover. In the New Testament, we become God’s people when we believe in Jesus’ baptism and

His blood. God shows us evidence of this in the Old Testament through Moses.

God told Moses, through whom He intended to save the Israelites, ‘Go to Egypt and lead My people out.’ Therefore, after getting permission from his father-in-law, Moses took his wife and children, put them on a donkey, and set out on the journey from Midian, where he had been living, to Egypt, and as the sun set, they stopped to rest.

At this time, the angel of God appeared and tried to kill Moses. Moses’ wife knew the reason. So she took a sharp stone, grasped her son’s foreskin, and performed circumcision. She then threw the foreskin at Moses’ feet, saying, “*Surely you are a husband of blood to me!*” Then the Lord let Moses go.

This was God’s intention that even Moses’ child would surely be killed if not circumcised. For the Israelites, circumcision was a sign of God’s covenant. It meant that God would surely cut off even the son of a leader if he was not clearly circumcised by cutting off the foreskin. So God had to give Moses understanding to avoid killing his son.

The Bible records that when Moses’ wife cut off her son’s foreskin and threw it, saying “*Surely you are a husband of blood to me,*” it was because of circumcision (Exodus 4:26). It says that God tried to kill Moses “*because of the circumcision.*”

Any Israelite who was not circumcised would be cut off from among the people of Israel. Only circumcised Israelites could eat the sacrificial Passover lamb and participate in the Passover ceremony as God’s people.

The Apostle Paul was a Jew. He was circumcised on the eighth day, studied under Gamaliel, and knew exactly why Jesus Christ was baptized in the Jordan River and why Jesus had to die on the cross.

Paul spoke of Jesus’ baptism in Romans, Galatians, and all

his epistles because he knew the truth, the primitive gospel, that only through Jesus' baptism and judgment on the cross could all his sins be cut off.

The Apostle Paul also frequently mentioned Jesus' blood, which is the conclusion of our salvation. However, Jesus' blood is the final confirmation of salvation, and the complete spiritual circumcision is the primitive gospel of Jesus' baptism and blood. Paul's core message and testimony was that Jesus' blood existed because of Jesus' baptism.

The Apostle Paul often speaks of Jesus' cross. Why? Because it's the final confirmation of our salvation. Even though Jesus took on our sins, if He hadn't shed His blood on the cross to receive judgment for sin, we who believe in Jesus wouldn't be fully saved. That's why the Apostle Paul frequently talked about Jesus' blood on the cross.

The blood of the cross is the conclusion of salvation. If the history of this faith, namely believing in the conclusion and Jesus' baptism, had been properly passed down to this day, many who believe in Jesus now would have become sinless people of God. However, unfortunately, because they do not know about Jesus' baptism and believe only in the blood as salvation, believing in a result without the process, people remain sinners even after believing in Jesus for 10 years or 50 years.

My Testimony

<p><i>Does the Lord declare sinners righteous?</i></p>
<p><i>No. Because He is righteous, He declares those who are sinless through faith in His baptism that washed away the sins of the world to be righteous.</i></p>

I believed in Jesus when I was 20 years old. At that time, I heard that Jesus died on the cross for sinners like me. I didn't know how many sins I had committed, and I didn't know God or the Law, but I had been living while developing my innate talents since childhood.

At that time, I fell ill. When my body became sick, I felt like I was going to die. Then, I remembered hearing that Jesus had died in place of evil people, and so I decided that I should receive the remission of sins before dying. That is why I came to believe in Jesus.

When I first believed in Jesus, I was very grateful, but after one year, then five years had passed, whenever I did something wrong, I was a sinner, and if I did wrong again, I was a sinner again. I believed for ten years, but throughout those ten years, I was always a sinner. Even though I believed, I was still a sinner.

I always cried whenever I sinned. "God, please forgive me. Please forgive this sin. God, if you forgive me this time, I will do better next time." After sinning, I would pray in repentance for 3 days, usually praying for 3 days. With a guilty conscience, I wouldn't eat and would lock myself in my room, crying out, "Lord, please forgive me." After crying my heart out, I would feel a bit better and thought I could hear God's voice. "I have washed away my sins, hallelujah!" I would come out of the room and diligently live my life and serve. But before I knew it, I would unknowingly sin again. At first, believing in Jesus was good, but as I believed in Jesus for a long time, sins began to accumulate. They started piling up like a heap of manure or dust.

Everyone, after believing in Jesus for 10 years, I had much more sin accumulated in my heart than before believing in Jesus, and I became a tremendous sinner. "Why did I believe in Jesus so early? It would have been better if I had believed in Jesus at 80, or just before dying. Because I believed too early, I can't

help but sin, and each time I have to pray in repentance. Oh, it's so tiresome. I should live according to God's will, but I can't, oh it's so difficult."

Everyone, I searched and searched and searched for God. So I studied theology. When I studied theology, my faith became even more impoverished.

Before studying theology, I thought I would not sleep in a warm place like Saint Damien. Why? To help these struggling people. I will absolutely not dwell in comfort but help these struggling people. I had such thoughts and tried to live like that while reading the biographies of saints. I practiced asceticism and when praying, I would kneel on the cement floor for three or four hours, which made me feel like my prayers were more effective and I felt more relieved.

But after believing in Jesus for 10 years like this, I really felt like I was dying. So I prayed, "God, God, please save me. It's not that I don't truly believe in you, I would believe in you even with a knife to my throat, but why is my heart so empty and frustrated? Why do I have even more sins? Before believing in Jesus, I lived without much sin, but after believing in Jesus, how have I become an even worse sinner?" Looking back now, I could say it was because I believed in Jesus without knowing the truth and without receiving the remission of sins, but when I was living as a sinner, my heart was truly heavy.

How can I tell others to believe in Jesus and receive the remission of sins when I have sins myself? "God, I'm about to graduate from school soon. I'm about to be ordained as a pastor, but how can I, as a sinful pastor, tell sinners who come to me to receive the remission of sins? I'm a sinner too."

In the Bible, I read in the letters of the Apostle Paul that "*If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*" But no matter how much I looked within myself, I could not find the

Holy Spirit in my heart. It seemed to be there at first, but why is it gone now? Did He step out for a moment? God, what's going on?

In fact, this was because I had been living under the misconception that I had been saved after believing in Jesus. Everyone, at that time, I really struggled a lot. I cried a lot. It was such a difficult time that words cannot fully express it.

But God promised to meet those who seek Him. God met me. Even though I had sins after believing in Jesus for 10 years, by knowing the baptism of Jesus Christ, knowing the blood of the cross, and knowing the secret of spiritual circumcision in the Old and New Testaments and Jesus' salvation through baptism, my struggles came to an end through faith. All my sins were washed away, becoming as white as snow.

If you all clearly believe in the primitive gospel of Jesus' baptism and blood, your sins will disappear. Even if you're lacking, you have no sin.

Now I gladly preach this truth to people, and those who receive it receive the remission of sins. Hallelujah! We praise. Congratulations to the brothers and sisters who have received the remission of sins. We praise Jesus who saved us from sin. Hallelujah, we receive the remission of sins with joy.

Everyone, receiving the remission of sins is a joy that cannot be fully expressed in words. “♪*The secret in that name couldn't be fully proclaimed, so it became a secret. People rejected that name like the stone the builders rejected, but that name engraved in my heart is a beautiful jewel*♪.”

Jesus' Baptism and Blood that Abundantly Saved Sinners from Sin

Jesus, through His baptism, which is spiritual circumcision, and through His blood, washed away all our worldly sins, abundantly saving us and making us, who believe, into reborn people of God. In this way, Jesus became the God of the reborn.

Everyone, as promised in the Old Testament, Jesus received baptism, took on the sins of the world, and died on the cross, thereby becoming the Savior of sinners. He became the God of salvation for all humanity.

Everyone, there is always judgment for sin. Therefore, to save us from sin, Jesus was baptized and received punishment on the cross, shedding His precious blood, thereby saving me and all of you. And Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day. God the Father raised Jesus Christ. This is evidence that we have become children of God, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us eternal life.

Jesus Christ's baptism is evidence that all our sins were transferred to Him and He took them all away. The blood of Jesus Christ on the cross is evidence that He received judgment in our place.

What Kind of Faith Is Heretical?

<i>Who is a heretic?</i>
<i>The one who condemns himself by failing to believe in the baptism of Jesus</i>

Everyone, are you still a sinner every day even though you

believe in Jesus? Being a sinner whether you believe or not, that is heretical faith. Heresy is anything different from God. In Titus 3:10-11, it says about heresy, *“Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.”*

Those who claim to believe in Jesus but condemn themselves, saying “God! I am a sinner, I’m a sinner even though I believe, I’m a sinner even if I die, I’m a sinner no matter what anyone says,” are heretics. God says to such sinners, “You are sinners, you are not my children, you are heretics. You will enter the unquenchable fire.”

Those who believe in Jesus but do not accept the gospel of Jesus’ baptism, thus making themselves sinners and determining their own souls to be sinful, and who can only make such confessions of faith to God, are heretics before God.

Who Are the True Believers?

<i>What is the witness of God about salvation?</i>
<i>Water (Baptism), Blood, and the Holy Spirit</i>

Those who have become God’s people by believing in the primitive gospel of Jesus Christ’s baptism and blood, those who have no sin in their hearts, are all righteous without exception. However, those who believe in Jesus but remain sinners cannot enter the Kingdom of God, which is heaven.

Those who have become righteous by believing in Jesus have evidence within them, and that evidence is precisely the baptism and blood of Jesus. This work of salvation is exactly what Jesus Christ did when He came to this earth. Those who do not believe in their hearts the primitive gospel of baptism,

through which Jesus took away all our sins by being baptized, are cut off and rejected by God.

Those who believe that Jesus came to this earth and performed circumcision, that He took on all our sins through John the Baptist in the primitive gospel, that He received judgment on the cross in our place to save us from judgment, and that He rose from the dead after three days to become our living God, are saved. This is salvation received not only by blood but by water, blood, and the Spirit.

The baptism and blood of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit — this truth of the Word is the evidence that Jesus saved us from the sins of the world. It is the evidence that the Son of God saved us.

Do you accept the primitive gospel that the salvation of sinners was accomplished not only by Jesus' blood but by water, blood, and the Spirit, which is Jesus' baptism?

God removed the sins of sinners through the baptism that Jesus received. He performed spiritual circumcision, which is baptism. Thus, He completely cut off the sins of the world from us. And on the cross, by shedding His blood, He fully rescued us from the punishment of judgment due to sin.

He took on not only my sins but all the sins of the world, the sins of all people from Adam until the end of the earth, by receiving baptism. Whoever believes in what Jesus Christ did on this earth, whoever accepts these three things —the water, the Spirit, and the blood— receives salvation from all sins. This is the wisdom of the primitive gospel, the truth of sin removal.

Through the Lord, He cut off all the sins of humanity by Jesus receiving baptism so that humanity could be saved from sin. Now, even if we want to have sin after believing in Jesus, it's impossible. Jesus gave life to us who were to die because of sin.

Everyone, Jesus revived the souls that had left God because of Satan, souls that were lost before God. He found those who

were lost. Everyone, as our God has found us through Jesus Christ, through water, blood, and the Spirit, we have received salvation, that is, the remission of sins from Him.

Do you believe? I am telling you that salvation is not by blood alone, but by the baptism Jesus received and the blood of the cross. Those who say they are saved by blood alone surely know they have sin in their conscience. You might have thought you were saved by believing in Jesus' blood alone, but that's not the case. We receive salvation and are born again by believing in Jesus Christ who came by water, blood, and the Spirit.

Jesus Christ took on our sins through baptism and received judgment, making us sinless. Is it by Jesus' blood alone that we are saved from sin? No. It is through Jesus' water (baptism) and blood, which is His death on the cross, and His resurrection.

Saving us from sin through water and blood was the providence of God the Father, predestined in Jesus Christ before the creation of the world. All of this was salvation accomplished by God. The rebirth of a sinner comes through faith in Jesus' baptism and blood.

The primitive gospel that Jesus spoke of is accomplished through baptism and blood. All of us who have received the removal of sin by believing in the primitive gospel praise God. Hallelujah! ☒

SERMON 4

What Is the Right --- Confession?

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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:16-17).

What Is the Right Confession?

< 1 John 1:9 >

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

<i>Can a sinner who has not been born again receive complete remission of sins through a confession prayer?</i>
<i>No.</i>

1 John 1:9 is a verse intended for the righteous who have been born again. This verse should not be used by sinners who have sin in their hearts as an attempt to receive cleansing of sins by confessing their current sins. Do you understand? This verse is for the righteous.

In this world, there are sinners who have not been born again who are using 1 John 1:9 as a method to deal with the sins they have committed by making confession prayers. However, can a sinner who has not been born again truly receive complete removal of sins by confessing their sins through prayer? This is clearly an important issue that needs to be addressed.

You need to understand whether the Apostle John was righteous or a sinner before God in order to read 1 John. Let's ask: Is the Apostle John a righteous person who was born again by believing in the gospel of water and the Spirit given by Jesus,

or is he a sinner? If you say the Apostle John was a sinner, then your faith today that claims to believe in Jesus but still considers yourself a sinner would be biblically correct. However, if the Apostle John was a righteous person who believed in Jesus and was born again, then you should realize that his faith is different from your current faith. You should have the same faith as the Apostle John.

Everyone, is the Apostle John writing a letter to the righteous or to sinners? The Apostle John is writing to the righteous.

Therefore, it is meaningless for sinners who have not been born again to use the words of 1 John 1:8-9. However, the righteous confess the sins they commit in their daily lives before God and resolve them by believing in the gospel of water and the Spirit. In other words, the Lord will declare them clean because of the gracious gospel that has already blotted out the sins committed by the righteous in their lives.

The faith of the Apostle John is as follows. In 1 John 5, he stated that his faith is “faith in water, blood, and the Spirit.” Then, do you also believe in Jesus who came by water, blood, and the Spirit? Or do you only believe in Jesus who came by the blood of the cross?

Everyone, do you only know and believe in the gospel of the blood of the cross? If your current faith only knows the gospel of the blood of the cross, I can say that you only know half of the true gospel. If you say that salvation from sin is the blood of the cross + repentance prayer, it’s like you believe that sins are washed away through repentance prayer and the blood of the cross.

Will the sin in your heart disappear just because you believe in Jesus’ blood on the cross and pray for repentance? Such believers inevitably have sin remaining in their hearts. This is

because no one can wash away their sins through repentance prayer and the blood of the cross alone. Such believers are mistakenly believing because they do not yet know the gospel of water and the Spirit.

The Apostle John was born again by believing in the gospel that came by water, blood, and the Spirit. But wasn't your faith only in Jesus and the blood He shed on the cross? How can one lead others when they don't know the true gospel themselves? A sinner who has never been born again tried to receive cleansing of sins through repentance prayer, so they couldn't receive the blotting out of sins.

No matter how much a person prays for repentance to wash away their sins, the sins do not disappear. If they think it has disappeared, that is their emotional faith. A person's repentance prayer can make their heart feel refreshed for about a day. However, they cannot receive complete blotting out of sins.

A sinner who tries to be saved from sin through repentance prayer is always a sinner, both before and after believing in Jesus. This is because they do not know the gospel of water and the Spirit given by God. If you have believed in Jesus but have not been born again, it is because you are believing like this.

If someone tries to cleanse their committed sins through repentance prayer, it proves that they have not been born again. You must correctly decide whether to believe in the gospel that came by water, blood, and the Spirit, like the Apostle John, or to believe in a mixture of human thoughts and personal emotions. One of these is clearly the truth, and the other is clearly not the truth.

The true gospel in the Bible is the gospel of the removal of sin, where Jesus took on the sins of the world once and for all through His baptism and received judgment for sinners on the cross. Therefore, those who believe in Jesus' baptism and the

blood of the cross are saved from all their sins once and for all.

On the contrary, if someone does not believe in Jesus' baptism and the blood of the cross, but tries to wash away their sins through repentance prayer, such a person will not be able to wash away their sins even after a thousand years.

Is your own repentance prayer the method for being saved from the sins you commit daily? Is that what you know and believe? In the Bible, repentance means turning from wrong beliefs to the true gospel, and for the righteous, it means acknowledging their sinful actions and turning to the bright light by recalling this gospel of truth through faith.

Currently, a sinner should confess like this: "God, I have sin and I am destined for hell. God, I want to be saved from sin. Please save me from all my sins. I am still not born again and destined for hell." This is the correct confession.

This shows how the confession of a righteous person who has been saved before God differs from the confession of an unsaved sinner.

Currently, sinners hiding in the doctrine of confession prayer will receive fiery judgment for their sins. You must have the faith that the Apostle John had. If not, and a sinner who has not yet been born again hides in the confession prayer of the righteous, they will not escape the terrible punishment that the wages of sin is death. All sinners who do not believe in the gospel of water and blood given by Jesus should not hide under the word 'confession', but should return to the true gospel of water, blood, and the Spirit that the Apostle John believed in, and be saved from the sins of the world by faith.

Sinners do not know how terrible the punishment for sin is. They do not know about the sin that God spoke of to people. God said that sin is not believing in the gospel of rebirth that Jesus gave through water, blood, and the Spirit.

All those who believe in Jesus but have not been born again should confess before God, “I am a sinner bound for hell” instead of saying “Wash away my sins.” If you accept in your heart by faith the gospel that saved you through Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River and the cross, you will receive the removal of all your sins once and for all. This is truly the right confession for a sinner to be saved from all their sins before God.

The true confession for a sinner to receive cleansing of sins should be like this: Let’s say a spy from the enemy is in our country and decides to surrender after seeing how well the country is doing, realizing they were deceived. Upon entering a police station, the spy can be completely cleansed of all the crimes committed as a spy with the simple confession, ‘I am a spy from the enemy country.’

Similarly, all sinners can be saved if they confess that they have not yet been born again and believe in the gospel that God accomplished through water and the Spirit to remove the sins of the world through Jesus. The salvation of sinners was completed through the gospel of water and blood by which Jesus saved sinners.

Acts 4:12 *“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”* God had His Son Jesus receive baptism from John to take on all the sins of this world once and for all, and He saved sinners who believe in this truth from all sins once and for all.

The Lord has completely eliminated all the sins of the world that people commit through actions and in their hearts, sins they commit until death. We must receive the remission of sins once and for all by believing in the true gospel. This is how we receive salvation from all the sins of our souls. By believing in the gospel of the water and the Spirit, the truth through Jesus Christ, we become righteous once and for all. The true truth is

that Jesus took on the sins of the world once and for all through His baptism, died on the cross once and for all, was resurrected after three days, and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father's throne.

We all must make this confession: "God, I was born with sin in my mother's womb and am a person who sins until death, and because of the sins I have committed, I was destined for hell. But Jesus came with water, blood, and the Spirit, and became my Savior." Those who believe in Jesus and are born again were those who believed in the gospel that came with water and blood. Those who accept true salvation are those who have received the Lord in their hearts.

As we live in this world, aren't we those who sin daily? As it says in Matthew chapter 3, Jesus took on all the sins that people commit until death through His baptism. "*You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" (John 8:32).

If the Lord had taken away original sin and told us to resolve our personal sins ourselves, we would have been in agony. However, since Jesus has already resolved all the sins we commit throughout our lives through His baptism and blood, we have been freed from sin. When we believe in and are thankful for the baptism and blood that Jesus gave us, the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts.

Do you believe in Jesus? Do you realize the gospel of His salvation? Surely, your sins have been transferred to Jesus Christ. Since the sins of the world were transferred to Jesus through baptism, Jesus bore all the sins and was judged on the cross on our behalf. This gospel is the true gospel.

The True Meaning of 1 John 1:9

What is the true confession of the righteous?

It is to confess their own sins and to believe that Jesus has already blotted out all these sins through baptism and His blood.

1 John 1:9 says, “*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” This means that when a righteous person who believes in the gospel that came with water and the Spirit, like John, confesses their sins, the Lord has already taken responsibility for their worldly sins through the baptism He received from John the Baptist and was judged on the cross for them. Therefore, all the sins they commit have already been washed clean. Thus, by confessing our own wrongdoings and believing in the gospel that the Lord has cleansed, the problem of sin in our conscience is resolved.

Because it has already been washed clean, those who are born again only needed to make the right confession about the sins they committed. Then this person’s sins are washed away. Because the Lord has the merit of salvation of being baptized and shedding blood for this person in the past, those who are already born again by believing in this merit have all their sins already washed away, no matter how lacking they may be.

This Bible verse becomes a truly blessed word for the righteous. However, if a sinner uses this text in faith, they will inevitably go to hell due to misunderstanding. Therefore, this verse is a representative passage that has led the majority of unborn-again Christians today into numerous misunderstandings and false doctrines.

There is a Korean proverb that says, ‘An inexperienced shaman kills people.’ This means that an unskilled shaman pretends to be good at their job but ends up ruining things.

In this world, it is the principle that anything can only fulfill its proper role when it is completely learned, mastered, and become proficient or skilled. The same is true in the world of faith in God. Those who teach God’s Word must teach the recorded truth accurately, and those who learn must believe exactly as they are taught.

If someone who teaches the Bible teaches incorrectly, and if a believer believes incorrectly, this will result in judgment before God and entering hell. The Bible states that only those who are born again can properly teach learners. Just as even the best medicine can become poison and kill if prescribed incorrectly, so it is with teaching God’s Word. Fire is essential, but if used by children or those with mental illnesses, it can lead to great disaster.

We must correctly understand the biblical text and know how to properly recognize and confess the confession of the righteous and the confession of sinners as recorded in the word. 1 John 1:9 means that when a righteous person confesses their sins of daily life before God, the Lord declares them sinless through confession and faith because He has already eliminated all our sins in the past.

However, it is incorrect knowledge for someone who claims to believe in Jesus but is not yet born again to think that they receive forgiveness each time they confess sins committed in daily life. Isn’t that right?

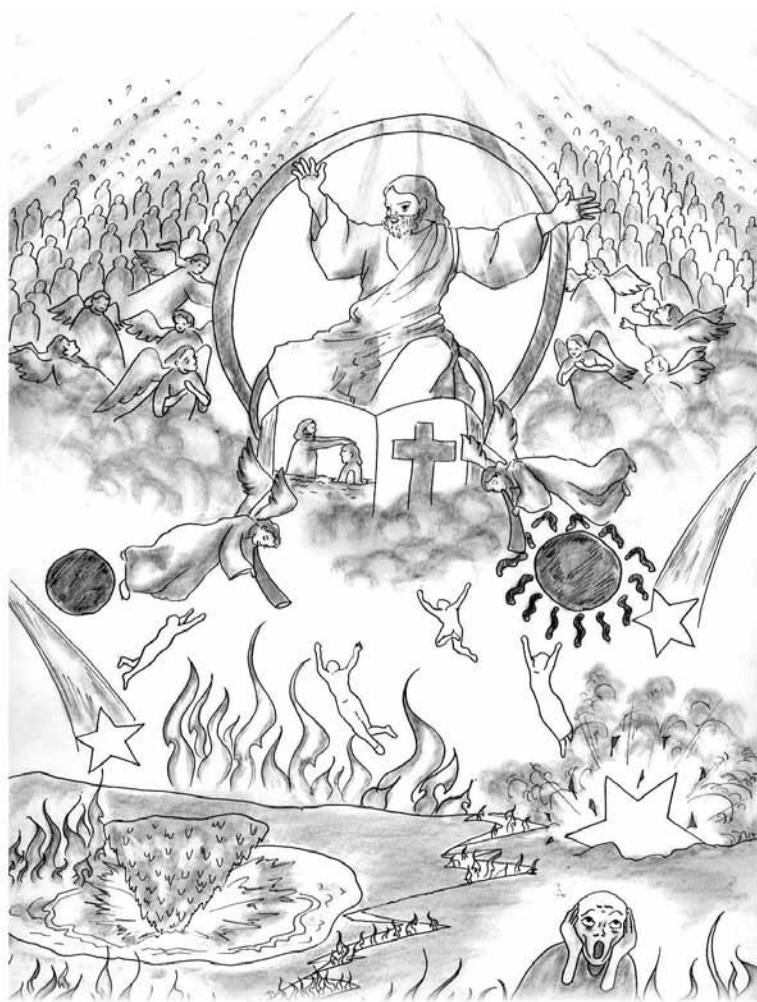
How can the sins of an unborn-again person be washed away just by confessing before God when they sin in daily life? God is a righteous God. God saved those who believe in the baptism and blood of His only Son from all worldly sins by

having Him receive baptism and shed His blood to remove the sins of the world.

Therefore, when a righteous person confesses sins committed in daily life, the Lord has already eliminated all these sins through baptism and shedding blood on the cross, so all the sins that the righteous person has committed in daily life have been removed. ☒

SERMON 5

The Errors of Predestination and Election Theories



For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness (Romans 1:18).

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The Errors of Predestination and Election Theories

< Romans 8:28-30 >

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”

<i>Did God choose only some of us?</i>
<i>No, He chose all of us in Christ.</i>

The theological concepts of predestination and election in Christianity have become a cause for misunderstanding the Bible and God from the beginning for those who seek to believe in Jesus and attain salvation.

The concepts of predestination and election in Christian theology have brought much confusion to those who want to believe in Jesus.

If God really chose some and not others, many people would suffer from the question, ‘If I believe in Jesus, was I chosen or not?’ And if I wasn’t chosen, wouldn’t believing in Jesus be in vain? This issue would arise. This has led people to

focus more on whether they are chosen or not, rather than believing in Jesus correctly.

Therefore, we must re-examine the concepts of election and predestination. First, we must accurately understand the biblical teachings on predestination and election and believe in the certain salvation that comes from being born again through water and the Spirit.

The Errors in Predestination and Election Theories

People are misled by the theological concepts of predestination and election, which causes them to believe in Jesus and yet face destruction.

In Ephesians 1:3-5, the Bible says, *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.”*

However, some false theological interpretations claim that God loves some and unconditionally hates others, choosing not to select them. Consequently, they say that those chosen by God are born again through water and the Spirit and go to heaven, while those not chosen go to hell.

If this were the logic for believing in Jesus, who could believe without feeling anxious? If it's an unconditional selection by God, without knowing whether one is chosen, people cannot believe even if they want to.

Who then is God the God of, and who is He not? Romans 3:29 says, *“Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also*

the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also.”

What does theology say about the words in Romans? Theologians have created the concept of ‘unconditional election’ according to their own ideas, saying that if it does not conform to their thoughts, it is hell, and if it does, it is heaven. Is theology the word of God? No, theology is not the word of God. God chose all people in Christ before the creation of the world, and through Jesus, He removed their sins and made sinners righteous to save them. God loved the world so much.

Do not make God a biased God. Unbelievers believe in their own thoughts, while believers in God believe in His written Word.

The Concept of Election in the Old Testament

<i>Is the unconditional election of theology correct?</i>
<i>No, God chose everyone in Jesus Christ.</i>

In Genesis 25:21-26 of the Old Testament, we see Isaac’s two sons, Jacob and Esau. According to the false theological concept of election, God chose Jacob while he was still in his mother’s womb and did not choose Esau. Thus, people who misunderstand God’s Words use this passage as evidence for the doctrine of unconditional election. This is similar to unbelievers introducing the concept of a fate god into Christianity.

If God’s selection is not based on being in Christ, but rather on an unconditional selection, then our faith becomes similar to worshipping a fate god or idol. God is not a fate god. Believing in a fate god means abandoning God’s plan for oneself and submitting to Satan’s plan. It is said that if one does not obey

God's will, they will perish like a beast.

As believers, we must become possessors of true faith by correctly understanding and believing the recorded truth of the Bible. Failing to reflect on the recorded Word and falling into destruction is a sin that allows oneself to be handed over to Satan. To have the right faith, we must think according to the recorded Word of the Bible and follow the faith of the righteous who have been born again.

Calvinism's five points include the doctrine of "limited atonement," which states that God's love in the form of the Lord's atonement saves some but not others. But is this really true? The Bible says, "God desires all people to be saved." If the Lord's atonement were limited to certain individuals, many would give up believing in Jesus. Who would want to believe in such a narrow-minded God?

We must clearly understand that our God is not a narrow-minded God, but a God of truth, love, and justice. Knowing this, we must believe in the gospel of blessing, which is being born again of Jesus' water and the Holy Spirit, and receive salvation from all our sins. The Lord has become the Savior of all who have faith reborn through water and the Holy Spirit.

In Reformed Presbyterian Calvinism, it is said that if there are ten people, some are predestined by God to be saved, while the rest are left to go to hell. However, this is not the truth.

It doesn't make sense for God to love some and unilaterally abandon others who have done nothing wrong. If God were here today and decided to save everyone on the right line and send everyone on the left line to hell, could God be treated as God by people? Wouldn't those abandoned by God protest? Even thieves say that fairness is important. Similarly, creatures would protest, saying, 'Where is such an unfair God?'

Unconditional election is a falsehood because God chose

people in Jesus Christ. God called sinners in Jesus Christ. Those who are called by God in Jesus Christ are chosen within God's election.

Who are the ones called by God? Those called by God are not the righteous, but the sinners. Those who justify themselves as righteous are not called by God. The grace of God's salvation, which removes sin, is responded to by those who acknowledge themselves as sinners destined for hell. God's election is the choice to save sinners in Christ, making them righteous and children of God.

God Is a Just God

<i>Did God unconditionally choose some and not choose others?</i>
<i>God has made every person the object of salvation in Jesus Christ.</i>

God is not a God who unilaterally loves some people and hates others. God's call to sinners is a call in Jesus Christ. Without the salvation of atonement, which is the removal of sin, accomplished by Jesus Christ, God's love and salvation cannot be fulfilled. Please do not make God an unjust God.

Let's examine why they fell into falsehood by reading Ephesians 1:3-5. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure*

of His will.” They failed to properly understand and overlooked the phrase “*in Christ*” in this passage.

The doctrine of “unconditional election” among the five points of Calvinism, which states that some are chosen and others are not, is not biblical. The Bible records that we were chosen “in Christ before the foundation of the world.” God has determined to remove the sins of all humanity, who are born as sinners, through the water and the Holy Spirit of Christ, and to choose those who believe in this true gospel as His children. In Jesus Christ, God has made all people the object of salvation and has chosen everyone.

However, the falsehood of ‘unconditional election’ states that some are chosen and others are not, which inevitably leads many people into a confusion of unbelief. The truth of God’s Word is that He has chosen all sinners for salvation in Jesus.

But the falsehood claims that God unilaterally chose some and not others without Jesus, which is an unbiblical doctrine. As a result, many people who believe in Jesus fall into irrational faith. The superstitious faith of those who do not believe in Jesus correctly originates from the doctrines of falsehood. Believing in unbiblical and false doctrines leads to confusion.

On the other hand, if we understand the truth that God has determined to save all people in Jesus Christ, and that the salvation of sin removal by Jesus is given fairly to all believers, then all who believe will not only be saved from all the sins of the world but also become children of God, righteous, and receive eternal life. This understanding reveals God’s justice to all who believe.

The call of God as seen in Jacob and Esau

<i>Who are those whom God calls?</i>
<i>God called those like Jacob.</i>

In Genesis 25:19-28, Jacob and Esau are mentioned. In Rebekah's womb, Esau and Jacob were both kicking. God said in Genesis 25:23, *"Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."*

Unregenerate sinners have taken this passage and turned it into a theological doctrine of predestination and election, leading countless sinners into confusion. They have caused many to wonder if they are chosen or not, even after believing in Jesus. This has led people to believe they are part of God's selection and thus saved, making them less concerned with the removal of sin through Jesus' water and the Holy Spirit.

The doctrine of election has focused many people's attention on election, causing them to neglect the blessing of sin cleansing through Jesus' water and the Holy Spirit. Their doctrine of unconditional election has prevented many believers from receiving the cleansing of sin, leading them to hell even after believing in Jesus. This has made people view God as an unjust God.

In this way, many theologians have created and passed down their own comparative theories, causing pure believers in Jesus to constantly question whether they are chosen by God or not. They are left with anxious faith, always wondering if they are predestined or not.

When we ask whom God called between Jacob and Esau, the Bible records that God called Jacob through Jesus Christ. In

Romans 9:10-13, it is written, *‘And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, “The older shall serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.”’* Additionally, the Bible states that Jesus said, *“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”*

Everyone is born as a sinner, being a descendant of Adam. David said that he was a sinner even in his mother’s womb and that he was born in sin. *“I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.”* People are born into this world as sinners due to the sins of their ancestors, inheriting those sins from the moment of conception. Thus, sinners unintentionally become sinners, act as sinners, and bear the fruits of sin.

Even a young child who has not committed any actions or sins is still a sinner because they are born with the seeds of evil, filth, and wicked thoughts, such as murder, envy, strife, theft, false testimony, and greed, due to the sins of their ancestors that they inherited at birth.

Humans are sinners from before birth. Then why did God fail with His first creation? The reason is this: God created humans as His creatures.

However, God’s true intention was different. He allowed this to happen for the purpose of making humans His children. Therefore, God permitted the first man, Adam, to fall into sin, and when humans became sinners, He sent Jesus Christ to this earth. Through Jesus’ baptism, all the sins of sinners were transferred to Him, and He abolished all sins through His baptism and blood. Those who believe in Jesus as their Savior are reborn as children of God, becoming His true children. God

allowed Adam's sin with the premise of salvation through Jesus, which cleanses sins.

Sinners with false beliefs say, 'Look at Jacob and Esau; did God not choose one and reject the other?' But God did not make an unconditional choice; He chose us in Jesus Christ. Romans 9:11 states, "*that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls.*" God chose Jacob in Jesus Christ because Jacob was weak and a model of a sinner without righteousness. This aligns with the statement "*just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world*" (Ephesians 1:4). God chose Jacob and Esau 'not by works but by him who calls.'

Who are those whom God calls? God called those like Jacob—sinners who cannot help but sin before God, born with shortcomings and full of deceit. God called them through His Son Jesus to save them from sin through the gospel of Jesus' water and blood, making them children of God. Therefore, "*that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls.*" God called those like Jacob to give them the blessing of sin removal.

God chose sinners in Jesus Christ to eliminate their sins and make them righteous. This is the election and predestination that God has spoken of in Jesus Christ, and it is the predestination of God the Father's choice.

Why did God Love Jacob?

<i>Why did God love Jacob?</i>
<i>Jacob knew his own shortcomings and acknowledged that he was a sinner, so he sought God's grace.</i>

I once read Stephen Hawking's 'The Revelation of the Apocalypse.' It is said that his 'The Revelation of the Apocalypse' received positive reviews in the United States. In Stephen Hawking's 'The Revelation of the Apocalypse,' there is a concept called 'the choice of non-truth.'

A young man had a dream in which an elderly woman appeared and told him to go to a certain place. The young man went to that place. The elderly woman told him, 'You have been chosen by God.' When the young man heard this, he asked, 'I don't believe in God, how did He choose me?' The elderly woman replied, 'Even if you don't believe in God, God has chosen you.'

Such a choice is a selfish decision made by humans. How can God unilaterally send some people to hell and choose others? God's choice is to choose everyone in Jesus Christ, and without Jesus Christ, He does not choose anyone.

A doctrine of election without Jesus Christ is not biblical. This kind of doctrinal choice is a non-truth. However, many theologians say that God chooses some and not others. Absolutely not. God has chosen to save all people through Jesus Christ. The reason some do not receive salvation is that they do not believe in the gospel of the remission of sins through the water and the Spirit given by Jesus, not because God did not intend to save them. God has determined to save all people from all sins.

Before the creation of the world, God decided to save all sinners, created as His creatures, from their sins and make them His children through the salvation of water and the Spirit accomplished by His Son, Jesus Christ. Through the salvation of water and the Spirit in Christ, God chose to save all humanity from all the sins of the world. This is what the Bible teaches about God's predestination and election.

Those who are reborn by believing in the gospel of the remission of sins through Jesus' water and the Spirit are the chosen ones in Jesus Christ. However, in theology, God's choice is divided into the elect and the non-elect. Therefore, it is said that Buddhist monks who do not believe are not chosen by God. But God has intended to save even those monks who do not believe, through Jesus Christ.

If there is an unconditional choice without Jesus Christ, would there be a need to preach or believe? If God chose without Jesus Christ, the Savior, what need would there be for sinners to believe in Jesus? How would God's love, truth, salvation, and all these words be fulfilled?

Then, would there be a need for God's righteous servants on this earth to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ's salvation? Would righteous people who have had their sins removed need to evangelize? Is it true that God the Father has already chosen who will go to heaven and who will go to hell without Jesus Christ?

God's choice of Jacob in Jesus Christ, saying, 'I loved Jacob and hated Esau,' means that God knew from the womb that Jacob would be a believer through Jesus Christ and chose him.

In this world, there are many sinners who believe in Jesus. If we categorize them into two groups, one group is like Esau and the other like Jacob.

Why did God love Jacob? Jacob knew he had no righteousness and acknowledged his shortcomings, so he confessed that he was a sinner before God and sought God's grace. Therefore, God called Jacob and saved him. However, Esau relied more on his own strength than on God and did not believe in the Lord, so he did not enter into the grace of salvation that wipes away all sins. Therefore, it is true that God said, 'I loved Jacob and hated Esau'.

God has already chosen to save all humanity through Jesus Christ from His side. Sinners only need to believe in the grace of sin removal through Jesus Christ. Then, the truth and righteous salvation of God the Father will be fulfilled.

The only thing for all of us sinners to do is to believe in our hearts that Jesus Christ has removed our sins. Believing in the salvation that Jesus has accomplished by removing sins is what everyone must do, and God has completed the salvation of sinners through the salvation that Jesus Christ has accomplished by removing all sins.

The Sanctification Doctrine of Non-Truth

Is it true, as the doctrine of sanctification says, that we become holy gradually and that salvation is completed in this way?

No, it is not. We are righteous and receive salvation once and for all by believing in the gospel of water and the Spirit.

The doctrine of sanctification is a false doctrine devised by Satan to deceive sinners and keep them from being freed from

sin. The doctrine of sanctification teaches that salvation comes through a gradual transformation into holiness after believing in Jesus. According to this doctrine, a person does not become righteous instantly by believing in Jesus but rather receives forgiveness of original sin while needing to repent daily for personal sins. Over time, their character is supposedly transformed into holiness.

The theory of sanctification focuses on gradual change in people. It is a plausible theory that suggests one becomes a holy Christian by gradually changing after believing in Jesus. This false theory of sanctification has convincingly deceived those who believe in Jesus within Christianity and has reassured them. They think, ‘My character will change someday, I will become someone who does not sin someday...’ and live as sinners until they die, falling under God’s severe judgment.

Then, how does the Bible speak? In Romans 8:30, it says, *“Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”* In verse 29, it says, *“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”*

From a human perspective, it may seem as though there is a process needed for a sinner to become righteous. However, the Bible says that God instantly makes a person righteous through Jesus Christ.

God called sinners to make them righteous. *“Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified.”* Jesus came to this earth for sinners, received baptism in the Jordan River to take on the sins of the world, and received judgment for those sins on the cross on our behalf, thereby removing all sins. Those who believe in this gospel become sinless righteous people. Therefore, those who

believe in their hearts that Jesus has removed all the sins of the world become glorious children of God once and for all.

When creatures believe in Jesus' removal of sins, they are once and for all made righteous and become glorious children of God. Jesus eliminated all the sins of sinners through His baptism and the blood of the cross, thereby making them righteous instantly, saving them, and making them children of God. This is God's grace.

Some believers in Jesus look at Romans 8:30 and say, 'Doesn't it imply steps or gradual progress? Doesn't it mean that God calls, justifies, and glorifies gradually?' They deceive by saying this.

These deceivers use the doctrine of sanctification to deceive people, saying that one becomes righteous and sanctified gradually, looking forward to the future. However, the Bible says that we become righteous and glorious once and for all through Jesus, not in the future tense but in the completed tense. There is a clear difference between the future and completed tenses.

We must believe in the word of God as recorded in the Bible, without adding or subtracting a single letter or dot, and understand what the word says. The word of God recorded in the Bible says that we become righteous once and for all and become glorious children of God once and for all. The salvation that makes us righteous once and for all through Jesus is distinctly different from the sanctification theory of non-truth.

The sanctification that non-truth speaks of is a theory that says one believes in Jesus and is forgiven for original sin, but must repent daily for the sins committed during their faith journey, gradually changing and becoming a complete righteous person before God. Sinners remain greater sinners even after believing in Jesus because they believe in this false theory.

Therefore, the doctrine of sanctification is a non-truth.

The Bible clearly states that one becomes righteous once and for all by believing in Jesus, and those who receive the removal of sins become glorious children of God. God says that just as a child of the flesh is born into this world once and for all, a child of God also becomes a glorious righteous person and a child of God once and for all when they understand and believe in the truth of the removal of sins. The theory of sanctification, which is a non-truth, is a word born from falsehood.

To Obtain Complete Salvation from Sin

To receive complete salvation from sin once and for all?

One must believe in the gospel of water (baptism) and the Spirit, by which Jesus has removed the sins of the world.

In Romans 8:1, it says, “*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.*” God has made all sinners complete righteous people and has fully freed those who are in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Hebrews 9:12 says about the complete removal of sins by God, “*Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.*” It is described that those who believe in Jesus Christ are made righteous once and for all and can enter heaven once and for all.

People are saved from all the sins of the world and their own sins by hearing and believing the gospel of salvation that Jesus removed sins through water and the Spirit. Those who are reborn believe in the gospel of water and the Spirit and are

washed clean of all the sins of the world. However, sinners mistakenly believe that they are only forgiven for original sin when they believe in Jesus and must repent daily for all the personal sins they commit, receiving forgiveness for sins every day. This is why they cannot help but go to hell because of their mistaken belief in Jesus.

Believing in Jesus incorrectly leads people to hell. Such a belief requires daily repentance for past, present, and future sins, making it impossible to attain complete salvation. If one had truly received the removal of all sins through faith in Jesus, they would be a child of God and a righteous person.

True remission of sins through the gospel of water and the Spirit means becoming righteous once and for all, becoming a child of God once and for all, and entering heaven once and for all. Even if a person is saved from all the sins of the world through Jesus, their flesh does not change until death. However, the heart that has received the removal of sins once and for all becomes a spirit that is saturated with God's righteousness.

The Bible says that the spirit becomes complete and righteous once and for all by believing in the gospel of the remission of sins accomplished by Jesus.

Let's see in Hebrews 10:9-14 which gospel is true and which is not: *'then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.'* In this passage, it is stated in the past

perfect tense that the salvation that makes sinners righteous has been accomplished.

To obtain complete salvation, one must believe once and for all in the gospel of the remission of sins through the water and the Spirit given by the Lord.

Jesus Gave Eternal Redemption once and for all

<i>How can people always live with joy?</i>
<i>It is because my sins have been completely removed through Jesus' baptism and shedding of blood.</i>

If we believe in the eternal atonement accomplished by Jesus, we become righteous once and for all. In the Bible, God says, “*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks*” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Rejoice always. Those who believe in the eternal atonement given by Jesus through the Holy Spirit, water (baptism), and blood receive the removal of all the world’s sins once and for all, have no sin in their hearts, and can always rejoice.

How can people rejoice always? It is because they have no sin. Jesus took away all our sins and made us sinless, so we give thanks for that. Because of our own inadequacies, we come to give thanks before God. Those who receive the removal of all sins once and for all by believing in the written word of God can rejoice always.

Psalm 32:1 says, “*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.*” Being covered does not mean that the sins are still there but hidden; it means that Jesus has washed away all sins and saved those who believe once and for all.

The eternal removal of humanity's sins by Jesus is recorded in the New Testament. When Jesus was baptized, the phrase "*for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness*" (Matthew 3:15) means "most appropriate" or "most fitting". Jesus was baptized in the most fitting way, just as in the Old Testament, a goat or lamb would receive the sins of the sinner by laying hands on it. Jesus received baptism from John to take on all the sins of all sinners once and for all, making them sinless. "*For thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness*" (Matthew 3:15). Jesus received baptism in this way to take on all the sins of the world's sinners, saving them from all worldly sins once and for all.

Matthew 3:15 says, "*For thus it is fitting,*" meaning that Jesus took on all the sins of the world's sinners through the baptism He received. Therefore, all of God's righteousness was fulfilled. We must not think of God's eternal removal of sin in physical terms; we must believe it through the word of God's salvation. "*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered*" (Psalm 32:1).

When a person is born on this earth, all the sins they commit, both inwardly and outwardly, were transferred to our Lord when He received baptism from John at the Jordan River (Matthew 3:13-17). He took upon Himself all the sins of the world and went to the cross. Additionally, by receiving baptism and dying in our place, the Lord took upon Himself all the filthy and detestable sins committed in the world, as well as the judgment for all those sins.

Because our Lord took upon Himself all the sins and transgressions of us sinners through His baptism, all our sins were transferred to Him, which is why Jesus was able to die on the cross. Those who believe in this truth of salvation are instantly reborn as righteous, free from sin.

Since the Lord lives eternally, those who believe in the

Lord's remission of sins can also be preserved as righteous at any time. Before God the Father, one can boldly say, 'Father, hello. I have become Your child by believing in Jesus, Your only Son. Thank You, God the Father. I thank You for making me Your child. This is not due to my merit, but because the Lord came to this earth and saved me from all sins, and said at His baptism and shedding of blood, "*For thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness*" (Matthew 3:15), I thank You for making me Your child through the grace of Jesus' baptism and the merit of removing sins.'

Have you ever surrendered all your sins to our Savior Jesus Christ? Have all your sins been transferred to Jesus? God has made sinners completely whole once and for all through their faith in Jesus' baptism of water and His shedding of blood; sinners have obtained holiness once and for all through faith in the Lord's baptism and blood.

The Relationship Between Jesus' Baptism and Laying on of Hands

What is the relationship between Jesus' baptism and the laying on of hands?

The laying on of hands and Jesus' baptism are the law of salvation established by God, where the sins of sinners are transferred.

God has determined to complete the salvation of those who believe in Jesus by putting a period to it in the past tense and has fully rescued sinners from all sins. The Lord has spoken, saying that He has already saved sinners from all sins. Do you believe

in the written word of God, or do you believe in your own thoughts? Is it not right to believe in the written word of God? Faith is correct when it is based on the written word of God. Sinners become righteous by hearing and believing in the truth of salvation, which is the gospel of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River and His blood. Those who believe enter into the grace of God.

“By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God” (Hebrews 10:10-12). The Lord says that He has already eliminated all the sins of the world about 2,000 years ago once and for all. We just need to believe in the written word. There is no need for us to strive to remove our own sins. We simply need to believe. The gospel of the removal of sin is a gift given by God.

In Leviticus 16:21-22, during the Old Testament era, a goat was brought to the tabernacle and hands were laid on its head. Then, before God, it was confessed, ‘I have committed these sins,’ and the sins were transferred to the goat’s head. Thus, the sacrifice received the laying on of hands, took on all the sins of the sinner, and died in the sinner’s place! On the Day of Atonement, the goat received the laying on of hands and bore all the sins of the Israelites for that year, was led into the wilderness, and died. Thus, God saved all the Israelites from all their sins.

To eliminate the sins of the people, there must first be a high priest to transfer the sins, and secondly, a sacrificial offering to receive the transferred sins. The high priest would lay hands on the head of the sacrificial offering with both hands, confess the people’s sins, and transfer them to the scapegoat

through the laying on of hands. The scapegoat was then sent into the wilderness, a desert without water or grass, to die. Thus, the people of Israel received the removal of all their sins. In this way, the Lord commanded that all the sins of sinners be transferred to the sacrificial offering.

As it is written, “*Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering*” (*Leviticus 1:4*), according to the Law established by God, when a sinner or the high priest lays hands on the sacrificial offering, the sinner’s sins are transferred to it. Similarly, when a person possessed by a demon lays hands on another person’s head and prays, the demon can be seen to transfer to the person receiving the laying on of hands. However, the laying on of hands spoken of in the Bible refers to the medium through which sins are transferred, meaning the act of transmission.

When a sinner lays hands on a sacrificial offering, their sins are always transferred to it. If a person possessed by a demon lays hands on someone, the demon is transferred, and if a person who has been reborn without sin lays hands on someone in prayer, God’s power is transferred to heal the sickness.

Looking at the law of sacrifice for salvation established by God in the Old Testament, the sinner would lay hands on the head of the sacrificial offering to transfer their sins to it, and then the offering would be killed. The meat would be given to the priest, who would place the fat on the altar of burnt offering and sprinkle the blood on the horns of the altar and finally pour the blood on the ground to eliminate all sins.

However, this daily sacrifice could not make a person’s spirit complete. Therefore, God gave the Israelites a law of sacrifice that could eliminate all the sins committed by the people of Israel in a year at once, as seen in *Leviticus 16:29-31*. This was to be done on the tenth day of the seventh month.

God determined to save the people of Israel from all the sins they had committed in a year through the principle of representation, using Aaron, the high priest, and established the Day of Atonement to eliminate Israel's sins for that year.

In Leviticus 16:21-22, it is written, *“Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.”* The high priest Aaron transferred all the sins of Israel for a year to the goat at once through the laying on of hands, freeing the people from their sins for that year. This was a model of the eternal sacrifice.

Jesus is the meaning of “Azazel” (sent away). God the Father sent His Son Jesus to this earth to save us sinners from the sins of the world. In Matthew 3:15, John the Baptist, the last high priest of the Old Testament, baptized Jesus, transferring all the sins of the world to Him. Jesus received this baptism, taking on the sins of the world, and as the Lamb of God (John 1:29), He was crucified on the cross, shedding His blood, and gave His life to save all who believe. Sinners receive salvation from all sins by believing in this law of salvation. Thus, sinners become righteous through faith. I truly give thanks.

The Relationship Between Jesus' Baptism and the Washing Away of Sin

Even Christians who believe in Jesus and continue to live as sinners say in church, ‘God, forgive me for the sins I have

committed over the week, over three days, and the sins I have committed today, Lord, I believe,' professing to have been saved from sins by believing in the crucifixion of Jesus. Yet, they return to their daily lives and sin again.

Jesus, as the Azazel of the Old Testament, took on all the sins of sinners through baptism and shed His blood on the cross to save all who believe. For sinners to be saved from sin, they must believe in the word of salvation accomplished by Jesus.

In the New Testament, it is written that when Jesus received baptism from John the Baptist, all the sins of all people were transferred to Him through baptism, fulfilling God's righteousness. Thus, all the sins of the world were washed away. Therefore, those who believe are saved from all sins. In Matthew 3:13-16, it is said that Jesus received baptism from John and shed His blood, becoming the Savior of those who believe in this work of salvation.

The gospel of truth, which is the water and the Spirit, states that Jesus took on all the sins of the world once and for all through His baptism. However, false teachings say that one must receive the remission of sins every day. What should we believe? Should we believe in the salvation that removes all sins once and for all, or should we receive the remission of sins daily? It is clear that our Lord has already removed all sins once and for all.

Jesus completed salvation once and for all with water and blood and believing in this is true faith. Those who believe they must receive the remission of sins daily will not be saved from God's judgment.

True remission of sins requires believing that Jesus was baptized and shed His blood on the cross to save us once and for all. The only thing sinners must do before God is to believe with gratitude. Those who believe incorrectly say that original sin is forgiven, but daily sins must be forgiven each day, and that one

must attain sanctification to become righteous. This is a misguided belief.

The removal of all sins was accomplished once and for all through Jesus' baptism and the cross. Sins must be transferred through John's baptism and blood must be shed. Committing sins and saying 'Forgive me' does not align with God's justice. God's law states that the wages of sin is death. We must recognize that God is holy and just.

Thus, God is holy and just. When people sin and pray for forgiveness, saying 'I was wrong, forgive me,' it is an act that disregards God's justice. This is merely an attempt to soothe one's own conscience rather than seeking the remission of sins from God. Is it enough to just soothe one's conscience after sinning? True remission of sins requires believing in Jesus' baptism and the judgment of His blood. One must believe with their heart for sins to be washed away. Believing in Jesus' baptism and the cross together is necessary to avoid the terrifying judgment of hell.

We must understand the salvation from sin accurately through the word. In Hebrews 9:22, it is written, "*And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.*" God's law of justice states that sins must be atoned for with blood and death. "*Without shedding of blood there is no remission*" — this was God's just law, indicating that there can be no removal of sin without a price.

God's law is just. Jesus received baptism from John and shed His blood on the cross to give sinners the removal of sin. Jesus took on the sins of the world through baptism and died in their place, saving them. In Matthew 3:15, Jesus received baptism as the "*for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness*" method to take on all the sins of the world and

shed His blood on the cross to save believers from all sins.

However, since Jesus was baptized and shed His blood on the cross to save us from sin once and for all, asking Him to forgive sins daily is like saying that Jesus should come down again, be baptized again, and die again on the cross. We must know and believe in God's law of justice regarding sin. Now, Jesus does not need to be baptized again or die twice on the cross for the sins of sinners.

God the Father would likely consider those who believe in Jesus yet pray for forgiveness every day to be the most detestable. "You unbelieving, cursed ones, who make My Son Jesus be baptized again and crucified again! You believe in the baptism and cross of My Son, yet still claim to be sinners. I will send you to the burning hell through My righteous judgment. Would you humans kill your child twice? Even you wicked humans would not do that. How could you ask Me, God, to kill My Son again because of the sins you commit after believing in Him? My Son, your Savior, has already taken on all your sins—past, present, and future—through His baptism and borne the judgment on the cross, has He not saved you from all your sins? Therefore, you who believe in Jesus yet remain sinners, do not provoke Me. Believe in the gospel of salvation through the water, the blood, and the Spirit of Jesus, which has washed away all your sins."

Jesus says to those who believe in Him yet still consider themselves sinners, "Go and listen to the word that is preached in truth, and receive the removal of sin." Therefore, Jesus tells them to believe in the truth and fight against falsehood to overcome and receive the removal of all their sins.

Now, what sinners must do is believe in the baptism of Jesus, which was the most fitting method where all sins were transferred to Him, and believe in Jesus who shed His blood on the cross as the judgment for all sins. God says, "You must

believe in Jesus' baptism and blood with your heart to become righteous and confess with your mouth to receive salvation." Now is the time to believe with your heart and receive salvation.

What Is the Result of Faith in Works rather than Faith in Truth?

Sinners who believe in Jesus but have not been saved from the sins of the world may initially be enthusiastic for three to five years, but soon their passion fades. At first, they are zealous, but as time passes, even that enthusiasm disappears. If one believes in the salvation of Jesus as a religion of works, their passion will soon dwindle.

Those who are spiritually blind cannot distinguish between truth and falsehood, so they rely on their senses and accumulate knowledge through them. They mistake emotional sensations, such as tears, for the salvation of forgiveness. However, the salvation of sin removal is not related to emotional sensations.

Thus, the spiritually blind, not knowing the truth of sin removal, hop from one prayer house to another, one revival meeting to another, trying to recover their first love. But they cannot find that sensation, and emotional cleansing of sins becomes a vain effort.

If they had believed correctly from the start and received salvation, that salvation would shine brighter with each passing day, bringing grace to both spirit and body. However, the salvation of falsehood may sparkle at first but fades after five or ten years because they did not hear the true gospel from the beginning.

Hypocritical scribes and Pharisees pretend to be humble, carrying the Bible decorously, praying well, reciting the

Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and even diligently praying for repentance. They rise through the ranks and their emotions intensify, but their sins accumulate and ultimately, they are rejected by God because of their sins. They whitewash their exterior with religion, but their hearts are rotten and full of sin, turning them into swindlers, sinners, and thieves.

This is the result of believing in Christianity as a religion of works rather than true faith. Christianity should not be believed through one's actions; it is about believing with the heart to attain righteousness and confessing with the mouth to receive salvation.

Faith Makes Us Righteous Once and for All

Let's look at Hebrews 10:16-18. *“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.* Now that they have fully received the removal of sin, there is no longer a need for sacrifices for sin. It may seem strange at first to hear that those who believe in Jesus' baptism and the cross no longer need to receive the removal of sin. However, this is the truth spoken by the Bible. It is not human speech, but the word of the Bible, which is the standard for all things.

“I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” What happens after receiving the removal of sin? After receiving the removal of sins through faith in the truth, there is no sin in the heart, you are clearly righteous in thought, and thus, you live a bright life of faith.

And God says in Hebrews 10:18, “*Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.*” Why? “I, God, have had My Son Jesus take on all the sins of the world through baptism.” This was done in the most fitting way, as written in Matthew 3:15, “*For thus it is fitting.*” My Son Jesus took on all your sins, removed them, and was judged in your place, saving all believers from all the sins of the world once and for all.

“Now, you no longer need to worry about your sins. My Son Jesus has paid the full price for your sins. Just as you don’t worry about a debt once it’s paid, My Son Jesus took on your sins through baptism, was judged, and died in your place. Now, you will not die because of your sins, for My Son Jesus has removed all your sins through His baptism and blood.”

And in Hebrews 10:18, “*where there is remission of these,*” meaning that all the sins of the world have been eliminated. “*There is no longer an offering for sin.*” Do those who believe in Jesus and are reborn need to offer sacrifices again to remove their sins? No, they do not.

“Lord, forgive me and wash away my sins.” Believing in Jesus yet living in sin, more wretchedly, is because they do not know the truth of salvation and have not received the removal of sin. They may appear as devout church members on the outside, but their hearts are completely rotten with sin, making them true sinners.

A sinner commits evil acts without realizing they are sinful in the eyes of God. This is because they do not know the Law of the true God, and therefore, they do not understand what sin is. They only know not to sin according to their conscience, but they are unaware of the sins pointed out by God’s Word. God says that not believing in Jesus Christ is a sin.

In John 16:9, “*of sin, because they do not believe in Me.*”

God says that sin is “*not believing in Me.*” In John 16:10, “*of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more*” meaning that the Lord has completed the righteous work of removing the sins of the world. Therefore, the Lord will not repeat the work of baptism and the cross for the sins of humanity.

The Lord says that those who believe in the gospel of salvation through His baptism, the cross, and the Holy Spirit are sinless and righteous. The salvation of all humanity from sin was completed through Jesus’ baptism and the shedding of His blood on the cross.

There is no other way to save sinners from sin except through Jesus’ baptism and His crucifixion on the cross. In Acts, it is written, “*for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*” Jesus came to this earth, was baptized by John, and shed His blood to complete the salvation of sinners once and for all. We receive this salvation by believing in the truth of salvation with our hearts. Jesus has made us complete through water and the Spirit.

Jesus cleansed all the sins of the world, every sin committed by humans in thought and deed, through the gospel of water and blood that He accomplished. Therefore, we can say that we receive salvation by believing in what He has done. If we believe in the truth that Jesus Christ has accomplished, we become righteous without sin once and for all. The baptism and blood of Jesus, the two works of water and blood, are the true truth for us.

This is not the doctrine of predestination or election as spoken of in Christian theology, but rather that Jesus was baptized, took on all the sins of the world, went to the cross, was judged, and saved sinners from all sins and all judgments once and for all. ☒

SERMON 6

Transformed Sacrifice



Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these (Hebrews 9:23).

Transformed Sacrifice

< Hebrews 7:1-28 >

“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated ‘king of righteousness,’ and then also king of Salem, meaning ‘king of peace,’ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are

spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.' For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: 'The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"'), by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever."

What does the statement “Transformed Sacrifice” mean?

It means that Jesus, who belongs to a different tribe than Aaron in the Old Testament, will take on the eternal priestly office.

Melchizedek, a priest, appears in the Old Testament. According to the Bible, Abraham took the trained men from his household to war and defeated King Chedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, completely destroying them, and rescued his nephew Lot. On his way back from the battle, Melchizedek, a priest, came out with bread and wine to greet Abraham and blessed him. In response, Abraham gave Melchizedek a tenth of the spoils from the battle (Genesis 14:17-20).

The Bible speaks of the greatness of the priest who follows the order of Melchizedek. Melchizedek is described as the King of Peace and the King of Righteousness, without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, and as a priest forever. The Bible states that he was fundamentally the King of Righteousness and the King of Peace. In Hebrews, the Bible carefully contrasts the Old and New Testaments, comparing the heavenly high priesthood of Jesus Christ according to the order of Melchizedek with the high priesthood of Aaron in the Old Testament. It encourages us to deeply consider how exalted Jesus is.

Abraham’s descendants later gave a tenth of their possessions to the Levite priests, who were their kin and family. In the Old Testament, the Law came from Moses, and Aaron was established to fulfill the duties of the high priesthood for the Israelite nation; Aaron was the highest as a high priest. However, Abraham also gave a tenth of his spoils to Melchizedek, the

priest.

Are the high priests of the Old Testament greater than Jesus? The Bible compares the priestly offices, asking who is truly greater when comparing the earthly high priests and Jesus. Who should receive blessings, and who should bestow blessings? The writer of Hebrews addresses this from the beginning: “*The lesser is blessed by the better.*” Abraham, too, was blessed through the priest Melchizedek.

In our faith lives, what kind of faith should we live by? Do we rely on the Law and trust in the sacrificial system of the Old Testament through the tabernacle for salvation, or do we trust in Jesus, who has become the high priest in heaven and has saved us through the sacrifice of water and the Spirit? The choice between these two determines whether we receive blessings or curses. Therefore, the message of this passage is extremely important.

Do you come before God by faithfully keeping His word and offering the works-based sacrifices of the Law daily, or do you come before God by believing in the salvation through Jesus Christ, who offered His body with water and blood once for all to make us sinless? Which of these two choices is the right way to live a life of faith?

You see, in the Old Testament, the Israelites highly esteemed the descendants of Aaron and Levi. But for us living in the New Testament era, is Jesus greater, or is the household of Aaron in the Old Testament greater? This is not even a question, as we know and believe that Jesus is greater.

However, many people know this truth but do not practice it in their actual faith lives. The Bible speaks about this by saying, “*For the priesthood being changed.*” It states that Jesus, who belongs to a different tribe that did not receive the priesthood in the Old Testament, will take on the priestly office. “*For the*

priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.” God gave the Israelites 613 laws and commandments through Moses. Moses instructed the people to live according to the Law, and the Israelites responded by promising to live before God according to the Law.

You see, in the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, which are the Pentateuch, the Israelites make a covenant with God and His word of law. God speaks to them, and the Israelites respond with an unconditional “yes.” However, as we move past Deuteronomy and into the book of Joshua, we realize that they never lived according to God’s spoken law.

As we enter the period of the Judges, and then the books of 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles, we see that they no longer acknowledged their leaders, and in the subsequent eras, they even began to offer sacrifices within the tabernacle according to their own desires. In the book of Malachi, God instructed them to bring flawless offerings, but they brought blemished animals that were not even fit for sale to the priests. They would say to the priests, “Just close your eyes and accept this.” They were supposed to offer sacrifices according to God’s established Law, but they did so according to their own will.

You see, the Israelites in the Old Testament never fully kept God’s Law. Therefore, God had to change their sacrificial system. In the Old Testament book of Jeremiah, God says, “*I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.*”

Let’s look at Jeremiah 31:31-34, “*Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My*

covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

You see, our Lord said He would establish a different law. The reason is that He made a covenant with the Israelites through the Law, but they failed to live according to God's Word. Therefore, God decided to establish a different law of salvation, apart from the Law.

They vowed before God, "We will serve only You and live according to Your word and commandments." God said, "You shall not have other gods before Me." The Israelites responded, "Yes, we will not have any other gods. You are our only God. The Lord is the one and only God, and there will be no other gods for us." However, they were unable to keep their promise to serve only God.

The Law says, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, do not bow down to idols, keep the Sabbath holy, honor your parents, do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not covet." These are the Ten Commandments, and they are the standards of life that we must follow. For some, it says do this and don't do that—what not to do to your daughter, what not to do to your son, what not to do to your stepmother, and so on. It tells us to do all that is good and not to do anything bad. This is the Law and commandments given by God.

However, among all humanity, there was not a single

person who could keep God's Law. Therefore, God had to establish a different law for salvation from sin, not through the Law.

When did the sacrificial system change specifically? The priesthood was changed after Jesus came to this earth. The Lord took over all the duties of the high priesthood of Aaron and stopped the sacrifices that were performed by the Levites in the tabernacle.

The Lord alone fulfilled the duties of the heavenly high priest. He did not come to this earth as a descendant of Aaron but as a descendant of Judah, the royal tribe. To bring salvation from the sins of all humanity, He offered Himself as a sacrifice to God through baptism and the shedding of His blood on the cross so that all sins could be removed.

Therefore, He made it possible for all humanity to resolve the issue of sin through faith. The sacrifice that saves humanity, the baptism and the sacrifice of blood that Jesus received, resolved all the sins of humanity. He offered the sacrifice of eternal salvation.

Hebrews 7:12, "For the Priesthood Being Changed, of Necessity There Is Also a Change of the Law"

<p><i>Why did God abolish the law of salvation based on legalistic works?</i></p>
<p><i>Because God knew that His people were unable to keep the Law.</i></p>

Now, the sacrificial system that was practiced in the Old Testament and the priestly office in the New Testament have

changed. In the past, it was necessary to offer the Day of Atonement sacrifice only once a year through the descendants of Levi, specifically Aaron. At that time, the sins of the people could only be resolved through the sacrifices offered by the high priest Aaron and his descendants.

When entering the Holy of Holies, they had to burn incense every year and bring the blood of the sacrificial animal before God. Only the high priest was allowed to enter the Most Holy Place inside the sanctuary.

However, after Jesus came to this earth, the duties of Aaron were transferred to Jesus. Jesus took on the eternal priestly office. As the eternal high priest of heaven, Jesus offered His own body to completely fulfill the role of erasing all sins of humanity and saving them from sin.

In the Old Testament, the priests were also sinful, so they first laid hands on a lamb to transfer their own sins to it. They confessed, “God, I have sinned,” and transferred their sins to the sacrificial animal through laying on of hands. Then, they slaughtered the animal, poured its blood on the horns of the altar, and burned the remaining fat on the altar.

High Priest Aaron himself was insufficient, so how much more insufficient were the people? Aaron, the earthly high priest from the tribe of Levi, was weak, and therefore he had to offer sacrifices daily and on the Day of Atonement once a year to atone for his own sins and those of his people.

So, our Lord said in Jeremiah 31 that God declared, “I will abolish it.” God said, “I made a covenant of Law with you, but I have never seen you fully keep the Law I established. Therefore, I, God, will abolish this law that does not benefit you and establish a new law of salvation.” This new law was God’s promise to His people: “I, the Lord, will save you—not through the works of the Law, but through the law of salvation by water

and the Spirit.”

So when the time of salvation came, the Lord came to this earth in the flesh, received baptism to take on the sins of the world, and offered Himself as a sacrifice to God by shedding His blood on the cross, removing all the sins of the people. Through this, He saved us who believe. He granted salvation to all humanity once and for all through the salvation of water and the Spirit.

You see, God’s law was abolished and changed. According to the Old Testament, salvation could be obtained by keeping the Law, but God knew that His people could not keep the Law.

“For by the law is the knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:20). God revealed to His people that salvation cannot be obtained through the Law, and He made them aware of their sins. He then gave salvation to those who believe and obey the law of salvation through the Lord’s water and the Spirit, rather than the Law of works.

God, out of love for all humanity and the Israelites, saved us from all the sins of the world through the sacrificial system of Jesus’ baptism and the shedding of blood, which removes sin. This is the method of salvation that rescues humanity from all worldly sins.

If you believe in Jesus without understanding the meaning of the baptism and blood He received, then you are believing in Jesus in vain. Believing in Jesus incorrectly causes more distress in the heart.

That is why, in the book of Hebrews, God declared that He had to establish a new promise for the salvation of humanity. He proclaimed that salvation would no longer come through the Law of works but through the just law of salvation—through the water and the blood. He promised that all who believe in Jesus would be saved from all their sins, and He fulfilled that promise.

While doing so, it emphasizes the superiority of Jesus, stating that He is incomparably and far more superior and exceptional than the lineage of Aaron's priests in the Old Testament.

Our faith must necessarily begin with believing in Jesus as God and His salvation through water and blood.

No matter how holy the voices of pastors are, no matter how much they have learned, no matter how excellent they are, or how eloquently they speak, can they be more excellent than Jesus? No. Our salvation is not through keeping the Law, but through the gospel of water and blood of Jesus.

Since the priestly office that saves from sin has been changed, the law of salvation that God uses to save us from all sins has also been changed.

The Superiority of God's Love

<p><i>What is the faith that believes in the supremacy of God's love?</i></p>
<p><i>It is believing in the gospel of Jesus' water (baptism) and blood, which saves sinners from sin once and for all eternally.</i></p>

To receive salvation, we must know and believe how Jesus saved us, understanding the supremacy of God's love. Then, what is the difference between a legalistic faith and this faith in the supremacy of God's love?

For those with a legalistic faith today, their faith emphasizes their own denomination, beliefs, and experiences. In contrast, those who believe in Jesus' spiritual salvation have

faith in the superior salvation that came through His water and blood. Such believers silently trust in the salvation of Jesus through water and the Holy Spirit and devote their entire lives to the gospel.

Even today, many who claim to believe in Jesus believe that original sin has been removed, but they live a life of faith believing that they must receive removal of their daily sins and future sins each time they commit them.

Those who live such Old Testament-style faith lives still try to be saved by keeping God's Law. They do not yet know the superiority of the salvation that has come through water and the Holy Spirit and are unaware of the truth of being born again in their faith life.

In the Old Testament, it was said that salvation could be received by keeping God's Word and acting according to it through the Law of works. However, this has been abolished with the coming of Jesus in the New Testament.

Our God, knowing the weakness of people and understanding that they are imperfect, completely abolished the Law of works for salvation. Salvation cannot be achieved by keeping the Law.

Jesus said through the gospel of water and the Spirit, "I will directly save you from all sins with water and blood." This is already shown in Genesis, where God spoke to us.

In Genesis 3:15, it is written, "*And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.*" Here, God is speaking of humanity's salvation through the skins of sacrifice after creation.

In the Old Testament, Genesis speaks of two types of garments for salvation: fig leaves and animal skins. Which is better, fig leaves or animal skins? The leather garments are better

because the life of an animal was sacrificed to revive a human life from death.

Fig leaves are not desirable because they need to be made and worn repeatedly. Fig leaves are broad and have five finger-like parts, and they tear easily if you sit down somewhere. When I was young, I used to make clothes from vines like this and play soldier games, but no matter how well I made them, they would tear by the end of the day, leaving only the front intact and revealing my undergarments.

It is not human righteousness but the superior love of God that saved sinners through His baptism and the cross. This is the love that abundantly saved all humanity from all the sins of the world. This is the supremacy of God's love.

Those Still Living a Legalistic Faith Life

<p><i>What is a legalistic faith life?</i></p>
<p><i>It is a faith that, like making clothes from fig leaves, frequently changes into garments of repentance through works.</i></p>

In the Old Testament, making clothes from fig leaves and wearing them is a false faith. Those with false faith frequently change into garments of repentance through works. They make and wear them a little while, then make and wear them again two days later, and keep making and wearing them repeatedly.

Even now, those who live a legalistic faith life make a new set of clothes every time they go to church on Sundays. "Lord, I, a wretched sinner, have committed many sins over the past week. Oh Lord, I believe you were crucified to save me. Oh Lord, wash

me with the blood of atonement!” They sew their own garments of salvation, saying, “Thank you, Lord! Hallelujah!” After returning home, they have to make another set of clothes two or three days later because their previous ones are torn.

Why? Because their clothes are all torn, they say, “Lord, I have sinned over the past three days. Please forgive me.” They then make another set of garments of repentance, sewing them together with God’s Words, and wear them again.

At first, they make and wear a new set of clothes every few days, but over time, they need to make and wear a new set every day. Because they fail to live according to God’s Word, they say, ‘Oh dear, oh dear, I am ashamed. Lord, Lord, I have sinned again!’ and they must make and wear another garment of repentance. ‘Oh dear, Lord! Today, I just can’t seem to make the garment of repentance right!’ They struggle to make it.

When they say “Lord, Lord,” they are confessing their sins to God at that moment. They murmur to themselves, “God, this is my fault,” and make a new garment once a day.

But what if they can’t make and wear new clothes frequently? Instead of weekly, they make very sturdy clothes only once or twice a year. They go to the mountains for fasting prayers, saying, “Lord, wash me clean. Lord, renew me. Lord, I believe.” They pray at night because it’s embarrassing to pray during the day, so they go out at night, grab a pine tree root, enter a cave, and shout, “Lord, I believe!” They pray with a heart full of repentance and self-reflection, saying, “Lord, fill my heart with a spirit of repentance and self-reflection.” They make a special garment of faith by praying loudly with their mouths.

They think this special garment will last a long time, but it doesn’t. They go to a prayer house, pray, and when they come down, they feel refreshed. The mountain breeze rustles their clothes, and the trees and flowers seem to be refreshed by the

dew, just like their soul praises God. Their footsteps feel light as they come down the mountain. When they come down, they feel superior to the mountain spirits, but the special garment of faith they made through repentance doesn't last long.

After returning from the mountain and taking a taxi, they arrive home and at church, where they meet old friends and colleagues. As they resume their faith life, they once again become tainted. Their colleagues ask, 'Where have you been?' 'I just went away for a little while.' 'You've lost weight.' 'Yes, something came up.' They discreetly conceal their fasting prayers and attend church to pray.

And now, they claim they will never have lustful thoughts when they see a woman, never lie, never kill, and love everyone. But when a woman walks by and they notice her long legs, their holy heart quickly turns into a lustful one. "Why is her skirt so short? Did the fashion change while I was on the mountain? It's gotten even shorter! Oh no, I need to wash my eyes again. No, Lord! Lord, I have sinned again!"

You must understand that a legalistic faith, which appears holy, is actually a faith that cannot last even three days without needing to make and wear new clothes. The faith that uses fig leaves is a legalistic faith, a misguided one.

Those who strive to live holy lives according to the Law often go to the mountains, shout loudly to sound holy, and when they lead prayers in church, they say, "Holy Father God, we have sinned over the past week. Forgive us, these sinners." The congregation cries along, thinking, "This person must have gone on a fasting prayer; they are so spiritual and have strong faith." However, because it is a legalistic faith, pride and self-centered thoughts quickly rise up in their hearts even before the prayer ends, defiling them.

When you make garments of repentance or special clothes

from fig leaves, they last at most two months. After two months, they become tattered, and you have to make and wear a new set every day, living a life of legalistic hypocrisy. This is the kind of faith life that uses fig leaves, which is prevalent on this earth.

A legalistic faith is essentially a fig leaf faith. Legalistic teachers say, “Have you sinned over the past week? Repent!” They raise their voices and just go from one church to another, saying, “Repent! Pray!” They have mastered mimicking a spiritual voice... “Lord, I am insufficient. I could not live according to Your word. I could not live according to God’s law.”

Everyone, those who know they cannot live well according to the Law each day but still try to keep it, are challenging God’s law, opposing God, and are the proud before God.

What Is the Faith of Such People?

<p><i>Can we be saved by believing in Jesus through a legalistic faith life?</i></p>
<p><i>No, we are weak and cannot live according to the Law even if we want to.</i></p>

In the past, there was a young bachelor. During the 1950 war, when the enemy invaded our country, he was ordered to sweep the yard on a Sunday. However, he refused, saying he wanted to keep the day holy. The enemy, trying to break his faith, repeatedly told him to sweep. But the young man refused until the end. The enemy took him away, tied him to a tree, and pointed a gun at him, saying, “Will you sweep or die?” The young man chose to die rather than sweep on that holy day. “Are you really willing to die? Very well, don’t regret it.” He was shot.

Later, religious leaders honored his faith by making him a deacon. However, this young man's faith was misguided. If told to sweep on Sunday, he should have done so and shared the gospel with the enemy instead. Why did he insist on not sweeping and die? Does God punish us for working on Sundays? No. Faith should be practiced spiritually, not physically.

False leaders promote such individuals to uphold their denomination's ideology and claim orthodoxy, similar to the Pharisees in the Bible who opposed Jesus and practiced hypocritical faith to maintain their traditions.

We should not learn this external, physical faith; we must learn spiritual faith. We need to understand why Jesus had to be baptized and shed His blood for us, sinners. What is the gospel of water and the Spirit? What is the true gospel?

We should be interested in these spiritual matters and spread the gospel of water and the Spirit to those around the world who have not been reborn, so that they may be reborn. We must devote ourselves to these spiritual matters, to the work of spiritually rebirthing souls, in our faith life. Do you understand? We must believe correctly.

Leaders who say, "Young bachelors, let's keep the Sabbath well like this young deacon," are using this young man to encourage church members not to miss church on Sundays. It's just a way to keep people coming to church.

In the past, there was a daughter-in-law who was living a life of faith. She faced many difficulties in keeping the Sabbath because her father-in-law, mother-in-law, and husband did not believe. So, she went to the field on Saturday night under the moonlight and picked all the pepper plants. She did this because her father-in-law would tell her not to go to church the next day, saying, "We need to pick the peppers." The daughter-in-law went to church the next morning after finishing her work. Of

course, it's good that we don't miss church gatherings. However, is keeping the Sabbath well enough to be recognized by the Lord as true faith? Shouldn't true faith before the Lord be the reborn faith that receives the removal of all sins through the water and the Spirit, which Jesus has accomplished? Faith begins with rebirth.

Can we be saved by believing in Jesus through a faith based on the Law? No, we cannot. This doesn't mean we shouldn't strive to live righteously according to the Law; rather, it highlights our weakness and inability to live up to it, even if we want to. However, this doesn't mean we should endorse a law-based faith.

In the Book of James, it's written that if you keep the entire law but fail at just one point, you're guilty of breaking all of it. So, when it comes to believing in Jesus, we must first consider whether we can be born again by perfectly keeping the Law. We need to acknowledge that we're incapable of doing so and thus are headed for hell.

We should move towards the gospel of Jesus' water and the Holy Spirit, listen to the word of water and the Holy Spirit, and be born again through faith. After being born again, we must live a life of faith until the Lord calls us.

Don't waste your time just attending church and giving money, only to end up in hell because your spirit remains sinful and unregenerate. Instead, listen to Jesus' gospel of water and the Holy Spirit, be born again, and live a life of faith.

Consider why Jesus came to this earth. If the people of legalistic faith could go to heaven, Jesus would not have needed to come. Do you understand? After Jesus came, the old sacrificial duties for salvation from sins were transformed. Legalistic faith was also changed. In the past, salvation was through adhering to the Law; non-adherence meant no salvation.

But true faith is not like this.

Jesus told us that He saved us all from the sins of the world through the water and blood of His baptism, and the Spirit, which are the water and blood of salvation and the law of love. Jesus accomplished the salvation of humanity from sin through His baptism in the Jordan River, His blood on the cross, His death, and His resurrection.

God declared the old commandments useless because *“For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope.”* Jesus became a priest not by oath, but He saved us from all sins through the baptism and blood He received. Dying as a martyr based on a law-based faith is nothing but a futile death, and the true faith is knowing and believing in the true gospel of water and the Holy Spirit.

We must have a faith that is beneficial. Which faith will be beneficial to your soul? Is it right to attend a church that teaches you must be born again through law-based faith? Or is it right to attend a church that teaches and helps you believe in the word of being born again through water and the Holy Spirit, thus regenerating your soul? Which church and which pastor will be more beneficial to your soul? Please attend a place that delivers the word that is more beneficial to your soul.

God will save your soul through pastors who have been born again by believing in the gospel of water and the Holy Spirit. Make a wise choice for the sake of your soul. A truly wise soul is one that entrusts itself to God’s Word.

Jesus Became a Priest Through an Oath

What better guarantee did our Lord provide when He came to this earth?

As the High Priest of Heaven, He once and for all accomplished the eternal salvation of rebirth through water (baptism) and the Holy Spirit.

In Hebrews 7:20-21, it says, ‘*And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: “The Lord has sworn And will not relent, ‘You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek”’).*’ In Psalms 110:4, it states, ‘*The Lord has sworn And will not relent, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”*’ The Lord made an oath to Himself. ‘I become an eternal priest after the order of Melchizedek. Melchizedek, the priest, is the king of righteousness, the king of peace, the eternal priest, the king. I promise through the written word to become your eternal priest after the order of Melchizedek for your salvation.’

God Jesus came to this earth as a better promise of salvation from our sins (Hebrews 9:21-30). Jesus, instead of using the blood of any goat or sheep, took on all our sins by being baptized and shedding His blood on the cross, thus completely cleansing us of our sins.

In the Old Testament, the High Priest’s office was passed down when the priest died and his son reached thirty years of age. Thus, when a High Priest was nearing death, his child would be about thirty years old, at which time the office of the High Priest would be passed on to him. Even after his death, the priesthood continued through his descendants.

Over time, by the era of David, the descendants of the High Priest became so numerous that they had to follow a specific order and sequence to perform sacrifices. Initially, High Priest Aaron had only a few children, but later his descendants increased significantly. Thus, all of Aaron's descendants had the responsibility and right to perform the duties of the High Priest.

As recorded in the Gospel of Luke, 'According to the order of Abijah, Zechariah went into the temple to perform the priestly duties.' Our Lord came to this earth and provided an eternal guarantee for the duties of the High Priest. Now, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better and eternal salvation for sinners. He has fully accomplished the salvation of rebirth through water and the Spirit, as guaranteed by the Lord.

The sacrifices made by the descendants of Aaron in the Old Testament were always insufficient and never perfect. What happens when one person performing the priestly duties dies? They set up their children to take over, but such sacrifices could never fully regenerate souls. Faith dependent on humans can never be perfected.

But in the New Testament era, our Lord came to this earth. There was no need for Him to continually remove our sins because He lives forever. He took on our eternal sins through water (baptism) in a single act and laid down His body on the cross, shedding His blood, thus providing eternal perfection for those who believe in the salvation of water and blood He accomplished. By believing in the gospel of water and the Spirit just once, we are saved from all sins forever, in a single act.

And the Lord is still alive, sitting at the right hand of God's throne, serving as our guarantor before God the Father, and interceding for us personally. 'Father God, even though they are so inadequate, they believe in me. Did I not take on all their sins through baptism and blood in the past?' Our Lord is the eternal

High Priest of salvation.

The priests on this earth would die, and their children would become priests in their place, but this was always imperfect and endless. However, our Lord lives forever, and He came to the land of Israel to save us from the sins of the world. He received baptism from John and shed His blood on the cross, completing the salvation of eternal sin removal. *“Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin” (Hebrews 10:18).* The Lord is always the guarantee of the salvation of rebirth for us. Have you ever been born again by believing in the gospel of Jesus’ water and the Holy Spirit?

“For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens” (Hebrews 7:26). *“For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever” (Hebrews 7:28).*

What I want to say to you is not about the Law or the Law of works, but about the fact that Jesus, who is not weak but perfect and extraordinary, removed our worldly sins once and for all through water (baptism) and blood. In other words, Jesus transferred all our sins to Himself through baptism and bore the judgment of sin once and for all on the cross to make believers sinless. I am telling you that we have such a Savior, our High Priest.

Do you believe in Jesus? Jesus did not save us from all our sins through the Law but gave us eternal salvation through eternal baptism and eternal blood, forever freeing us from the sins of the world. Those who believe are saved, and those who do not yet believe must learn more and come to believe.

True faith is obtained through learning, based on the words of the Bible, the words of water and the Spirit. Our eternal High

Priest in heaven, Jesus, has become our eternal savior through the baptism He received and the blood of the cross.

Establishing Faith

How should we believe in Jesus to believe correctly?

We believe in the words that Jesus, through His baptism and the shedding of His blood on the cross, has removed all our sins.

Everyone, we need to establish and believe in how to correctly believe in Jesus. What does it mean to believe in Jesus spiritually in a proper way? It means believing in the gospel of Jesus' baptism and blood, which saved us from the sins of the world. Those who believe 100% in the merits of Jesus' baptism and blood, without adding any of their own merits, are the ones who truly believe in Jesus with the right faith.

How about you? What is your spiritual state when it comes to believing in Jesus? Are you trying to combine your faith in Jesus with your own efforts and strength, thinking that will create a righteous faith?

I have been there too. I once struggled immensely for about ten years with a legalistic faith; it was so hard and tedious. Even thinking about it now makes me cringe. On Sundays, 'Honey,' 'Yes?' 'Please wash this.' 'Oh, we shouldn't do laundry on Sunday.' My pants ripped on a Sunday. 'Can you mend this?' But on this holy Sunday, how could we sew it, so we left it till Monday. Oh, the struggle. But in fact, I was even more meticulous than my wife in trying to keep Sunday sacred. It was tough keeping Sunday sacred. Sundays were not relaxing but

exhausting, trying to keep the day sacred; I remember those times.

Believing in Jesus correctly means believing in the words that Jesus removed all our sins through His baptism and the shedding of His blood on the cross. Truly believing well in Jesus means believing in all the words, the divinity of Jesus, and all the deeds He performed for our redemption when He came to this earth, including His baptism and the shedding of His blood to remove all our sins.

What does it mean to believe in Jesus? “It means to believe in the baptism and the blood that Jesus performed.” How simple and easy is that? When the Lord says something, when preachers convey the word, we should check if it aligns with the Bible, and if it does, say, “Oh, is that so? Yes, I understand. I will accept it. I believe.” This is the right way to believe.

“Thank you. It’s different from what I have known and believed, but if the word says so, then that’s how it must be. *‘Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin’ (Romans 3:20).* I used to think that the Law was good and needed to be followed because it is the Law, and I tried to keep it to gain salvation. But trying to gain salvation through keeping the Law is a mistaken belief; it’s impossible to keep it all! So, God gave us the Law to show that there is dirty and repulsive sin within me, that my wrong actions are sins before God! Ah! Thank you.

I misunderstood and kept trying to uphold it. I have arrogantly challenged God’s perfection, but please have mercy on me. Now I believe that Jesus saved me from going to hell for my sins by being baptized and shedding His blood to remove my sins once and for all.”

You must honestly acknowledge and purely believe. You must believe purely in all the words recorded in the scripture.

Only then can you be fully reborn.

What does it mean to believe in Jesus? Is it something you create? Is believing in Jesus a religion? Religion is something you create. You create your own god and your own faith. You make it and then strive towards your goal; that's what religion is.

What is faith? Faith means to believe, and reverence reflects looking up to the Lord's work. The correct faith is to gratefully believe in your heart while looking up to the baptism Jesus received to take on the sins of sinners and the blood He shed on the cross in our place. This is true faith. There is such a difference between faith and religion. If you discern this, your faith scores a hundred.

Today, unregenerate legalists say that we must believe in Jesus and live righteously. Is living righteously just about good deeds? Of course, we should live righteously.

Where can you find someone who lives as righteously as a born-again righteous person? But when a born-again righteous person says that people should become righteous, they are speaking to those who have not been reborn. The heart of an unregenerate person contains twelve kinds of sins; how can they live righteously? They understand in their minds that they should live righteously, but they commit sins because of the sin in their hearts. For sinners, living righteously is just a theory; in reality, they instinctively commit sins.

Therefore, we must decide in our hearts whether we will live a law-based faith or believe in the baptism and blood of Jesus Christ, who is our eternal High Priest and God, to receive salvation.

You, who truly believe, know that you have an eternal High Priest. Recognize Jesus' true salvation through His baptism and blood, believe in it, and receive salvation from sin once and for all. Let us live a life of faith and enter the eternal kingdom of heaven.

Those Who Are Born Again Do Not Fear the End of the World

Why do the reborn not fear the end of the world?

Because they have received eternal new life through faith in the Lord's baptism, the blood of the cross, and the resurrection.

If someone truly believes in Jesus and their soul is born again, they do not fear the end of the world. It is those who are not born again who fear the end times and fear standing before the Lord.

Please understand that those who are genuinely reborn live a righteous life, spreading the gospel in these last days. In this world, as long as we keep the gospel of water and the Spirit in our hearts, regardless of when our Lord comes, that is all we need to believe. When the Bridegroom comes, we can joyfully say, 'Ah, how glad I am! I am lacking, but the Bridegroom has loved me and saved me like this. The Lord alone is my Bridegroom and my Savior.' Jesus is the Bridegroom of the saved righteous.

Ladies and gentlemen, did the bride marry the bridegroom because the bride loved the bridegroom, or because the bridegroom loved the bride? Of course, on earth, people marry because they love each other, but your marriage with Jesus, who is God, is not like that at all. It is a marriage with the bride through the Bridegroom's love and salvation. This is the wedding ceremony of heaven.

When the Bride says, 'I love you,' the Bridegroom does not say, 'Really? You love me? I'm so excited, I love you too.' The Bridegroom knows all the weaknesses and shortcomings of the

Bride. He loves the Bride because she is a sinner who is pitied, and He saved her from going to hell by taking all her sins upon Himself through baptism and shedding His blood to make her His Bride.

Our Lord did not come as a descendant under the Law like Aaron. He did not come to offer sacrifices with the blood of animals like the earthly high priests but, as the eternal High Priest of heaven, He removed all of humanity's sins forever with a single eternal sacrifice.

In fact, the sacrifices in the Old Testament are a shadow of Jesus Christ. The main character was Jesus Himself. Jesus Himself came to this earth as the substance; will the substance follow the shadow? It is the shadow that moves as the substance moves. Should the substance follow the shadow? That's not how it should be.

Our Lord did not come to this earth to perform sacrifices in the sanctuary like Aaron, but as God Jesus, He offered His own body to God to save sinners. Jesus completely saved all sinners from all their sins by being baptized and shedding His blood in our place.

The removal of our sins through faith in Jesus' baptism and His blood is clear. The work of our Jesus who came to this earth to work for our salvation is undeniable.

When was salvation accomplished? When were past, present, and future sins removed? The salvation of Jesus is not confusing or uncertain. Our Lord has definitively saved us from all sins.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life." Our Lord, who became the truth, came to this earth and gave us eternal new life by saving us through baptism, blood, death, and resurrection, and we believe in this.

The Old Testament Is a Model of Jesus in the New Testament

The Old Testament is the shadow of the New Testament. Our Lord did not come as a descendant of Aaron to take on the role of an earthly high priest, but instead took on a better role, that of the eternal High Priest before God the Father in heaven.

All people on this earth are unable to keep the Law, thus they all became sinners, and the Law given by God can never make anyone righteous. Therefore, God had to abolish the first covenant to establish the second.

God the Father sent His Son to this earth and required faith in the salvation accomplished through His Son's baptism, blood, death, and resurrection from all who believe in Jesus around the world. This is the second promise.

The second promise requires faith in the gospel of water and the Spirit. God the Father now demands not that people perform certain deeds or live in a particular way, but that they believe in the salvation their sins have been washed away and saved through the baptism and blood shed by His Son.

He asks if you believe in the salvation completed by His Son who was baptized, shed His blood on the cross, and accomplished all that was necessary for your salvation. We must answer that we believe.

In the Bible, the tribe of Judah represents royalty. David was from a royal lineage. Jesus Christ came from the tribe of Judah. The tribe of Levi is the priestly tribe. Each tribe had its own role before God.

Thus, God promised that Jesus would be born from the tribe of Judah. The promise to the tribe of Judah was a promise made to all humanity. Our Lord has accomplished salvation for all humanity from all the sins of the world through His baptism,

death on the cross, and resurrection, rescuing us from all our sins.

Human Sins Are Not Erased through Prayers of Repentance

In Jeremiah 17:1, it is mentioned where the sins of people are recorded. It says they are recorded in two places: *“The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron; With the point of a diamond it is engraved On the tablet of their heart, And on the horns of your altars.”* A person’s sin is recorded in their heart, so they come to know that they are a sinner. Before believing in Jesus, one does not know their sin. Why? It is because God’s law, which He has spoken, is not in their heart. However, once they believe in Jesus, whether they believe well or poorly, they come to know that they are a sinner before God and Jesus.

Some people, after believing in Jesus for about ten years, say, ‘Oh, I am a sinner. I thought I was forgiven, but now I see that I am a sinner.’ They come to realize their sinful state after ten years of believing. For ten years after believing in Jesus, they might have been jubilantly bouncing around, happily believing, but after ten years, seeing the sin accumulated in their heart, they say, ‘Lord, I am a sinner.’

Do you know why this happens? It is because that person now sees their sin and iniquity through God’s Law. They believe in Jesus, but they are not born again, so God has recorded all their sins on the tablets of their heart. Therefore, the sins they committed do not disappear and remain on the tablets of their heart, making them a sinner who believes in Jesus.

After believing in Jesus for 10 years or 5 years, they finally came to realize the truth that they are sinners who believe in Jesus. They were sinners before believing in Jesus, and they

remain sinners after believing in Him. It takes people a long time to understand their sin and recognize that they are sinners. This shows how insensitive people are to sin.

Some people take 30 years, others 50 years, and some never realize it their whole lives and go to hell. "Oh God, I used to live well before I believed in God, when there was no law or God's Law. But now, as the Apostle Paul said, 'The very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death to me.' Yes, I was confident that I could keep the Word when I first believed in God, but now I see that I am not even keeping it; instead, I am busy committing various sins every day. Lord, I am a sinner who believes in Jesus."

You see, it is your own sin that prevents you from living according to God's Word. A person's sin is recorded in their heart and in the book of deeds. Because God has recorded all sins, when you try to pray, saying 'Lord,' the sins are revealed in your heart. 'Hey, didn't you commit that sin?' 'Didn't you already repent and receive forgiveness for that two years ago? Why does the memory still haunt you?' 'What excuse do you need? God recorded the sin in your heart. That's what God did. Don't make excuses; you are a sinner.'

You are still saying, 'Lord, forgive me,' even now, two years after committing a sin. Yet, the sin still torments you because it remains on the tablets of your heart. Yes, you did commit that sin two years ago. However, even though you asked for forgiveness, the sin still remains in your thoughts on the tablets of your heart.

You see, does verbal repentance remove the sin? A person's sin is recorded on the tablets of their heart, so it cannot be removed without the truth of the water and the Spirit's gospel. Therefore, the removal of sin is completed by the truth of the water and the Spirit's Word. Thus, we must all believe in the

true gospel, which is Jesus' baptism and blood, to be saved from all sins once and for all.

I Will Become Your Savior <Primitive Gospel>

<i>How did Jesus become our Savior?</i>
<i>Jesus came as the Savior to save all who believe in this truth by removing all sins through His baptism and blood.</i>

Our God has made a new promise to all humanity. 'I will become your Savior, I will make you complete with water and blood from the sins of your world; I will surely bestow grace on those who believe in me,' He promised anew.

We are saved and born again through the faith in the truth of God's promise, and in the saving work of salvation that Jesus Christ promised and performed on this earth with water and blood.

If doctors perform poor examinations, you wouldn't be able to trust them. Proper examination and correct use of medication are essential. How can you trust and take medication if the examination is inadequate? If only doctors could accurately diagnose, there are plenty of medicines available. If the doctor's examination is a mess, even the best medicine will only cause side effects.

Similarly, when believing in Jesus, you must accurately diagnose your spiritual state using God's Word. A spiritual doctor should examine where this person is spiritually ill, how they are living their faith, and diagnose them with the truth of God's Word. Then, you can quickly understand everything.

Spiritually awakened doctors can lead every single member

of their church to be born again, making them 100% righteous.

“I don’t know when I was completely cleansed of my sins.” How can you not know? You should be able to know, and others should know too. If someone claims to be a disciple of Jesus, they should at least solve their own problem of sin and lead others to be born again spiritually. After that, they can help with issues of faith and guidance by the Holy Spirit... Of course, if it’s a physical issue like a broken rib or inflammation, you should tell them to go to the hospital. However, for spiritual diagnosis, you must accurately determine whether that person is a sinner or a righteous person.

Jesus came to this earth, was baptized, and died on the cross to eliminate the sins of the world. Are your sins still remaining because His work was insufficient? No, it was completed once and for all through the working of the word of water and the Spirit.

The gospel is like dynamite. Dynamite has the power to explode and completely destroy a building. Even a large mountain can be reduced to dust with a single nuclear bomb, burning away even the air. The work Jesus did when He came to this earth is exactly the gospel of water and the Spirit—this gospel is like dynamite. Jesus eliminated all the sins of those who believe in Him through the gospel of the truth of water and the Spirit.

Hebrews 8:10-12 says, *“The Lord said, ‘For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds*

I will remember no more.” Amen. Our Lord has said that He will completely save everyone, from the greatest to the least, from sin.

In the Old Testament, once a year, the High Priest would enter the sanctuary. The High Priest would lay hands on a goat or sheep, transferring the people’s sins to the animal, and then take its blood into the sanctuary of God and sprinkle it seven times on the mercy seat. This was how sins were atoned for in the Old Testament, but these sacrifices continued as the reality had not yet appeared. However, once the reality arrives, the Old Testament sacrificial system is abolished. The abolition of the Old Testament sacrificial system does not mean the entire Old Testament is abolished, but specifically its system of sacrifices.

It has been over 2000 years since Jesus came and received baptism in the Jordan River, taking on the sins of the world, and was judged on the cross, thereby fully saving us. It has been over 2000 years since our Lord came to this earth and resolved all sin issues. But did God only resolve the sin issues for the Israelites? He resolved the sin issues for all people in the entire world.

All the words in the Old Testament are parables until Jesus came. Do you understand? A parable is something that uses a hypothetical scenario to explain the real substance well. It is a way of presenting a hypothetical situation to make the real substance easy to understand. For example, it is a way of using a hypothetical scenario to clearly illustrate the truth.

In the Old Testament, the sacrificial system established by God could not make people’s consciences completely clean. In the Old Testament, to have the people’s sins removed, one had to bring a lamb, lay hands on it, and kill it, but this was not enough to make us perfect. What does ‘laying hands’ mean? It means ‘to pass over’ or ‘to transfer.’

In Leviticus 3, the word ‘Levite’ means ‘union’ or

‘fellowship.’ To be united with God, a person must be holy. How can we be united with God? We must bring an animal as a sacrifice, lay hands on its head to transfer our sins, and then take its blood and apply it to the horns of God’s altar. After that, we had to cut the animal into pieces and burn it on the altar as an offering to God. It is through this animal sacrifice that a person is cleansed of sin. However, this method of sacrificing sheep or goats daily could not cleanse the conscience completely.

In this age, we do not sacrifice lambs or cattle. However, even today, many believers still live a faith life as if they are slaughtering sheep or cattle, adhering to a legalistic faith. ‘Lord, I have sinned. Forgive me. Lord, my sins are not being erased. This sin is so stubborn that it won’t disappear from my heart. Lord, please erase the sin in my heart. Use an eraser or something to erase it.’ And if the sin in the heart is not erased, they fast for 20 days to try to erase it. If that doesn’t work, should they fast for 40 days?

Fasting for 40 days can be fatal. Can fasting prayers erase the sins in your heart? No, they cannot. Fasting may bring comfort to your heart, but such sacrifices cannot completely remove your sins. The sins in your heart cannot be erased by prayer or by asking to be burned away; they can only be removed through the gospel of water and the Spirit.

All sins can be completely removed by believing in God’s Word of water and blood, but never by human repentance or fasting prayers. Absolutely not. The sacrificial system in the Old Testament, which involved daily offerings, was shown to us by God until Jesus came and reinterpreted it in the New Testament. Therefore, God said, *“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He*

entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption” (Hebrews 9:11-12).

Our sins were not eradicated by the blood of sacrificial goats, calves, and lambs, but by His own body, which was without blemish. In other words, Jesus, representing humanity and as the high priest, received baptism from John the Baptist in the Jordan River, taking upon Himself the sins of the entire world, bearing them on His body, and then dying on the cross in our place using only His own water (baptism) and blood to save us.

If Jesus took on all the sins of the world through His baptism in the Jordan River and eliminated them, is there anything that should trouble our consciences when we approach God, believing in Jesus? No, there is not. If we truly believe, we can approach God with a clear conscience. Jesus’ baptism was the process by which He took on the sins of the world, and His blood was the result of sin.

When did Jesus take on all the sins of humanity? It was when Jesus received baptism for the first time in His public ministry. Jesus came to this earth and received baptism.

Let’s look at Matthew 3:13-17. *‘Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’*

Jesus received baptism from John. He said, ‘You baptize

me,’ and John replied, ‘I need to be baptized by you.’ Jesus said, ‘Let it be so now. Don’t waste time talking; quickly baptize me. It is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.’ This is how Jesus received baptism from John.

When Jesus received baptism from John, He explained why He did so. He said, ‘We do this so that you baptize me and I receive baptism from you, thereby transferring all the sins of the world to Me and making them disappear.’ He said, ‘Doing this is proper to fulfill all righteousness.’ This means that it is just for Jesus Himself to take on the responsibility of all people’s sins by receiving baptism.

Everyone, our Lord came to this earth to eliminate all the sins humanity committed against the Law. Our Lord came to this earth to remove all those sins that transgressed the Law and to save humanity from all sins.

Jesus came to this earth, was baptized by John, and died on the cross for believers to promise them eternal salvation and blessings by removing their sins. He then rose from the dead after three days and sits at the right hand of God the Father.

All wills can only take effect when the testator has passed away. If your parents made a will while they were alive, it would not be effective for any of their children. However, once the parents have passed away, the will becomes effective for all the surviving heirs.

Similarly, Jesus came to this earth and promised, ‘I will save you with my body.’ He said, ‘I came to this earth to save you. I will take away your sins by receiving baptism, dying on the cross, and rising from the dead. I will completely save you from all the sins of the world. I will make you my people. I will save you from the cunning of the wicked devil, from death, from the curse of sin, and from destruction through water and the Spirit.’

How did He fulfill this promise? First, our Lord was conceived by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb and was born in the flesh on this earth. Jesus' birth on this earth, His incarnation, means that the holy God became human.

Secondly, Jesus lived a private life until He was twenty-nine years old. Then, at the age of thirty, when He began His public ministry, the first thing He did to save humanity from the sins of the world was to receive baptism from John at the Jordan River. Why did Jesus receive baptism from John the Baptist? He did so to take on all the sins of humanity.

Thirdly, Jesus died on the cross. Why did Jesus die on the cross? It was to receive judgment for our sins by shedding His blood on our behalf, after having taken on those sins through baptism.

After completing all these works of salvation, Jesus rose from the dead after three days and ascended to heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of God.

What does it mean that Jesus died on the cross, rose from the dead after three days, and ascended to heaven? It means that our Lord fulfilled all the promises He made and ascended, thereby completing the new promise He made to us: to completely save us from all sins through water, blood, and resurrection.

This means that the effectiveness of the covenant of salvation, that our Lord has saved us from the sins of the world, has come upon us who believe. Salvation from all sins has come to me and all of you who believe.

Hebrews 9:22-28, *"And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For*

Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”

Since the daily sacrifices made by humans with their own hands in the Old Testament could not make us perfect, Jesus Himself came to this earth and saved His creations from the sins of the world through the baptism and blood He received.

In the Old Testament, the Law of works required frequent sacrifices, and when a priest died, a new one had to appear. However, now the Lord has come with a new promise, namely that Jesus Himself will save us. Jesus removed all the sins of the world once and for all through water and blood, and saved us eternally.

Jesus received baptism through John the Baptist to make us sinless in one act, and He offered His body on the cross to save us from judgment for our sins, receiving the judgment for all sins on the cross. Therefore, when Jesus appears at the end of the world, Hebrews 9:28 says, *“To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”*

“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.” When people are born, they are born as descendants of Adam with sin, so they must die and go to hell and face destruction.

However, our Lord came to this earth and took on all the sins of the world—sins of the heart, sins of action, and sins of

thought—that people commit throughout their lives, through His baptism. He bore the judgment for all those sins on the cross, thereby completely removing all sins and instantly cleansing those of us who believe.

Therefore, He has ensured that we who believe in the truth will not face judgment, and through the word of truth, He has reborn us as righteous people without sin, so that we can live eternally in the kingdom of heaven.

Our Lord came to this earth, received baptism from John the Baptist at the Jordan River, shed His blood on the cross, and rose from the dead to fulfill all righteousness and to save each and every one of us.

The Original Gospel of Jesus' Baptism

What is the meaning of the baptism Jesus received in the Jordan River?

Like the laying on of hands in the Old Testament, it means 'to pass over,' 'to bury,' and 'to transfer,' signifying the original gospel that all sins were transferred to Jesus, the Lamb, thus removing them.

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:13-17).

Jesus said it was fitting to fulfill all of God's righteousness when He received baptism from John. What does this mean? God's righteousness refers to God's goodness, love, and righteous salvation. Jesus received baptism from John the Baptist, taking on all the sins of humanity, thereby erasing all the sins of the world and saying, 'It is proper to fulfill all righteousness.'

What does baptism mean? The word *βαπτίζω (Baptizo)* means to bury, immerse, pass over, or transfer. In the Old Testament, the people laid hands on animals. What does laying hands mean? In Leviticus 1:3, laying hands is explained to have the same meaning as baptism, which is to pass over or transfer.

What was required to remove the sins of the people within the tabernacle of the Old Testament? Regardless of the number of priests or people, if there was no sacrifice, in other words, no lamb or goat, the sacrifice was invalid.

Therefore, the person most important to sinners is Jesus, who came as the Lamb of God. The Creator God came to this earth in human form as our Savior, received the baptism of sin transfer, was sacrificed on the cross, and became as the heavenly High Priest and the Savior of all humanity.

In the Old Testament, *"Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man" (Leviticus 16:21)*, thus providing salvation from sins.

On the Day of Atonement, High Priest Aaron took two flawless goats. He laid hands on one inside the tabernacle, transferring the sins, then killed it and took its blood into the

Most Holy Place where God dwelled, and sprinkled the blood, offering a sacrifice before God. The other goat was brought before the people, and Aaron laid hands on it, enumerating the sins, saying, ‘God, the people of Israel have sinned...’ After this laying on of hands, this goat was left alive and entrusted to a suitable person and led to a desolate wilderness with no water or grass, where it was abandoned.

Through this ritual, the Israelites of the Old Testament were saved from their sins for a year.

However, people in the New Testament receive salvation from all sins by believing in Jesus, who is the Lamb of God and our Savior, through His baptism and the blood of the cross.

The Meaning of Atonement

That all sins are transferred to this sacrificial lamb. Since all the sins of the world were transferred to Jesus’ body through the baptism He received, those who believe in the truth of Jesus’ baptism and blood are without sin.

In the Old Testament, the death of the sacrificial lamb was the death of the Israelites, and the suffering of the lamb was the suffering of the Israelites. The sacrificial offering, having received the laying on of hands and being judged, shed blood and was offered to God, thus resolving the people’s sins before God.

However, the Bible says that sins are recorded in two places. One is in God’s book of judgment, and the other is in the human heart. The sins recorded in God’s book of judgment were resolved because the blood of the sacrifice, which had received the laying on of hands, was sprinkled on the altar horns.

However, one thing is that the sins in the human heart must

be erased. How is this resolved? The scapegoat, which means ‘to put out,’ was laid hands on by the people and sent into the wilderness, thereby resolving the sins in the human heart as well.

In this way, God the Father sent His Son Jesus into the world to erase our sins.

On the Day of Atonement in the Old Testament, after the high priest laid his hands on one of the sacrificial goats, the goat was led deep into the wilderness to die. The people of Israel watched as the goat, carrying all their sins, was led far away, and they would say, ‘Look, our sins are being carried far, far into the wilderness... now it’s gone, now it’s gone.’

This sacrificial goat received the sins through the laying on of hands and was led far away to die. It was abandoned in the wilderness, crying out until it died alone. This fulfilled God’s law that the wages of sin is death.

In the New Testament, our Lord resolved the problem of our sins in the same way. He erased all our sins, making them as far away as the east is from the west, by receiving baptism and dying on our behalf.

The Old Testament was a promise from God, and the New Testament is the fulfillment of a new promise. Our Lord fulfilled this promise by coming to this earth and receiving baptism. Through His baptism, all the sins of humanity were transferred to Jesus’ body. *“Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).* Jesus received baptism from John the Baptist to fulfill all of God’s righteousness. By receiving baptism and taking on all the sins of humanity, Jesus saved those who believe in the truth from all sins. This was the atonement sacrifice performed by Jesus.

However, Jesus became the sacrificial lamb and offered His body to God, taking on all the sins of the world to resolve the problem of sin. To do this, Jesus received baptism from John at

the Jordan River. Jesus said, *“Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”* John the Baptist gave Jesus the baptism that transferred all the sins of the world to Him. Jesus received the baptism that transferred all the sins of the world and lived for three years. Later, He went to the cross.

What does Jesus’ baptism mean? The word ‘baptism’ means to wash, but Jesus received baptism to take on the sins of the world, so our sins were washed away.

When Jesus received baptism from John, all the sins of us sinners were transferred to Him. Therefore, our original sin, the sins we commit in life, and all the sins we conceive in our thoughts are washed away from our hearts and disappear.

Jesus’ baptism is also called immersion, which means to be buried or to die. Why did Jesus die? It was because He took on our sins through baptism. Jesus died because He received our sins through ‘laying on of hands’ and ‘baptism,’ which means ‘to pass over’ and ‘to be buried.’

Why did Jesus go to the cross on our behalf? It was because He took on the sins of the world by receiving baptism at the Jordan River and wanted to eliminate all sins by going to the cross.

People today need to understand the original text of the Bible, but the problem is that they believe without knowing it. The purpose of Jesus, who is God, being born in the flesh and receiving baptism at the age of thirty was to take on the sins of the world through baptism and to fulfill everything on the cross, thereby saving believers by erasing all sins.

After being baptized by John and crucified, Jesus rose from the dead three days later, testified for 40 days, and ascended to sit at the right hand of God, where He continues to sit, thus saving those who believe in the truth of salvation. The Lord is still alive today, sitting at the right hand of the throne, and has

become our Savior.

Those who believe in Jesus correctly believe in Him as the One who solved our sin problem through His baptism and blood.

John the Baptist, who baptized Jesus, was appointed by God as a representative among all people, and as the representative of humanity, he transferred the sins of the world to Jesus through baptism.

In Joshua 3:14-17, it is written that when the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant stepped into the Jordan River during the flood season, the water flowing from above stopped at the upper border, and the water below also stopped. The Jordan River became dry land. This signifies that the problem of human sin was resolved at the Jordan River.

God ended all the sins that Satan had put into humanity, causing suffering, death, and curses, through the baptism Jesus received at the Jordan River. The judgment for the sins of the world has already ended. Jesus fulfilled all righteousness through His baptism.

Jesus took on all sins through baptism. When Jesus received baptism from John at the Jordan River and came up out of the water, God the Father said, *“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”* Jesus was baptized in water up to His waist.

What is this water and baptism? It is the ‘laying on of hands’ from the Old Testament. The Old Testament is a shadow of the New Testament, and Jesus is the reality. Jesus entered the water to receive baptism at this time to take on all the sins of humanity. Baptism signifies the transfer of sin, and being immersed in water symbolizes death, which is the judgment for sin.

Jesus receiving baptism from John means taking on all our sins. Baptism means ‘to transfer,’ ‘to pass over,’ ‘to bury,’ and ‘to immerse.’ This act of Jesus receiving baptism was to fulfill

all of God's righteousness.

Do you know what 'all righteousness' means? In Greek, it is 'Δικαιοσύνη (*Dikaiosynē*),' which means 'just' or 'righteous.' Jesus took on all the sins of the world through baptism and saved those who believe in Him justly.

The phrase '*for thus*' is from the Greek word 'Οὕτως (*Houtos*),' which means 'in this manner, or else not at all, the most fitting way.' This means that Jesus received baptism to justly eliminate the sins of humanity in the most appropriate way. He did not just say that our sins are forgiven with words; He took on all sins through baptism and said, 'I have made you sinless by believing in Me.'

Do you understand? The Jordan River is a river of death, representing the wages of sin. Jesus received baptism in this river of death, taking on all the sins of humanity, and was able to go to the cross for all the sins of the world.

The Jordan River is a river of death, and Jesus received baptism there and went to the cross. He then rose from the dead and saved those who believe. Jesus received baptism to save us justly and legally.

You must know and believe this. Among Christians from around the world, many people believe incorrectly. Many do not know about Jesus' baptism and yet claim to believe, and many say that their denomination is the best. Not only that, but many also say that their pastor is the best.

Everyone, Jesus is God, and the gospel of salvation He accomplished is the greatest. Without Jesus' word of truth, we cannot be saved. Pastors are simply pastors; they are nothing more. Pastors also receive the washing of their sins by believing in Jesus' baptism and blood. There is nothing spiritually special about being a pastor. Humans are all insufficient before God.

When Jesus received baptism and took on all our sins, He

came up out of the water, and heaven opened. *“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”* Jesus entering the water signifies death on the cross. Receiving baptism means taking on our sins, and in this way, He eliminated all the sins of the world.

Therefore, Jesus said, *“To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation”* (Hebrews 9:28). The second coming of the Lord is the judgment of His return. It is called the second coming because He comes again. The first coming of the Lord was to save sinners, and the second coming is to call the righteous. He will come again to those who eagerly await Him, regardless of sin.

Jesus received baptism from John to save all humanity from all sins. Jesus received baptism from John at the Jordan River, which represents death, so that sinners might believe in Him as the God of salvation and become righteous.

This is the translated sacrifice, which is the sacrifice of salvation in the New Testament, represented by Jesus’ baptism at the Jordan River and the blood of the cross. Hallelujah! We thank the Lord for saving us through this translated sacrifice. ☒

SERMON 7

**Let Us Give Thanks
to the Lord**

**in Faith, Overcoming
Misunderstandings
About the Ministry
of John the Baptist**



Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the law), then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second (Hebrews 10:8-9).

Let Us Give Thanks to the Lord in Faith, Overcoming Misunderstandings About the Ministry of John the Baptist

< Matthew 11:1-11 >

“Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities. And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.” As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a

prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: “Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.” Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.’”

Satan has spread a poison that makes people have a wrong prejudice that John the Baptist was a failure in faith.

As a result, it has made people’s souls unable to encounter the true truth.

Today’s scripture reading is one we have heard many times before, but I have chosen it for us to reflect upon once again. Today, I would like to talk about the spiritual poison that Satan has sown in people through religious councils in the past. Just as the human body needs an antidote when poisoned, let us examine what kinds of teachings are spiritually poisonous to our hearts.

Satan has spread two spiritual poisons among Christians living on this earth. One of these poisons is the false claim that John the Baptist was a failure in faith. If believers in Jesus dismiss the faith of John the Baptist, they also disregard his ministry of baptizing Jesus, through which the sins of the world were passed on to Him. Even today, the liars are spreading lies to believers in Jesus and making them not believe in the work of John the Baptist.

They labeled John the Baptist as a failure, saying, “John had doubts about believing in and following the Lord, and therefore failed in his life of faith.” To summarize their argument,

they claim that John the Baptist, who initially faithfully believed and followed Jesus, later came to doubt the Lord and lost his faith, ultimately failing in his life of faith. This has become a poison they have spread among Christians today.

However, John the Baptist was used especially in the work of Jesus as the one who preached repentance in the wilderness and baptized Jesus. All of this can be found in the fact that Jesus acknowledged his ministry and faith. Yet, many people today wrongly believe that John the Baptist lost his faith in Jesus and lost his faithfulness.

The problem is that people today believe only in the words of deceivers without reading Matthew 11:1-10. If people hear the wrong prejudices about John the Baptist and ignore him, the outcome will be very disappointing. If you believe in the wrong prejudices about John the Baptist, your soul will miss out on believing in the true truth.

Those who disregard John the Baptist fail to understand that his ministry was meant to assist Jesus' ministry. They become spiritually blind, unable to recognize that Jesus took away the sins of mankind through the baptism He received from John. Ultimately, they cannot encounter the true gospel Word that Jesus has blotted out the sins of the world through His baptism. They end up believing that Jesus saved them only by being crucified.

Today, those who try to receive the remission of their sins only through faith in the cross, without knowing that Jesus washed away the sins of the world by being baptized by John, ultimately become foolish. While they claim that believing only in the cross of Jesus brings the remission of their sins, in reality, to be washed from their sins, they must have the knowledge that Jesus took away all the sins of the world once and for all when He received baptism from John.

Nowadays, church members believe in the Cross of Jesus as preached by their pastor, yet they find that the sin in their hearts has not been blotted out. Then they should ask, “What should I do now? Pastor, please teach me once again how my sins can be washed away.”

You should ask your pastor to teach you the gospel of the water and the Spirit that can wash away your sins. You should ask him to teach you what the gospel of the water and the Spirit is. However, if that pastor cannot teach you this gospel, it is clear that you are being deceived by a religious leader who has not been born again. And one more thing you should know is that the pastor himself has been deceived by religious leaders who came before him. In this way, people have the right to ask their pastor to deliver the gospel Word of water and the Spirit that can wash away their sins.

All congregants have the right to ask their pastor about this. However, most pastors only know that Jesus took away all the sins of sinners by being crucified on the Cross. Therefore, they will answer that sin remains in your heart because you lack faith in the gospel of the Cross. Most pastors who have not been born again tell their church members that it is because they do not have faith in Jesus who was crucified. This is to hide the fact that they themselves do not have the gospel Word of the water and the Spirit.

The purpose of going to church for you and me is to receive salvation from all sins. It is not solely to serve the holy God that we go to church. What is the reason we believe in Jesus as our Savior? Aren't we going to church to be saved from all our sins? Religious leaders say that Jesus who was crucified on the Cross saved us from the sins of the world. However, no matter how much we hear and believe such words, our sins are not blotted out. If sins still remain in your hearts even though you believe in

Jesus who was crucified on the Cross, then you should go to the pastor and ask them to preach the gospel of the water and the Spirit.

Why don't you make such a request to your pastor? If your sins are not blotted out even though you believe in your heart the gospel of the Cross that your pastor preaches, then there is a problem with that gospel. It is like solving a test question that has no answer. It's similar to test makers creating questions without correct answers. In such cases, the fault lies with those who made the test.

Likewise, if those who believe in Jesus as their Savior still have sins remaining in their hearts even though they believe the Cross of Jesus is the truth of salvation, the problem lies not with them but with the gospel they believe in.

Moreover, if you are a pastor of a church, you must clearly preach the Truth about how the sins of your congregation have been washed away through the gospel of the water and the Spirit. If you have the gospel of the water and the Spirit that God has spoken to us through the Old and New Testaments, you must accurately testify to it through biblical words during worship services. If your congregation has not properly heard God's Word and their sins remain in their hearts, all responsibility lies with the minister who delivers God's Word. How wrong is this?

If sin still remains in your heart now, you are presently a sinner. The Bible tells us about the gospel of the water and the Spirit. It says, "*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" We can receive eternal remission of sins and enjoy eternal life by believing in the gospel of the water and the Spirit we heard through the church of God.

We probably did not, from the beginning, encounter the Word about Jesus being baptized by John. In the past, when we only heard the gospel of the cross, our sins were not blotted out.

If we have stubbornly insisted until now that we were saved by believing only in the gospel of the cross, we would still be immersed in sorrow, not having received the remission of sins. Then, how much will we be rebuked by the Lord for being foolish?

Let's Look at Why John the Baptist Sent His Disciples to Jesus at That Time

Why did John the Baptist send his disciples to ask Jesus when he was imprisoned by King Herod?

John knew he was going to die, and he wanted to send his disciples to Jesus.

Let us read Matthew 11:2-6 in the New Testament: *‘When John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”’*

It was the time when John the Baptist was imprisoned in the prison of Herod's palace. John the Baptist was imprisoned because he publicly rebuked Herod's sins in front of many people. Will Herod the king really spare the life of such a John the Baptist? The prophet John the Baptist had rebuked Herod's sins and called him to repent.

At that time, Jesus was traveling throughout Judea, meeting and healing many sick people. He also met and healed those with

leprosy. While in prison at Herod's palace, John the Baptist was hearing news about Jesus.

John the Baptist, who knew all these things, sent his disciples to Jesus to ask, "*Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?*" John intended in his heart to send his disciples to Jesus. To John's disciples, Jesus replied, "*The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*"

What we need to know here is that John the Baptist wanted to send his disciples to Jesus. This was because he knew he would soon be put to death. Knowing he would face martyrdom in prison, he guided his disciples to Jesus. He was trying to entrust his disciples to Jesus, the Lamb of God.

When John was in prison, he already knew that the sins of the world had passed onto the body of Jesus when he baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. This was why he knew all these things. Therefore, John wanted to guide his disciples to Jesus. He knew that Jesus was the Savior of mankind. He was the one who testified that Jesus had become the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world through baptism (John 1:29).

Let Us Listen to the Word of Jesus Testifying About John the Baptist

<p><i>What did Jesus testify about John the Baptist?</i></p>
<p><i>He testified that John was the greatest representative of humanity, greater than all the prophets of the Old Testament, and the Elijah who was to come as promised.</i></p>

Let's read Matthew 11:7-9, *'As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet."*'

Jesus said that John the Baptist was greater than all the prophets of the Old Testament. He was explaining that John the Baptist was appointed by God as a representative of mankind.

John the Baptist was the Elijah who was promised to be sent in the Old Testament. John the Baptist did the same work as Elijah, fulfilling God's prophecy that He would send Elijah to this earth. John the Baptist was a servant of God. He cried out in the wilderness for people to repent and wash away their sins. The reason John the Baptist emphasized repentance and gave baptism to people was to wash away their sins. And when John the Baptist baptized Jesus at the Jordan River, it was to pass the sins of this world onto the body of Jesus.

Jesus testified about John the Baptist, saying *"What did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet."* Jesus declared that John the Baptist was greater than all the prophets of the Old Testament (Matthew 11:9-10). This is because John the Baptist was appointed as the representative of mankind to baptize Jesus. In the Old Testament, only descendants of Aaron could serve as High Priests for the people, so John the Baptist, as a descendant of Aaron, could fulfill his duty as the final High priest by baptizing Jesus. John the Baptist held a special office through which he could pass the sins of the world on to Jesus through baptism.

In Matthew 11:11, Jesus said to all of us, *"Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one*

greater than John the Baptist.” Jesus said this because John the Baptist was the one who could pass the sins of mankind onto Jesus. That is why Jesus told us, “Among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist.”

Jesus personally testified that John the Baptist was greater than the great Old Testament prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. He also said that John was the greatest among those born of women. This means that among all descendants of Adam, including you and me, John was the greatest, and thus he baptized Jesus as the representative of mankind. John the Baptist passed the sins of this world on to Jesus by baptizing Him. In other words, John the Baptist was the representative of mankind.

In this way, it is recorded that Jesus washed away all the sins of humanity once and for all by being baptized by John the Baptist. The scriptures state that the moment He received baptism from John the Baptist marked the beginning of His public ministry as the Savior of mankind. *“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)* Thus, Jesus came to us as the Savior of sinners.

Let Us Reflect on the Truth That the Lord Has Spoken to All of Us in Matthew 11:12

<p><i>Why did God say that all the prophecies of the Old Testament were until the time of John the Baptist?</i></p>
<p><i>It was because John the Baptist baptized Jesus, thereby transferring all the sins of the world to Him.</i></p>

“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom

of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John” (Matthew 11:12-13). God said that all the prophetic Words of the Old Testament were until John.

God said that all prophetic Words of the Old Testament were until John the Baptist was born on this earth, and Jesus was born in the Virgin Mary six months after John the Baptist, marking the beginning of the New Testament era. In other words, He said that the era in which the sins of mankind had been passed on to Jesus began with John the Baptist’s work of baptizing Jesus.

By Jesus’ command, John the Baptist baptized Jesus on His head. Because John the Baptist baptized Jesus, the sins of this world were passed on to the body of Jesus. The New Testament era began with Jesus’ birth, and through the work of the baptism He received from John the Baptist, He bore the sins of mankind.

Therefore, Jesus Himself testified about John the Baptist, saying *“he is Elijah who is to come.”* It is written in Matthew 11:14, *“If you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.”* This Word shows that God’s prophecy in the Old Testament of Malachi was fulfilled. John the Baptist was prophesied about in Malachi 3:1 and 4:5-6 of the Old Testament.

Jesus testified that John the Baptist was the Elijah who was to come. John the Baptist was appointed to baptize Jesus and pass the sins of the world, and through this baptism, Jesus took upon Himself the sins of mankind. And by being crucified and shedding His blood, He has become the sacrificial offering for our sins in our place. Jesus is our Savior. There is no doubt that Jesus, who received baptism from John and shed His blood on the Cross, has become the true Savior for those who believe in Him.

However, Satan did not remain idle. Satan has been calling John the Baptist an apostate of faith. By doing so, he fed spiritual

poison to people. Just as people need an antidote when they consume poison, those who believe in Jesus need an antidote if they wrongly believe John the Baptist was an apostate of faith. That antidote is none other than the faith in knowing and believing the fact that the Lord took upon the sins of the world by being baptized by John the Baptist and washed them away.

Another Spiritual Poison Is Sickening Your Soul

<p><i>What is another spiritual poison?</i></p>
<p><i>It is the omission of the ministry of Jesus' baptism, which He received through the baptism of John the Baptist, transferring all the sins of the world to Him, and making people believe that only the blood of the cross is salvation.</i></p>

Another poison is found in the Nicene Creed, which was created by religious leaders and philosophers under the command of Emperor Constantine. In AD 325, Roman Emperor Constantine created the Nicene Creed in the region of Nicaea, making people believe only in the Cross without the baptism of Jesus. The Nicene Creed created in AD 325 emphasized only Jesus' Cross while omitting His true work where He took away the sins of the world through the baptism He received from John. The Nicene Creed, after several religious councils, came to be used as if it were the creed of faith believed by the apostles of the Early Church.

The absurd Nicene Creed, which omits the work of the baptism Jesus received from John, has been passed down to today's Christians, causing people to only believe in the Cross of Jesus. The Nicene Creed, created in AD 325, was revised and

revamped through several religious councils, and only the Cross without the baptism of Jesus was spread throughout the world, making people forget the baptism of Jesus. And this Apostles' Creed exists as a spiritual poison even to today's theologians. As a result, they came to believe and teach people that only the Cross, which omits the work of Jesus being baptized by John, is the truth of salvation.

The Nicene Creed that we see today states that Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate and died on the Cross. Because we have believed in this Nicene Creed, we have lost sight of the baptism of Jesus. That is why we do not know why Jesus was baptized by John.

However, in Matthew 3:13-17 of the New Testament, it is recorded that Jesus had to be baptized by John to take upon Himself the sins of the world. Jesus was qualified to be the Savior by bearing the sins of the world once and for all through the baptism He received from John at the age of thirty and washing them away. After bearing the sins of the world by being baptized by John, He was crucified, rose from the dead, and has become our Savior for those who believe in this Truth.

Because people today try to be saved by believing only in the Cross while omitting the Truth of the baptism Jesus received from John due to the Nicene Creed, they have fallen into despair, struggling and unable to wash away their sins through faith. In this way, people believe in Jesus while omitting the Truth that Jesus washed away the sins of the world by being baptized by John the Baptist, and thus have become believers who lament over their sins every day.

If we believe in Jesus as the Savior while ignoring the fact that John the Baptist passed the sins of the world to Jesus by baptizing Him, we become definite sinners whose sins are not washed from our hearts. The result of incorrect knowledge leads

us to oppose the Truth that Jesus took away the sins of the world by being baptized by John and washed them away. We must turn away from all of those sins.

Satan's strategy is to prevent people from knowing that John the Baptist passed the sins of the world on to Jesus through baptism. Those who want to believe in Jesus as their Savior today must believe in the Truth that Jesus was baptized by John to bear their sins and wash them away. If you tried to believe in the Cross of Jesus alone, which omitted the work the baptism Jesus received from John, as your salvation, you would end up becoming worldly religious practitioners. You are now living as sinners because you have not known Jesus, who bore the sins of the world once and for all by being baptized by John and washed away.

All sinners are bound by their sins because they do not know why Jesus was baptized by John. You have sin in your heart and repeatedly commit sins and regret them. You claim to be Christians who believe in Jesus, but in reality, you live as sinners, indistinguishable from worldly people, committing sins daily. I hope you will not remain mere Christians in name, but become true Christians who are freed from sin by believing in Jesus' work of washing away the sins of the world through the baptism He received from John.

If you believe in Jesus' baptism by John, you will be saved from sin, but if not, the opposite will happen. We must all receive salvation by believing in the truth that Jesus removed the sins of the world by being baptized by John.

The Lord has spoken the Truth of salvation to all of us. *"From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence"* (Matthew 11:12). Because John the Baptist baptized Jesus' head in the Jordan River, the sins of this world were passed on to Jesus' body. Jesus has granted salvation

to those who want to be saved from their sins through the baptism He received from John and His blood on the Cross.

How many people are dying in wars breaking out everywhere around the world? Yet even the sins of those who commit such crimes were passed onto Jesus when He was baptized by John, bringing them salvation. All the sins of mankind were passed on to Jesus through the baptism He received from John, but many people are still trapped in their sins because they don't know this Truth. Anyone can be born again by believing in the baptism of Jesus and the shedding of His blood on the cross. However, many Christians around the world do not understand that they are able to be born again by believing in the gospel of the water and the Spirit.

Jesus said, *"From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence."* What does this mean? This means that if one wants to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, they must be washed from all their sins, and to do so, they must believe in the fact that Jesus was baptized by John. This is what Jesus meant when He said that from the days of John the Baptist, the Kingdom of Heaven has suffered violence. In other words, people can receive the remission of their sins and enter Heaven by believing in the righteous work of salvation that Jesus fulfilled through the baptism He received from John.

Jesus, Being Baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, Bore All the Sins of the World on His Body

Why did He say, “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence”?

This means that through the baptism administered by John the Baptist to Jesus, all the sins of the world were transferred to Jesus, and those who believe are rendered sinless and can enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus went to John the Baptist at the Jordan River and said, “Baptize me, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John allowed Him. As John baptized Jesus, the sins of the world were washed away. At that moment, the heavens were opened to Him, and the Spirit of God descended like a dove and a voice said, “*This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*”

Jesus took upon Himself the sins of mankind by being baptized by John. Matthew 3:13-15 records that when He received this baptism, Jesus bore the sins of the world. If Jesus had not taken away all the sins of the world through His baptism, our sins would still remain in our hearts. And sinners would have been judged for their sins. God the Father established John the Baptist as the representative of mankind to pass all of the sins of mankind on to Jesus.

“*From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*” We must understand the meaning of this scripture through the Word about the baptism that Jesus received from John. True evangelists must accurately know and believe the written word of God, and explain and testify it to the audience with faith.

Otherwise, believers will live in foolishness only believing in the Cross of Jesus. We must live by receiving the remission of sins through believing in the righteousness of Jesus.

True witnesses of the gospel must preach the Word written in both the Old and New Testaments as evidence of salvation. Only then can people realize the Truth of the remission of sins. Why do Christians go to church today? Most of them go to be saved from their sins. We serve God because we have received the remission of sins.

The true church preaches the gospel of the water and the Spirit to their congregation, leading them to receive the remission of sins through faith. The pulpit is not a place for preachers to boast of their own righteousness. When standing at the pulpit, the preacher must testify to the Truth of God's Word — the gospel of water and the Spirit.

And we must sit before God's servants who testify to the Word of God and receive salvation from our sins by listening to the Word they preach. True preachers proclaim God's will through the Word of God that is read during worship services.

“For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.” Before the birth of Jesus, the prophets who lived in the Old Testament era foretold the coming of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament is divided into the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings. The Old Testament prophesied that Jesus would come to this world and save sinners from their sins.

In Matthew 1 in the New Testament, God said, *“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.”* This referred to Jesus Christ being born on this earth as the Savior through the body of Mary. Many prophets in the Old Testament prophesied that Jesus would be born on this earth as the Savior through the body of the virgin Mary. It is written in Matthew 1:23, *“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and*

bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

Six months before Jesus was conceived in the Virgin Mary, John the Baptist was conceived in the womb of Elizabeth, the wife of Zechariah. And when Jesus turned 30, He went to John the Baptist to receive baptism from him. Through the baptism He received from John, Jesus bore all the sins of mankind once and for all on His body. In other words, Jesus was baptized by John to accept all the sins of every sinner in this world once and for all.

By believing in the work of Jesus’ baptism and the work of John the Baptist as recorded in the Bible, we can be washed from our sins and receive salvation. Additionally, in Matthew 11, when John sent his disciples to ask Jesus, *“Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”* we must understand that John did this to lead his disciples to Jesus.

When John’s disciples came and asked Jesus, He told them, *“Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.”* Jesus then went on to say that John the Baptist was greater than all the prophets of the Old Testament who lived on earth, and that *“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.”* The Bible records that when John the Baptist baptized Jesus, he passed the sins of the world onto Jesus.

It is written, *‘As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a*

prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.’ Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force”’ (Matthew 11:7-12).

The Lord Sent John the Baptist to This Earth According to His Promise in Malachi

<p><i>What is the connection between John the Baptist’s ministry and Jesus’ ministry?</i></p>
<p><i>John the Baptist baptized Jesus, passing on all the sins of the world to Him, and Jesus took on all the sins of the world by receiving baptism.</i></p>

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse” (Malachi 4:5-6). In the Old Testament, the Lord God said He would send His servant Elijah and punish those who would not listen to him. And, in the New Testament, Jesus said that John the Baptist was the one who came in the spirit of Elijah. The Lord testified that John the Baptist was “*he is Elijah who is to come.*” Moreover, the Bible records that John the Baptist passed the sins of the world onto the body of Jesus by baptizing Him (Matthew 3:15-17). The Lord says we must believe that John the Baptist’s ministry was deeply connected to Jesus’

ministry.

However, many people are not willing to believe in their hearts the Truth of salvation through the work of John the Baptist and Jesus, even when they hear it, because they believe the evil teachings spread by false teachers. False teachers today regard John the Baptist as someone who gave up following Jesus and treat him as a traitor to the faith. As a result, many Christians now ignore the work of John the Baptist. We must now believe in the Truth that Jesus bore all the sins of mankind through the baptism he received through the work of John the Baptist.

We must understand that when we believe in our hearts the baptism Jesus received from John, exactly as recorded in the Scriptures, we will receive salvation. Jesus testified that John the Baptist was greater than all the prophets of the Old Testament and that He could bear the sins of the world by being baptized by John. Jesus also testified about John the Baptist, saying *“Among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist.”*

Jesus became the Savior of humanity by eliminating all the sins of the world once and for all. This was because He received baptism from John the Baptist, the greatest among those born of women, and thus bore all those sins upon Himself. Therefore, we must now receive salvation by believing that Jesus, who was baptized by John the Baptist and bore the sins of the world, was judged in our place on the cross and shed His blood to eliminate all our sins. John the Baptist was the representative of humanity who passed the sins of the world on to Jesus. We must receive salvation by believing in the ministries of both John the Baptist and Jesus. We must not ignore John the Baptist.

We must reach salvation by accepting in our hearts the work of John the Baptist and the work of Jesus' baptism that saved mankind from the sins of the world. Otherwise, we must

know that our souls may stumble. We must glorify God by believing in Jesus, who was baptized by John, as our Savior. We have had sin in our hearts until now because we did not know the work of Jesus and John the Baptist. We could not become children of God because we had sin in our hearts. We must live by having our sins washed away by knowing and believing in our hearts the work of the baptism that Jesus received from John.

We must not let the baptism of Jesus and His sacrificial bloodshed on the Cross be in vain. If you want to believe in Jesus as your Savior in your heart, you must believe, as it is written in the Old and New Testaments, that Jesus saved us by being baptized by John and by being judged for our sins with His crucifixion. We must believe in the Truth of the gospel of the water and the Spirit. We must believe in the Truth of the gospel of the water and the Spirit because the Word of God is the Truth of salvation itself.

In my mission school class, I always tell students to ask questions. If there is anything unclear about today's sermon, I urge you to ask. Then you can receive answers to your questions, and that's when your faith grows. You need to understand why Jesus said, *"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"* (John 8:32). You and I must know and believe that the Words of Jesus recorded in the Bible are true. That is why He said, *"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

The real Truth is that Jesus bore all the sins of the world once and for all by being baptized by John. Jesus is the Savior who accepted the sins of the world through the baptism He received from John, and was judged for all our sins once and for all by being crucified in our place. This is the true Word of the gospel. Our sins are washed away when we believe that the baptism Jesus Christ received from John is the true act of bearing

our sins. We can enter Heaven by receiving the remission of sins in our hearts through faith in the gospel Word of the water and the Spirit.

The Kingdom of Heaven prepared by God is entered through faith in the gospel of the water and the Spirit. We all must take Heaven by force through faith in the work of Jesus. Though we are full of shortcomings, we can enter Heaven, which is only granted to those who have received the remission of sins, through faith in Jesus' righteous work. Because Jesus accepted our sins through the baptism He received from John, was judged for them in our place, and rose from the dead, we are saved through faith. This means we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven through faith that Jesus Christ has become our Savior.

I pray to God that you all may receive this blessing of salvation through faith. The Lord has made it possible for us, though we are full of shortcomings and weaknesses, to enter Heaven by faith. The Lord has given us the blessing of faith that enables us to enter Heaven. Therefore, we must believe that God has become our Savior. Hallelujah! ☒

SERMON 8

We Can Be Saved --- **by Believing in the Work** --- **of the Baptism Jesus Received** --- **and the Shedding** --- **of His Blood**



The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).

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We Can Be Saved by Believing in the Work of the Baptism Jesus Received and the Shedding of His Blood

< Isaiah 53:4-10 >

“Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His

seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.”

I want to ask this question: Are the churches that exist in this world today properly fulfilling their functions? To properly fulfill the function of the church as described in the Bible, the church must be a place that testifies to the salvation work of Jesus Christ, enabling people to receive the remission of sins in their hearts. It must also fulfill the role of salt in the world. To do so, the church of God must be able to wash away all the sins committed by Adam’s descendants by testifying to the righteous work of Jesus Christ. People can then hear the gospel Word of the water and the Spirit preached by the church of God and receive the remission of sins in their hearts through faith.

The churches that exist today in the 21st century must be a place that presents to people the Word of the baptism that the Lord received and the Word of His sacrifice on the Cross. In other words, they must fulfill the role of guiding people to wash away their sins through faith by testifying to the Word of the baptism Jesus Christ received from John. However, unfortunately, unlike the Early Church, most churches today are not able to fulfill the work of spreading the gospel of water and the Holy Spirit.

Today’s churches have lost the true gospel Word that the apostles of the Early Church believed, which has made them prey to spiritual frauds. As a result, they have come to preach only false doctrines, having lost the gospel Word of salvation. Here, spiritual frauds refer to those who preach only Jesus’ blood on the Cross, excluding the work that He took upon the sins of the world by being baptized by John. They are especially taking advantage of their congregation’s material possessions, time,

and devotion. They are using the Cross of Jesus as a front to rob your soul and material.

They deceive their congregation spiritually in the name of Jesus, so their naive followers have become their prey. They are not those who have met the Lord and been born again. They spread lies to believers in Jesus and satisfy only their fleshly desires within their denomination.

The true Church of God must be able to cleanse people's hearts of sin. The Church of God must be able to heal those who have been wounded in their hearts by committing sins in the world.

Have You Believed the Gospel That Jesus Took Upon the Sins of the World by Being Baptized by John?

<p><i>Have you only believed in Jesus who was crucified on the Cross?</i></p>

<p><i>If so, you are merely practitioners of worldly religion.</i></p>
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Today, you must consider whether you are merely religious people who believe only in the Cross of Jesus, or if you are believers who live having been cleansed of your sins through faith in the baptism Jesus received from John and His blood on the Cross. You must think about whether you are mistaken in thinking that you have been cleansed of your sins by believing only in Jesus, who was crucified and shed His blood as your Savior. Such people claim to have been saved from their sins by faith in the blood of Jesus, but in reality, they are still living in this world as sinners due to the sin that remains in their hearts. These individuals have never once heard the Word of the Lord

who took on the sins of the world by being baptized by John and cleansed your sins; therefore, they continue to live as sinners.

If you believe in Jesus as your Savior but still remain sinners, how pitiful you must be! Those who have sin in their hearts are sinners who have never truly met Jesus.

Today, Christians seek to resolve their sins through prayers of repentance. Those who hold this belief think that the blood Jesus shed on the Cross has cleansed them of their sins. However, after repenting and as time passes, they realize that sin still remains in their hearts and they are still sinners. If you are living a life of faith by believing only in the blood of Jesus who was crucified, you must truly meet and believe in Jesus Christ who came in water and blood to receive true cleansing of sins.

If you believe in Jesus as your Savior but still have sin remaining in your heart, how can you claim before God that you are not a sinner? If you are living as a sinner with sin still in your heart despite believing in Jesus, you must encounter and believe in the gospel of the water and the Spirit recorded in the Word of Jesus to be cleansed of your sins. When you meet and believe in the Lord who washed away the sins of the world by being baptized by John, you will be cleansed of your sins.

If you have believed only in the blood of Jesus on the Cross and thought you could be sanctified through your own efforts, put aside that belief for a moment and seek to meet the truth of the Word where Jesus was baptized by John and cleansed the sins of the world. If you are currently trying to be saved by believing only in Jesus who was crucified, how can salvation be accomplished? You must meet the one who leads to the door of salvation, and also become someone who encounters and believes in the gospel of the water and the Spirit.

If you desire to be sanctified through your efforts, you must understand the mystery of the baptism that the Lord received and

have your sins washed away by faith in order to fulfill that desire. You must know how weak and insufficient you are. You must also realize that you have a sinful nature that inevitably leads you to sin, and understand that the Lord is your Savior who washes away your sins through the Word of the baptism He received from John.

We must live by relying on the gospel Word of the water and the Spirit that the Lord has given us while living in this world. You and I must know that we are weak and insufficient, unable to avoid sinning. Therefore, we must have the faith that learns and believes in the Word of the Lord's baptismal ministry, through which Jesus took on all our sins by being baptized by John. It is then that you will encounter the path to having your sins washed away.

Now, you and I must know and believe that Jesus is the One who has washed away all our sins once and for all. We must understand that the doctrine of sanctification taught by the denominations in this world is merely a vain doctrine that cannot be achieved without faith in the work of Jesus. When the Lord sees you who believe in such Christian doctrines and strive for them, He considers you as lost sheep.

If you acknowledge before the Lord that you are lost sheep, you must meet Jesus who was baptized by John to take on the sins of the world, was crucified, and rose from the dead. You and I must become those who receive the remission of sins by believing in the Lord who took on the sins of the world by being baptized by John and was crucified to save us all.

Jesus Was Baptized by John the Baptist

Why was Jesus baptized?

It was to take upon Himself the sins of the world once and for all.

Jesus Christ, at the age of 30, was baptized by John in the Jordan River to bear the sins of the world (Matthew 3:13-17). He took upon the sins of the world by being baptized by John, and through His crucifixion and resurrection, He has eternally resolved the sins of those who seek to be born again. We can receive eternal remission of sins by believing in the work of Jesus Christ who came into this world.

We lived as instruments of Satan because of our sins. However, we must understand that the only One who has saved us from our sins and has made us righteous is Jesus Christ, our Savior. Jesus is the Savior who came to this earth to save all sinners from the sins of this world and make them born again through the baptism He received. Jesus accepted the sins of the world by being baptized, was crucified, rose from the dead, and has thereby become the eternal Savior for those who believe in Him.

Therefore, we must have hope that all our sins can be washed away through faith in the baptism Jesus received from John and His blood on the Cross. The Lord wants us to be washed away from all our sins.

Today's scripture reading from Isaiah 53:4 says, "*Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.*" In this verse, we can encounter Jesus Christ who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows. This passage shows us that our Lord took

upon the sins of mankind once and for all through the baptism He received from John, and consequently was crucified, shed His precious blood, and rose from the dead.

Jesus was baptized by John to take on the sins of the world and save all sinners from the sins of the world. And He was crucified, shed His blood, rose from the dead, and has become the Savior of you and me who believe in Him now. This means that Jesus has become the eternal Savior for those who believe in this true Word of salvation.

God created the heavens and the earth with His Word, and on the sixth day, He created man and placed him in the Garden of Eden. However, Adam and Eve sinned against God because they lacked faith in the Word of God. We should remember that before they sinned, they lived in an intimate relationship with God.

However, Adam and Eve were tempted by Satan and sinned against God, and thus their communication with God was severed. This was because they ate the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, which God had forbidden, creating a barrier of sin between God and humankind. As a result, sin, which is contrary to God's holiness, entered their hearts, and they were ultimately driven out of the Garden of Eden.

From this time forward, Adam's descendants were born as sinners with twelve kinds of sinful nature inherited from their parents. In this way, they became sinners who always committed sins while living in this world.

When Did God Plan Salvation for Mankind?

Did God plan salvation before man was created?

Yes, this salvation was to be fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

So, sinners before God desperately needed a Savior who would save them from all their sins. They must now listen to the work of the baptism of Jesus and the shedding of His blood to accept the salvation He has given in our hearts.

God the Father had a plan of salvation to make His Son, Jesus Christ, the sacrificial offering for our sins. God created human beings in His image from the beginning of creation. And the Triune God wanted to make those who believe that Jesus washed away the sins of the world through the baptism He received from John and was crucified into God's people. The salvation that God the Father wanted to achieve was for His Son Jesus Christ to take upon Himself and wash away the sins of the world by being baptized by John, to be crucified, and to be resurrected from the dead. In God's salvation, the baptism that Jesus received from John and His blood on the cross was planned. This plan was made to make sinners into the people of God.

God created humans in His own image. After Adam and Eve sinned against God, He ordained that all people would be born as sinners, inheriting 12 kinds of sin in their hearts from birth (Mark 7:20-23). He also planted in people's hearts a desire for holiness and eternity like His own.

When all people became sinners, God the Father had decided to provide salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. God the Father wanted to fulfill His will by having His Son Jesus take upon Himself the sins of this world through being baptized by John, and by having Him be crucified, shed His blood, and be

resurrected from death. And He has granted the gift of eternal salvation in the hearts of those who believe in the baptism that His Son Jesus Christ received from John and His shedding of blood on the Cross.

God the Father allowed all who believe in the saving work of His Son, Jesus Christ, to receive true salvation. God clothed those who believe in the righteous work of Jesus Christ with true salvation.

God, having compassion for sinners, intended to become the Savior for those who believe in the Word of Truth that saves from all sins. That is why He had His Son Jesus be baptized by John to take on the sins of the world, be crucified, and be resurrected from death.

God made Jesus Christ the sacrificial offering for our sins, for us who became sinners by transgressing before God.

Jesus Took Upon the Sins of Mankind Once and for All Through the Baptism He Received From John

<i>Why did Jesus have to be baptized by John?</i>
<i>It was to bear the sins of the world on His own body.</i>

It is written in Matthew 3:15, ‘*Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him.*’ Jesus said to John, “By being baptized by you, I will take upon myself the sins of the world, and this will become the righteous act of washing away all sins.”

The baptism that Jesus received from John was an act through which God passed our sins on to the body of Jesus. It

was for Jesus to take on the sins of the world once and for all through the baptism He received from John so that He could be crucified and bear the condemnation for our sins in our place. Jesus was baptized by John, crucified on the Cross, and rose from the dead to become the Savior for those of us, the believers. All of this happened because God wanted to save us from the sins of the world. It was an act to complete God's merciful love for us.

Jesus obeyed God the Father's plan of salvation to save us from the sins of the world by bearing the sins of the world through the baptism He received from John in the Jordan River, being crucified on the Cross, and rising from the dead. When Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, He said, "*For thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*" Thus, by receiving the baptism from John, Jesus took upon Himself the sins of the world once and for all, and then by being crucified on the Cross, shedding His precious blood, and rising from the dead, He became the Savior for those of us who believe now.

The baptism Jesus received from John was His fulfillment of God's work to bear and cleanse the sins of mankind. God had His Son Jesus be baptized by John, be crucified, shed His blood, rise from the dead, thus He granted eternal remission of sins to those who believe in this Truth. The Lord has become our Savior by taking all our sins upon Himself through His baptism and bearing punishment for our sins in His own body in our place.

It Was an Angel Who Challenged God's Authority

<i>Do both angels and human beings have free will?</i>
<i>Yes, they do.</i>

The fallen angel who rebelled against God is Satan as we know him today. You may then ask where in the Scripture the fallen angel is recorded. It is written in Isaiah 14:11-15 of the Old Testament: *“Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, And the sound of your stringed instruments; The maggot is spread under you, And worms cover you. How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.”* The Lord said He would punish the fallen angel.

Here in verse 11, *“Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, And the sound of your stringed instruments.”* God created angels to praise Him, but this one fell and became a sinner. And in verse 11, God said to him, *“Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, And the sound of your stringed instruments.”* The *“stringed instruments”* mentioned here were used to praise God, and God said that he fell to Sheol along with these instruments. This verse shows that the angel praised God’s glory beside the throne of Him. He had praised God’s glory by playing instruments, but he rebelled and was cast down to Sheol.

That angel incited his fellow angels to become adversaries of God. God decided to cast them down to Hades along with the harps they used. God prepared Hades to judge the sins of the angels who opposed Him and the people who were deceived by them. And He resolved to cast them into Hades along with the angels. The fact that God cast those who opposed Him into Hades is a message that still applies to us humans today.

“And the sound of your stringed instruments.” The fallen

angels were forced to stop what they were doing. We must realize that God has prepared Sheol and is waiting for those fallen ones who claim that salvation exists in all religions of the world today. They do not fear the Almighty God and think of Him irreverently; they cannot escape God's judgment. You must not forget that if you ignore the Almighty God and His Word and take them vainly, you will fall into the Sheol He has prepared.

Do you believe there exists another savior in the universe besides Jesus Christ who came to this earth? God is the One who lives forever and is worthy of all praise. However, if created beings think and believe that there is someone other than Jesus who can save mankind from sin, they will stand before God's judgment seat and be judged for their sins. They must realize that their thoughts and actions are sins before God, turn away from them, and return to God by believing in His righteousness and the Truth of salvation He has given.

Otherwise, you will sit in the same place of destruction as the fallen angel. God said to the fallen angel, *"The maggot is spread under you, And worms cover you. How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!"* Lucifer means a bright star in the sky. It refers to one who praised God in heaven. However, this angel, in his pride, coveted God's glory and position, and as a result, was cursed by God.

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" Why did the angels who lived in glorious Heaven, praising God, fall into Sheol? It was because they did not believe in God's holiness and justice, and instead harbored thoughts of becoming God themselves. They also caused man, whom God had created, to fall into sin and become God's adversaries, and thus came under the just curse prepared by God.

Those Who Do Not Accept the Righteous Works of Jesus in Their Hearts Are Arrogant

<i>Who is arrogant before God?</i>
<i>They are those who do not believe in the Word of God.</i>

Even today, people do not want to believe in the Truth that Jesus, the Savior of sinners, took upon Himself the sins of the world by being baptized by John in the Jordan River, was crucified and condemned for them in our place, and has thereby saved those who believe. Such people will ultimately stand under the righteous judgment of God. God says His judgment awaits those who oppose the Word of salvation He wants to give. God's judgment is righteous. It is written in Romans 6:23: "*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*"

Living in this world, we commit many sins, and those will surely be judged. Therefore, God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ to John to be baptized and bear the sins of the world, so that those who believe can be washed from their sins. Jesus took upon Himself the sins of the world once and for all when He was baptized by John, and then was crucified, shedding His precious blood to save all sinners from the sins of the world once and for all. We have come to understand that God gives true salvation to those who believe this Word of salvation in their hearts. We must know and believe that the Lord's work of salvation for us is the genuine Truth of salvation.

We must realize that God's righteous judgment awaits those who do not believe that the baptism Jesus received from John and His shedding of blood on the Cross was the work of salvation to wash away our sins. We must believe that God

considers such people as those who oppose His righteousness and will judge them accordingly. We must recognize that although God is the God of love, He will punish those who do not accept and believe in the love of salvation that God has given to mankind.

God the Father has fulfilled the work of saving us from the sins of the world once and for all through His Son, Jesus Christ. God the Father planned to give eternal salvation to believers through the baptism Jesus received from John and His shedding of blood. Jesus granted the blessing of becoming children of God to those who believe in the work of the baptism He received from John and His shedding of blood. God the Father granted true salvation to those who believe in the Truth of salvation Jesus fulfilled through His baptism and blood on the Cross. However, He said that those who do not accept in their hearts, but instead oppose the Truth of salvation (that Jesus Christ was baptized by John and shed His blood on the Cross), will be treated as sinners forever.

Our God is holy, and He wants us to acknowledge the order He has established, obey His Word, and live a life of glory that He gives us with faith. On the other hand, God has determined to judge the sins of those who unite with the arrogant angel. The fallen angel tried to take God's glory for himself, but God ensured that he could not escape the judgment for his sin.

Those who do not believe in God's righteous love will be cast into hell along with the fallen angels. Thus, the most arrogant angels among God's creatures, together with their followers, have become God's enemies and are destined for destruction. Attempting to tempt humans into becoming like themselves, the arrogant angels have become unable to escape God's judgment. How dare angels, mere creations of God, covet God's throne! Indeed, it is fitting that they receive God's

judgment and suffer eternally.

Through the prophet Isaiah, we can see God cast out the angels who opposed Him from heaven. In this way, we have examined why Satan came into being and what happens to those who side with him. The lesson we can learn from this Truth is that if we become like the fallen angels, we will be destroyed along with them.

Who Is the Ministry of Jesus For?

<p><i>Was the baptism of Jesus to bear our sins and transgressions?</i></p>
<p><i>Yes. Jesus bore the sins of the world through His baptism.</i></p>

It is written in Isaiah 53:5-6, “*But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*”

As prophesied in Isaiah 53, in the New Testament era, Jesus took upon Himself the sins of the world by being baptized by John in the Jordan River, was crucified, rose from the dead, and thus became the Savior who has delivered from sin those who believe in this Truth.

Let us examine the ministry of Jesus recorded in Matthew 3:13-17. We must understand and believe why Jesus had to be baptized by John, shed His blood on the Cross, and rise from the dead. To be saved from our sins, we must have faith in Jesus’ ministry based on the Word of God.

‘Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”’ (Matthew 3:13-17).

In Matthew 3:13-17, it is shown that Jesus could wash away our sins by accepting the sins of this world through the baptism He received from John. Bearing the sins of the world through the baptism received from John, Jesus was crucified and shed His precious blood, thus granting salvation to those who believe in this righteous work. And He rose from the dead and became the Savior of all who now believe in His merciful love.

We must pay attention to the fact that in the New Testament era, Jesus took on the sins of this world and washed them away by being baptized by John. If Jesus had not been baptized to bear the world’s sins and shed His blood on the Cross, He would not have been able to pay off the wages of our sins. We must now believe in the work of Jesus to reach salvation from all our sins.

The name ‘Jesus Christ’ means the King of kings, the High Priest of Heaven, and the Prophet. This Jesus came as the Savior of mankind to fulfill his ministry and took upon himself the sins of the world. Jesus Christ bore the sins of the world by being baptized by John, was crucified and died, and rose from the dead to complete the work of salvation to become the Savior of sinners. We must wash away our sins through faith in this amazing work of salvation where our Lord took upon the sins of the world by being baptized by John. And, we must live by faith

before God, believing that Jesus was judged for our sins in our place by being crucified and became our Savior.

The prophet Isaiah prophesied in 700 BC that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, would be born on this earth. He knew that Jesus Christ would be baptized by John to take upon Himself the sins of the world, and that He would be crucified and shed His blood to bear the punishment for our sins in our place. Thus, he, foreseeing in faith the work of the baptism Jesus received from John and His Cross, prophesied: *“He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth”* (Isaiah 53:7).

The book of Isaiah contains the prophecy of the prophet Isaiah, who foresaw the work of salvation that Jesus would fulfill. By receiving baptism from John, Jesus took upon His own body the sins of the world, thereby bearing the shame of sin that sinners should have endured. And Jesus, who bore the sins of the world, was able to complete all the work of salvation by being crucified, shedding His blood, and dying on the Cross (Matthew 11:12, 3:13-15).

I urge you to deeply consider and believe in your hearts the ministry of Jesus, who took upon the sins of human beings by being baptized by John. Anyone who believes in this gospel of the water and the Spirit can be saved from their sins through faith in the real Truth of salvation.

The work of salvation that Jesus carried out when He came to this earth by being baptized by John and being crucified was possible because Jesus obeyed and submitted to the will of His Father God, like a lamb before its shearer. Jesus determined to accept the sins of mankind and bear the judgment of these sins in our place during His 33 years of life.

Jesus was able to say *“It is finished”* on the Cross because

He had taken on and washed away the sins of the world by being baptized by John to fulfill His ministry. If Jesus had refused to be baptized by John, the sins of you and me who now believe in Jesus as our Savior would have accumulated like mountains in our hearts. Then, even though we believed in Jesus as our Savior, we would not have had our sins washed away. Our hearts would have been filled only with God's judgment. And the fear of our sins would have consumed us.

But Jesus, like a sheep before its shearer, obeyed the will of God the Father. Jesus was baptized by John and crucified as our sacrificial offering to become the Savior of all sinners. Therefore, we can receive the remission of our sins by believing in the work of Jesus being baptized by John and the work of shedding His blood on the Cross.

We who live in this present age must be washed from our sins by believing in the work of the baptism Jesus received from John to save me and you from the sins of the world. I believe that this is the faith of the gospel of water and the Spirit God has given us. Jesus took the sins of the world upon His body by being baptized by John to accomplish the salvation of all sinners. Then, He was crucified, shedding His precious blood, and rose from the dead, and has become the Savior to all who believe in His ministry of salvation that saved sinners. We must be saved by believing in our hearts the Truth of salvation — that God the Father planned and His Son, Jesus Christ, sacrificed Himself to blot out our sins.

It is written in Isaiah 53:8-10, *“He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the*

Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.”

Many People Try to Wash away Their Sins Through Prayers of Repentance

<p><i>Is it right to wash away one’s sins through prayers of repentance?</i></p>
<p><i>No. One must wash one’s sins through faith in the baptism Jesus received from John.</i></p>

Human beings’ sins cannot be washed away through prayers of repentance. Some people teach that one can cleanse one’s sins against God through prayers of repentance. They must realize that they are mistaken due to their lack of proper knowledge about the work of Jesus who was baptized by John and washed away the sins of the world. As we know, the leaders of the Early Church washed away their sins through faith in the baptism Jesus received from John. The saints of the Early Church also believed in the baptism of Jesus. Like this, the people of the Early Church were saved by believing in Jesus as their Savior, who took on the sins of the world through His baptism by John, was crucified, and rose from the dead. However, within Christianity, there was an incident where the Truth of the gospel, which the saints of the Early Church believed in, was lost.

In AD 325, the Roman Emperor Constantine corrupted the gospel Word believed by the disciples of Jesus in the Early

Church. The gospel that the apostles and saints of the Early Church believed was that Jesus is the Savior, who took upon the sins of the world by being baptized by John, was crucified, and rose from the dead. However, Roman Emperor Constantine summoned the religious council to create the Nicene Creed, also known as the ‘Apostles’ Creed’, and within its content, the Truth that Jesus received the baptism from John to wash away the sins of the world was excluded. They completed the ‘Apostles’ Creed’ and officially recognized it as the faith of the apostles.

They held the religious council to create a syncretic religion and formulated the ‘Apostles’ Creed’, omitting the Truth that Jesus was baptized by John to wash away the sins of the world. They then proclaimed it to people in the emperor’s name. The Apostles’ Creed they announced only recorded Jesus who shed blood on the Cross, rose from the dead, ascended, and will come again. However, they left out the gospel Word that Jesus took upon the sins of the world by being baptized by John and washed away the sins of those who believe in this. They only recorded and proclaimed Jesus on the Cross in the Apostles’ Creed. They caused those who would believe in Jesus, from that time forward, to commit a grave error.

After AD 325, Emperor Constantine made it impossible for any church, Catholic or Protestant, to believe in the gospel Word that Jesus took upon himself the sins of the world by being baptized by John. As a result, believers today have come to know only the crucified Jesus as their Savior.

The Apostles’ Creed thus has omitted the ministry of Jesus’ baptism, making it difficult for many people in both Catholic and Protestant churches today to know about it even though they want to. Consequently, they have led people to believe only in the crucified Jesus as their Savior. In this way, those who created the Apostles’ Creed caused the gospel Word of the water and the

Spirit to be removed from our faith - the Word in which Jesus was baptized by John to wash away the sins of the world once and for all.

They must now admit their wrongdoings and testify in faith to the gospel Word of the water and the Spirit that the Lord took upon Himself the sins of the world and washed them away by being baptized by John. They must confess their sins before God, be converted, and believe in the true gospel of the remission of sins, through which Jesus bore the sins of the world and cleansed them through His baptism received from John. By doing so, they too can be saved from their sins.

Many Christians living in the 21st century do not know the Truth that Jesus washed away the sins of the world by being baptized by John. So they are exhausted and collapsing while trying to wash away their sins through their own prayers of repentance. Today's church leaders live with honor and wealth, but their congregations remain sinners who cannot receive the remission of sins. Because their teachings do not contain the Truth that Jesus washed away the sins of the world by being baptized by John, their members are living as sinners even though they believe in Jesus. Even though they believe in Jesus, they have not been able to receive the salvation and blessing of the remission of sins in their hearts.

However, we can now all escape from the trap of Satan's deception and return to the gospel Word of baptism, where the Lord took upon Himself our sins and washed them away, and receive the remission of sins by faith. We can now be cleansed even of our transgressions. We can receive the remission of sins by believing in the Word of the baptism Jesus received from John and the Cross as our salvation.

Today, God's church is preaching the gospel truth that Jesus took on and washed away the sins of the world, and all

who believe in this can receive the removal of their sins and praise God. Now, all those who believe in Jesus around the world must not only believe in the blood of Jesus on the Cross, but also in the ministry of Jesus who took on the sins of the world and washed them away by being baptized by John. Therefore, they must become those who have their sins washed away by God and give thanks to Him. We must pass all our sins to Jesus through faith in the baptism He received from John, and thus become those who have been washed from all our sins. Therefore, we must always rejoice before our Lord and be thankful to Him in our hearts.

I hope that you will be saved from all sins by believing in the ministry of Jesus, who bore the sins of the world by being baptized by John, rather than the Christian doctrine you have believed until now. After taking upon the sins of the world by being baptized by John, Jesus was crucified, shed His blood, rose from the dead, and thereby has become the Savior of you and me. Now we must thank the Lord because we have received the remission of sins in our hearts by believing in the baptism He received and His Cross.

This means that we must be grateful to Jesus for enabling us to receive the remission of sins in our hearts through faith in Him as the Savior who washed away the sins of the world by being baptized by John, as revealed in the Old and New Testaments.

However, today's followers of syncretic religions claim that salvation can be found in other religions besides faith in Jesus as the Savior. This is truly regrettable. They say this even though the Lord said, *"For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

Now, we must receive the removal of sins in our hearts through the gospel of the water and the Spirit, as testified in the

Old and New Testaments, to be saved from all the sins of the world. Jesus Christ received baptism from John, taking upon Himself and washing away the sins of this world, so the only thing we must do by faith is to believe in this truth. We cannot erase our sins by ourselves. Therefore, the only way we can have our sins removed is by believing that Jesus gave us salvation by taking upon Himself the sins of the world through the baptism He received from John.

The Truth that we can be saved by faith is that Jesus became our Savior by being baptized by John, crucified, and shedding His blood, and there is no other way to believe this Truth. In other words, for those who want to be saved from their sins, there is no other way than to believe in the baptism the Lord received from John and His blood on the Cross.

Jesus Christ has become our true Savior by taking upon himself and washing away the sins of this world through the work of the baptism He received from John. This ministry of salvation contained His love that He wanted to give to mankind.

Why do people today not seek to have their sins washed away by faith in Jesus' ministry of being baptized by John, even though He bore and washed away their sins through His baptism?

We must believe that Jesus Christ bore the sins of this world and washed them away by being baptized by John, was crucified, shed His blood, and rose from the dead to become the Savior of those who believe in this Truth. We must be cleansed of the sins in our hearts through faith in both the baptism the Lord received from John and His shed blood, thereby gaining the faith to enter the Lord's kingdom. Now, let us spend the rest of our lives spreading the Lord's gospel and enter His kingdom by faith.

What Is the Gospel That We Must Believe?

What is the gospel of the water and the Spirit that we must believe?

It is the gospel of the baptism Jesus received from John and the Cross.

Religious leaders living on this earth are telling you to wash away your sins only through the blood of Jesus on the Cross and the doctrine of repentance. And until now, the believers deceived by them have been trapped in the doctrines of confession and repentance, not knowing the gospel of the water and the Spirit given by the Lord. We need to understand why they cannot return to this Truth, even when they try to. I think the reason is that their leaders cannot let their followers go, as these leaders want to reign over their congregation. Their leaders regard those who believe in Jesus as their prey and are plundering their souls. Seeing this situation, my heart is filled with sorrow.

I am now telling Protestant and Catholic leaders to return to the Word of salvation of the Lord. I am telling all of them to wash away their sins by believing in the true Word that the Lord took upon the sins of the world by being baptized by John. Have you encountered and believed in the Word of Truth that Jesus accepted and washed away the sins of this world through the baptism He received from John?

We all must be washed from our sins by believing in the true gospel Word that Jesus took upon the sins of the world and cleansed them once and for all when He was baptized by John. This means we must believe that Jesus has become the Savior for all of us by bearing the sins of the world through the baptism He received from John, being crucified, and rising from the dead.

We must have our hearts cleansed of sins by believing in the true Word that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, took upon Himself the sins of the world by being baptized by John and washed them away. Many people today are deceived by Christian doctrines and fail to encounter the true gospel of the baptism that the Lord received from John. I am preaching to you the true gospel of salvation, the gospel of the water and the Spirit. I am telling you that the reason Jesus was baptized by John was to bear the sins of you and me, and I hope that you will believe this gospel Word and be saved.

Now, let us all be washed from our sins by believing in the true Word that Jesus took upon and cleansed the sins of the world through the baptism He received from John. Jesus saved you and me from the judgment of the world's sins by being baptized by John, dying on the Cross, and resurrecting from the dead. Therefore, let us believe in the Lord's work of salvation and receive the remission of sins and everlasting life.

We must have our sins washed away by believing that Jesus Christ was baptized by John to take upon Himself the sins of the world. The Truth of our remission of sins is contained in the work of salvation that Jesus fulfilled by bearing Himself the sins of the world by being baptized by John, dying on the Cross, and resurrecting from the dead.

To become the Savior of mankind, Jesus washed away our sins through the work of the baptism He received from John on this earth and the blood He shed on the Cross. So, we can be cleansed from sins once and for all and become eternal children of God by believing in the truth that Jesus bore and washed away the sins of the world through the baptism He received from John.

You are now hearing the true gospel through the Old and New Testaments, in which Jesus has saved sinners from the sins of the world. We can be saved from all our sins by hearing and

believing in the Word of the baptism and blood of Jesus, which contains His ministry. Jesus is the Lord of salvation who took upon himself the sins of the world by being baptized by John. Those who believe that Jesus' ministry of being baptized by John and shedding His blood on the Cross is their salvation, have been saved from their sin.

Now, you must believe in the Lord as our Savior, who saved us from sin by bearing Himself the sins of the world through the baptism He received from John, being crucified, shedding blood, and resurrecting from the dead. You will then have the same faith as the saints of the Early Church.

You must be washed from our sins by faith in the gospel of the water and the Spirit written in the Old and New Testaments. I urge you all to return to the Word of the Old and New Testaments and be washed from your sins by believing in Jesus as our Savior, who took upon the sins of this world through the baptism He received from John, was crucified and shed His blood, and rose from the dead.

I would like to conclude today's sermon here. I pray that you all become people of faith who believe in the Lord's work of salvation and receive God's blessings. I hope that, through the true Word of salvation given by God, you will receive eternal remission of sins in your hearts, and become God's people and His workers who glorify our Lord. Amen, Hallelujah! ☒

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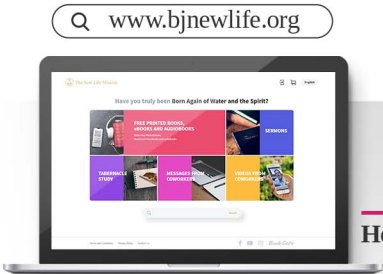
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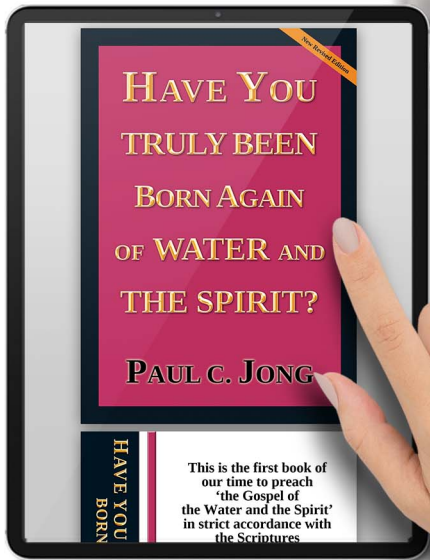
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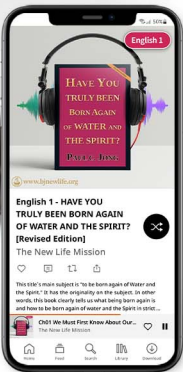


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