

John 1:29-34

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Subject: John's testimony concerning Jesus. (or) Words of wisdom from the greatest prophet that ever lived.

Theme: The work of the TRIUNE GOD in the Salvation of a Damned race.

Proposition: Do you have the baptism that is of Men? That is nice. Do you have the Baptism that is of the Holy Spirit? This is essential!

Outline:

- I. **God the Revealer.**
- II. **Christ the Revealed**
- III. **Results of the Revelation: Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

READ **JOHN 1:29-34**

This is a earthshaking statement that we have in v. 29. It is something that up to this point was not heard of nor understood.

John the apostle said in 1:17 " for the law was GIVEN by Moses but Grace and Truth CAME by Jesus Christ."

JTB had spent his ministry preaching a salvation that was wrought through repentance, cf. Lk.3:3 " preaching the baptism of REPENTANCE for the remission of sin" "Bring forth fruits worthy of repentance. **Lk. 3:8 ff.**

BUT now there is something radically different

NOW IT IS NOT AN OUTWARD HUMAN BAPTISM AND SUBSEQUENT CHANGE OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS THAT SIGNIFIES THE REPENTANCE OF THOSE WHO HEARD THE MESSAGE BUT A INWARD GODLY BAPTISM THAT RESULTS IN A CHANGE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD.

And this is a change in the relationship that all of Mankind sustains toward God. Not that all are saved but that all may be saved. **Christ did not come just to the JEW or just to the FEW BUT the Lamb of God came to take away the sin of the WORLD.**

v.30-31 Read cf. v15.

John confirms again and again the pre-existence of Christ.

30 An honest admission by JTB .

Although in 29-30 JTB knew Christ there was a time when he only knew OF CHRIST.

John's ministry was proclaiming the coming Messiah and typifying what Christ would do by Baptizing and moving men to repentance. John was righteous, faithful, and totally committed to God, BUT YET John the Baptist did not Know Christ until God the Father revealed Christ to him.

I. GOD THE REVEALOR

We mentioned in **1:14** that only certain people, ergo saved people, beheld the Glory of Christ. They were those to whom God chose to REVEAL HIM.

Not to all who saw Him, but just some.

Turn to **Math. 16:13-17**. "... flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto you, but my Father who is in heaven."

JTB did not know Christ in the flesh until God revealed Christ to him.

Indeed, no one could know the Son but the Father. **Matthew 11:27**

"all things are delivered unto me by my Father, and no man knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, except the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him."

But God first revealed Christ to a handful of men; JTB, Peter, Andrew etc., who in turn had the task of proclaiming Christ to the world so that God could be Known by men.

This is what JTB is talking about in **v. 31**.

The symbolic Baptism which John preformed was done for the purpose that Christ might be revealed, **MANIFESTED**, to Israel Paul the apostle in **Gal 1:15-16** says:

"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mothers womb, and called me by his grace, **to reveal His Son in me**, that I might preach Him among the gentiles...."

After Paul was called, Christ was **revealed IN Him**, (**regeneration** = Christ in us.) which enabled him to preach Christ to the Gentiles.

A disciple is someone who has **accepted** Jesus Christ as Savior, **yielded** to Jesus as Lord and is so **emulating** Christ in his own life that others are attracted to the Savior.

This is what Paul was. And this is how Paul revealed Christ to the gentiles **and how we are to reveal Him today**.

BUT what exactly are we to reveal?

The very thing which we have been studying in **Jn. 1:1-18**. **GOD incarnate for sinful man**.

II. CHRIST THE REVEALED

A. MEN NEED TO KNOW THAT GOD HAS COME TO THEM.

1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness: God was MANIFEST in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the nations, BELIEVED on in the world, received up into glory."

B. MEN NEED TO KNOW WHY GOD HAS COME TO THEM

>>>>> **1 Peter 1:18-19**: TURN HERE AND READ<<<<<<<<

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

It is the truth of **John 1:1-18** over and over again.

GOD COMING IN THE FLESH TO SAVE SINFUL MAN

Again in **I Jn. 1:1-2** He was with God He was MANIFESTED to us REVEALED.

1Jn 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

1Jn 1:2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

but why was He REVEALED?

Why did He leave His home in Glory.

TURN OVER 1 MORE PAGE **I JOHN 3:5** He was manifested to take away our sin.

1Jn 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

And "not only our sins but the sins of the whole world." **I Jn. 2:2.**

1Jn 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

How does He do this?

JOHN 1:29 says He is the **LAMB OF GOD**.

We saw in **I Pt. 1:19** that we are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without spot or blemish.

Rm. 3:25 says that God has "set Christ forth" (REVEALED) to be our propitiation through **FAITH IN HIS BLOOD**.

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

In other words, it is **through the DEATH of Christ and His shed BLOOD** that He accomplished that which He came to do ERGO TO TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD

Not through THE EARTHLY LIFE AND CATCHY PARABLES BUT THROUGH THE **DEATH OF CHRIST AND HIS SHED BLOOD** He has saved men from sin.

It is not conformity to His oral sayings but rather it is through acceptance of his Physical death in my place on the cross of Calvary **and the blood that takes away my sin.**

God is the Revealer of Christ to John.

John the Baptist had the task of Revealing Christ to the world.

And that which he was to reveal was that Christ was the Lamb of God who would take away the Sin of the world.

John's ministry was to show in type that ministry which Christ was to perform. 31.

And that is what we see in 32-33. THE RESULTS OF THE REVELATION.

The third point of this message was not taken up until 2 weeks late(homecoming was Sept. 7, '86, Charles Hufstetler spoke). See John 1:33-34 in directory for the third point.

III. RESULTS OF THE REVELATION: THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When you hear the word Baptism, what normally comes to mind? How about when you read the word baptism in God's Word? Do you think of water baptism?

Most people probably do. But if this is all that comes to mind, what do you think of when you read:

That there was **a baptism of Israel unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.** I Cor. 10:1-2

" moreover brethren I would not that ye should be Ignorant, that all our fathers were under the cloud and all passed through, the sea, v. 2 and all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea. v.3 and all did eat the same spiritual food..."

Or how about a passage that we looked at last week.

JTB had spent his ministry preaching a salvation that was wrought through repentance, cf. Lk.3:3 " preaching the baptism of REPENTANCE for the remission of sin"

Luk 3:3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, **preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;**

We must understand this term BAPTIZE

Primary meaning = to submerge, physical envelopment etc. (**NOT TO DIP** [bapto] IN AND OUT, ERGO THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PERMANENT.)

[Bapto is used only in Lk. 16:24 Lazarus; John 13:26 the sop; Rev 19:13 dipped in blood...; see **Isaiah 63:1-6** LXX for bapto as sprinkling!]

Bapto= "to dip" whereas **Baptidzo** = "to Immerse."

Dipping is a momentary contact involving two actions, the putting in and the taking out. Immersing implies but one action, that of putting in.

SECONDARY MEANING OF BAPTIDZO IS THE ONE MOST FREQUENTLY USED IN NT

A thing is Baptized if it is closely joined to that which exerts a determining influence over it.

ONE THING BEING BROUGHT UNDER THE TRANSFORMING POWER OR INFLUENCE OF ANOTHER THING.

"Whatever is capable of thoroughly changing the character, state, or condition of any object is capable of baptizing that object;//// and by such change of character, state or condition, does in fact baptize it."

Dr. James W. Dale.

ONE THING BEING BROUGHT UNDER THE TRANSFORMING POWER OR INFLUENCE OF ANOTHER THING.

to be Baptized unto Moses as Israel was by the **agency of the cloud and the sea** was to be brought under the authority of Moses , **not for a moment but abidingly.**

Remember, baptizing means **ONE THING BEING BROUGHT UNDER THE TRANSFORMING POWER OR INFLUENCE OF ANOTHER THING.** It was at this point in Israel's history where they came fully under the authority of Moses.

"To be baptized unto repentance is to be brought under the influence of repentance: not for a moment but abidingly." It is the total change in heart and attitude that once and for all alters our self-concept, our actions and our understanding of God. It was and is that once for all turning to God and turning away from self and sin.

What then is meant by the Baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT?

"Since by the spirit's Baptism the greatest transformations are wrought in behalf of the believer, it is to be expected that Satan, the enemy of God, will do all within his power to distract, misdirect, and confuse investigation respecting this specific ministry of the Holy Spirit."

"... this attack by Satan against the true doctrine of the H.S. may be particularly observed in three areas of doctrine,

1. the believers positions and standing in Christ,
2. his eternal security,
3. and the ground of the only effective motive for a God honoring daily life."

I COR. 12:12 -13 TURN AND READ>

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.

1Co 12:13 **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,** whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

This baptizing is **not a DIPPING** into momentarily but it is an **IMMERSION** that is permanent.

I Corinthians 12:13 " for by one Spirit were we all Baptized into one Body, whether we be Jews or Greeks, whether we be bond or free; and have all been made to drink into one Spirit."

This was written to one of the most carnal churches in the NT. They had all been once and for all Baptized in the HS.

IT IS THE PLACING OF THE BELIEVER INTO THE UNIVERSAL BODY OF CHRIST

IT CLARIFIES OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

Gal 3:27 " for as many of you as have been baptized INTO Christ have put on Christ"

US IN CHRIST

>>>>>>>>**John 14:20** <<<<<<<<<

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Baptism of H. S. is **not synonymous with REGENERATION** by H.S. which has to do with "CHRIST IN US".

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not the same as the FILLING of the Holy Spirit which is an event that may happen repeatedly in the life of a believer.

And although on occasion they may happen simultaneously they are not synonymous

The **Baptism** of the HOLY SPIRIT has to do with **US being placed IN CHRIST**.

TO BE BAPTIZED INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST IS TO COME UNDER THE POWER AND HEADSHIP OF CHRIST; IT IS TO BE JOINED UNTO THE LORD, TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH HIM TO PARTAKE OF WHAT HE IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE.

This is what **Rm. 6** is all about.

NOT FOR A MOMENT BUT UNALTERABLY AND ETERNALLY TO BE "IN" CHRIST

Not walking in the ways of Christ; nor obeying the sayings of Christ. **It is that we have been PLACED in Christ, never to be removed again**

OUR ETERNAL SECURITY

John 10:28-9 takes on a new depth of meaning when we see it rightly related to the baptizing ministry of the Holy Spirit.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, NEITHER SHALL ANY MAN PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY HAND. **V.29** My Father who gave them to me, is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my Fathers hand.

IT IS THE GROUND FOR A GOD HONORING LIFE

I Cor. 12:13 says that this is the estate of every Christian Inextricably placed into the body of Christ which is His universal Church.

ALL THAT IS DECLARED OF THE CHRISTIAN IN THE BIBLE IS BASED ON THIS "PLACING INTO:

*Escape from Judgement **Rm. 8:1**

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

*Our wisdom, RIGHTEOUSNESS, sanctification and redemption are because we are in Christ Jesus.

I Cor.1:30

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

*If we are in Christ, old things pass away all becomes new. **II Cor. 5:17+21**

*All spiritual blessings **Eph. 1:3-6**

*We are COMPLETE, ONLY IN HIM **Col. 2:9-10**

Some here today may be INCOMPLETE

INVITATION

Are you in Christ this morning? If not it is because Christ is not in you! You need to be regenerated. You need what Christ prescribed for **Nicodemus** in **Jn.3:5-6**. You need to be born of the Spirit.

This is what Christ preached. "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN." HOW? Through the regeneration of the HOLY SPIRIT placing Christ in us and the Baptizing work of the HOLY SPIRIT placing US IN CHRIST.

This is what happens when we are born again. This is the message of all the apostles, of JTB, of Paul and of every blood washed child of God. YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN. THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB THAT TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD.