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Definitions

THERE IS NO MALE OR FEMALE IN CHRIST JESUS (Gal. 3:28). Accordingly, all textual references to MALE and FEMALE point to spiritual principles, and the words MAN and MEN, as well as the pronouns, HE, HIS and HIM, include, WOMAN, WOMEN, SHE and HER.

CHRIST JESUS is the only spiritual male. Accordingly, all powers and principalities other than Christ Jesus are identified as female IN RELATION TO HIM.

The powers and principalities which have incarnated this fallen world (2 Cor. 4:4) are male IN RELATION TO FALLEN MANKIND, and female IN RELATION TO CHRIST JESUS.

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John 7:17-18

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17 If any man will do his will, he shall know
of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or
whether I speak of myself.

18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his
own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that
sent him, the same is true, and no
unrighteousness is in him. (KJV)

Editors Note

The same Greek Word, (Strong's # 4151), is translated
"Spirit and Ghost" in the King James Version. These
terms are used interchangeably.

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PROLOGUE

It is hard for believers to understand that when a preacher calls announcing a special meeting for that evening, because the Lord gave him a message and told him to preach it that day, that they really don't have a choice as to whether or not they come to hear the message.

Neither do they understand that the anointing that comes down while the message is being preached is only there for that time, so even if they get the tape later on, the original anointing will be diluted.

The Church is in a lot of ignorance that is rooted in pride. They think they can pick and choose when and where they go to Church, and do not anticipate any consequences for their lackadaisical attitude, because they go to Church when they feel like it, and their life is fine. But the issue is beyond going to Church only when they feel like it. The truth is that they choose to disregard the call of the Holy Ghost, because they think that they are in control of their own lives. What their lack of response really says, is that their carnal life takes precedence over their spiritual life.

Obviously, we all have a responsibility to our family and job, but many do not respond to the Holy Spirit because they do not feel good, or are tired. But, outside of fulfilling your obligations as a family person, and as an employee, you do not have a choice. God expects you to come when He calls you, and, if you do not come, you miss what He's doing at that moment.

It saddens me very much, but I know that God is righteous and I guess I am just a sentimental fool,

because my heart is saying, Lord they really do not understand, why do not you, somehow, by some supernatural means, help them to understand.

But He is not doing that, and in that hour when He, and whoever is with Him, appears, all those locked out, that are wailing and gnashing their teeth, are going to say, how did this happen to me?

And He is going to tell them, I called you, and this level of message that I gave at that time would have built such and such a level of Christ in you. And the message that I gave on another occasion, would have built that level of Christ in you, but you missed the first two years, and even if you came a few times the third year, you didn't submit to enough ministry for Christ in you to mature enough for you to enter into perfection at this time. I did my part. I provided the ministry, but you just didn't come. There are going to be a lot of really shocked people around.

Many people do not believe me, but it's true anyhow. You are very blessed that you heard the call of the Lord and are hungry for the Word of God.

Many people out there are jaded. They do not care whether they learn or not. I used to get angry, but I am not angry any more. I am just sad, but there is nothing I can do about it.

The Lord has been letting Christians that follow after their own mind go their own way for many years now. This is the Lord's business, and the reality of the Kingdom. Jesus will call and call, but people are deceived as to the seriousness of their disobedience, because judgment doesn't fall for a long time.

There were 250,000 people in Central Park to hear a basic salvation message. They bought T-shirts, and popcorn, and made a carnival out of it. I am not saying that it didn't do some good, but emphasizing that when the call to move on to perfection sounds, very few Christians, compared to the numbers in Central Park, are

here.

But if you are honest with yourself, that's the reality of the Scriptures. Jesus said they wouldn't come when He called them.

Father, I ask that you help me to bring forth this message because, despite all the hours I put in, I really didn't have enough time, and my notes are not as I would like them to be. I pray that you help me to bring it forth Lord, that you bless it, and that you open the ears of the hearer. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

The Lord gave me a message on the different types of baptism today, which answers questions that I've been asking for a long time.

For example, a lot of Christians think that if you do not have the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues, you do not have a relationship with Jesus. But I have observed many people, Baptists for example, that have faith in God and a very real relationship with Jesus Christ, but do not speak in tongues. I see the Lord moving in their lives.

I heard one preacher say that if you have faith in Jesus Christ, that is the baptism with the Holy Ghost. A lot of people in denominations that reject speaking in tongues will tell you that they have the Holy Ghost.

The Jehovah's Witnesses say that they have the Holy Ghost. I've been praying about this for years, and now the Lord has shown me that the Scripture speaks about something called the *Baptism with Faith in Jesus Christ*.

The Lord told me several years ago, that there is a relationship with God that is based upon the faith of mortal man's carnal mind. I couldn't find it in the Scripture at that time, but He has showed it to me now.

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Three Stages of Baptism For The Carnal Mind

(1) Baptism with water, which establishes a relationship between the individual and Jesus Christ,

(2) Baptism with the Holy Spirit, which imparts the power to conceive Christ, who can overcome the carnal mind, and

(3) Baptism with Fire, which imparts power to the personality to prefer Christ over the carnal mind.

Christ Jesus is the spiritual fire who consumes the sin nature that is holding the personality captive, so this Baptism is also called the **Baptism into Christ**, or **putting on Christ**.

Two Stages of Holy Spirit Baptism

Baptism with the Holy Spirit comes in two stages,

(1) **Receiving the Holy Ghost** and
(2) **The Baptism with the Holy Ghost**.

The apostles who were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and spoke in OTHER TONGUES had a **measure** of the Holy Spirit that tongue-talking believers in the Church today do not have.

I've been praying about this for a long time. I said Lord, everybody that I know that has the Holy Spirit speaks in tongues, but I do not hear anybody saying, that's Greek, or that's Russian. We have interpretation of tongues, but that is a spiritual interpretation, not a translation. I have never seen anyone walk into the Church and say, that's Serbian, or whatever their language may be.

COMMENT: My tongues were recognized as Aramaic once.

PASTOR VITALE: Well, praise the Lord. This is not typical. Did it happen to you once or many times?

COMMENT: Only one time.

PASTOR VITALE: A one-time experience indicates that a special gift came upon you, on that one occasion, to accomplish God's specific purpose.

Even if you were to experience speaking in **other tongues** all the time, it would still be unusual for today's believers. I do not see the average believer speaking in tongues, with other people witnessing that those tongues are a known language.

We are given a prayer language when we receive the Holy Ghost, and this PRAYER LANGUAGE type of tongues, seems to be the tongues that are prevalent today.

The Curse Upon Babel Reversed In The Holy Spirit

There are two manifestations of Baptism with the Holy Spirit, one greater and one lesser. One with more power and the other with less power. The one with more power was poured out upon the apostles as a witness to men everywhere, that the curse of Babel was being reversed.

God cursed mankind at Babel, which resulted in his being divided into many carnal minds, many human bodies, many different nationalities, and many different colors. God also divided him in his thinking and in his language, which produced different cultures.

This is why each of an assortment of ethnic groups can have radically different cultures. You can find yourself in a lot of trouble if you go from one country to another without a revelation of the local customs and, in particular, their view of morality.

So, man was divided at the Tower of Babel. He was divided in his flesh through the color of his flesh, and he was divided in his speech, and in his language.

The difference between **speech** and **language** is that one communicates with a particular **spoken language**, such as French, Russian, or English, but **speech** refers to the **thought** that produces the language. So you and I can have the same **speech** if we are thinking the same thought, while speaking different **languages**, such as English, and French.

Man was divided in **language**, and he was also divided in his **speech** at the Tower of Babel, setting different ethnic groups one against the other.

What is the witness of that curse in the world today? Countries and individuals all over the world are still waging war and fighting against each other.

The apostles stood up and spoke in the native tongues of men from all over the world, and the men who heard them

understood what the apostles were saying in their own language.

This event was an announcement and a witness, that the curse of Babel was reversed for everyone who is Baptized with the Holy Ghost. Now, all men of all nations, languages, speech, and ethnic backgrounds will hear and understand the Word of the Lord when it is spoken.

But, here is no witness to this great event in the Church today. We babble a little in some UNKNOWN TONGUES in Church, which are interpreted sometimes, and the local fellowship is edified. But nothing as glorious as announcing the reversal of the curse of Babel is happening.

UNKNOWN TONGUES, the lesser expression of the Holy Spirit, manifest publicly as tongues which need to be interpreted, and privately, as a personal prayer language between the believer and God.

As we said earlier, the greater expression of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit was revealed through the apostles. We will go into more detail about tongues later on.

Jesus Anointed

There is one more step beyond the two stages of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, which Jesus experienced, but the apostles did not. Jesus of Nazareth was **anointed** with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38). He was not **baptized** with the Holy Spirit.

The word, **anointed**, signifies **oil**, as opposed to **water**. Water flows over and then drains off, but oil leaves a residue even after it has risen up and subsided.

Acts 10:38 says, **how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power**. Now that is the man, Jesus of Nazareth.

Believers **receive** the Holy Ghost and the apostles were **filled with** the Holy Ghost, but Jesus was **anointed** with the Holy Ghost. **Anointed**, means **to be covered over completely with a sticky substance**.

The Scripture is saying here, that it is possible to be filled up with the Holy Ghost for a season. The Holy Ghost can come upon you, bring you up to full stature for that moment, and then subside, if God there is something that God wants to do through you.

But Jesus Christ of Nazareth was **anointed** with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost abided upon Him, the anointing abided upon Him, it covered Him over and it stuck to Him. It didn't roll off of His back.

Jesus Christ is in the process of anointing us with the Holy Spirit in the same way as the Father anointed Him with the Holy Spirit, so that Christ Jesus can permanently overlay our carnal mind. Once again, this Scripture is speaking about full stature, or perfection.

So, now we see that there is a third stage of the impartation of the Holy Ghost to mankind:

(1) Receiving the Holy Ghost - Those who received the Holy Ghost spoke in angel's tongues and prophesied.

(2) Filled with the Holy Ghost - Those who were filled with the Holy Ghost spoke supernaturally in recognizable human languages that they themselves did not know.
and

(3) Anointed with the Holy Ghost - Jesus, who was anointed with the Holy Ghost, went about doing good, healing the sick, and casting out devils.

Doing good means that Jesus healed the sick and cast out devils by the power of Christ Jesus. The healing and deliverance in the Church today is done by the carnal mind **under the control of the Holy Spirit**.

That's why we do not have the victory that Jesus had in these areas. The Church is only at the first stage, receiving

the Holy Ghost, but I think we will start to mature more quickly very soon.

Putting On Christ

The personality **puts on Christ** when she prefers Him over the carnal mind, and then **Christ baptizes the carnal mind** of that personality [incapacitates her].

Baptism with the Holy Spirit is a level of consciousness [spirituality] in which the personality rises into perfection [full stature] by the power of the Holy Ghost, before the individual overcomes his own sin nature, and returns to his own level of consciousness when the purposes of God have been accomplished. **Baptism with the Holy Spirit is a condition of temporary perfection**.

John's Baptism For The Remission Of Sin

We are starting in **Acts 19:4-6**. Then said Paul...

Acts 19:4-6, John verily baptized with the Baptism of repentance saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is on Christ Jesus.

Submission to John's Baptism is admission and public renunciation of our sin nature, which is symbolically overshadowed by submerging our physical body under water. **Water Baptism is a symbolic remission, or calling back, of our sin nature**.

Jesus is still saying today, if you confess that you have a sin nature, repent [by faith], and submit to having a man dunk you under the water, I will do in the Spirit [heaven] what you have done in the earth. If you symbolically overcome your

sin nature as an act of faith, I will make it a spiritual reality for you. If you go under the physical water as an act of obedience, based upon your belief that I [Jesus] can save you from the domination of your sin nature, I will immerse that sin nature in the Spirit of Christ [Lake of Fire] and dissolve it.

So we see that FALLEN MAN'S FAITH in God, provides forgiveness to the man who is living out of his sin nature BY FAITH [even though he is incapable of doing otherwise], but not in reality.

We know that our forgiveness is not in reality because, if we are honest with ourselves, we sin every day. It is THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD, which is Christ, the manchild formed in the individual, that gives us the hope of deliverance from the tyranny of our sin nature [carnal mind], and of glorification.

There are a lot of people preaching against Water Baptism today, which is a big mistake. This same spirit is operating in some preachers and believers, alike, who have been in deliverance ministry for years, and received many benefits from it, but are now preaching against deliverance for young Christians. This mentality can be likened to a college graduate saying, high school is no longer necessary.

The most positive statement I can make about this line of thought is that it is the fruit of ignorance. It is not rational to expect believers to mature spiritually when they are deprived of a foundational ministry that you, yourself, have benefitted from. Then, these same preachers that deny God's people deliverance, tell the people who cry out for help, that they are not healed because they lack faith. This is much more than ignorance. It's wickedness against those who Jesus died for.

My response to the wave of preaching against water Baptism today, is this: No one is willing to acknowledge more than I, that water Baptism is an act of the flesh. But it's the act by which carnal people have an opportunity to enter into a spiritual contract with the Lord Jesus Christ. They are not spiritual. There is nothing spiritual about them, but the Lord, Jesus, has made a way for them to become spiritual through

a relationship with Himself.

It's like telling a two year old to put his own clothes on, and then helping him just enough so that he can say that he put his own jacket on. That's what water Baptism is. The Lord Jesus is saying, just show this much of an interest in Me, show Me that you want Me just that little bit, and I'll do the whole thing in reality.

It's big mistake to tell youngsters in Christ not to obey this commandment of God. Water Baptism, even though it's a work of the flesh, is a covenant that Jesus Christ made with humanity, that is still in full force and effect. The Lord Jesus is still honoring it.

Jesus' covenant of water Baptism will fade away when every human being on the face of the earth has either experienced it, or is spiritually mature enough to not need it. It is wrong to disannul it because you've had it, and do not need it any more. Water Baptism is a beautiful spiritual experience for somebody who has just come to Christ. Do not take it away from the babies.

[Christ Vs Christ Jesus](#)

We're in **Acts 19:4-6**, And then Paul said, **John verily baptized with the Baptism of repentance**. John told the people **to believe on** Christ Jesus, the one who should come after John the Baptist, who was doing the work of the flesh.

John didn't tell them that they should believe on **Jesus of Nazareth**. He said that they should believe on **Christ Jesus**. Christ Jesus is the Christ resurrected in an individual married to the Lord Jesus, who is above.

The resurrected Adam in a mortal man is called **Christ**. **Christ** is mortal man's new, righteous mind. Adam rose from the dead in Jesus of Nazareth and dominated His carnal mind, and Jesus of Nazareth became Jesus, the Christ.

Had Jesus been as selfish as the rest of the human

race, He would have said, I went through it, I overcame, I did it, I'm perfected and that's the end of it, I'm not doing anything else. But Jesus didn't stop there. He said, ***if a corn of wheat falls into the ground it shall bring forth a great harvest.***

Jesus, the Christ, and the Father were one. This means that the Father's Spirit joined with the resurrected Adam, Jesus' righteous mind. The Father and Jesus had a spiritual marriage. And so Jesus, the Christ, became Christ Jesus after His righteous mind married the Father who is above.

After that, Christ Jesus, the mortal man, Jesus', new inner man who is in the image of God (1 Tim. 2:5; Col. 3:10), gave up His flesh existence to become the magnificent spiritual man who is raining His virile seed upon mortal man today (1 Pet 1:2), to beget the children that the Father promised Him: The second generation of Christ.

That's Christ in you, and in me -- the second generation of Christ. We are about to have a similar experience, because the Lord Jesus, who is now above, is giving us the strength to overcome our carnal mind by marrying the resurrected Christ in each of us.

We see in the book of Acts that John not only baptized in water, but he counseled the people, saying, ***it's not enough to be dunked under the water, you must believe on the One that's to come, even Christ Jesus.*** Believe on the second generation of Christ.

As your physical body goes down under the water, believe that there's a second generation of Christ -- that Adam will rise from the dead in you also.

[Gospel of The Cross Vs Gospel Of Perfection](#)

Nobody told me that. Did anybody tell you that? I'm suggesting to you that when John said, ***believe on Christ Jesus***, he was counseling the people to believe the Gospel

of Perfection, not the Gospel of the Cross.

The Gospel of the Cross is the account of Jesus of Nazareth's personal experience. But John wasn't talking about God being in the midst of the man, Jesus of Nazareth. He was talking to the one being baptized, saying, believe that Christ will rise from the dead in you also, and that the resurrected Christ within you will marry the Father, who is above.

John was talking about ***the Gospel of Perfection***. He was talking about the resurrection of the dead. He was preaching about the second generation of the resurrected Adam, Elohim's Son (***Lk. 3:38***), who was to be conceived, nurtured and brought to term by the first generation of Christ, the Lord Jesus.

COMMENT: Every time you hear ***Christ Jesus***, does it mean the second generation?

PASTOR VITALE: No.

Jesus is the personality whose carnal mind was overshadowed by (baptized into) Christ, when He preferred ***Christ*** over his carnal mind. After that, Jesus, the Christ, was glorified and became Savior of the world.

Christ is the resurrected Adam, our only hope of being glorified

Christ Jesus is the resurrected Adam, married to the Father, who is above, appearing in any personality.

[One Baptism](#)

So, we see that the first baptism, water, leads to the second baptism, Spirit. But, actually, there is just one baptism. The Scripture says there is one faith and one baptism, and whole denominations draw the conclusion that the one baptism is the Baptism with water, but this is not true.

The one baptism is a spiritual baptism, which we ascend into by stages. We are not descending into spiritual

baptism, Christ Jesus, is descending **upon us** as we rise to meet Him (2 Cor. 5:2,4).

COMMENT: I had a friend who was furious with me when I told her I was going to be baptized in water, because the denomination that I came from gave that Scripture. I wasn't grown up enough in the Lord yet, so I gave in, but the Lord told me to be baptized in water later on.

PASTOR VITALE: Oh, you didn't get baptized at that time?

COMMENT: No, I felt I was in error.

PASTOR VITALE: What did she say the one baptism was?

COMMENT: She said one baptism was enough, and she was screaming at me.

PASTOR VITALE: What was the one baptism to her, the Baptism with the Holy Spirit?

COMMENT: No, not even that. The baby

PASTOR VITALE: Oh, the sprinkling.

COMMENT: I repented.

PASTOR VITALE: Well, praise the Lord that He brought you to the truth.

A little research will reveal that there are many baptisms. There is a baptism with fire, a baptism of suffering, etc., but there is really only one baptism in many parts. There is one body, many members thereof, one Godhead, different expressions thereof, one Spirit, many administrations. There is only one baptism with many stages.

As Christ increases in us, the personality which we are continues to be baptized deeper and deeper into Christ Jesus' spiritual life.

The first step is to have someone dunk you under the water, which is an act of faith that our powerful and glorious Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, has promised to honor, saying, go into the water of your own free will, and I will carry you the rest of the way. As far as I'm concerned, that makes water Baptism a very, very, important act of faith.

So we see that the second stage of baptism, spiritual

baptism, is revealed as the first stage of baptism, water baptism, takes place. Submission to the first baptism, immersion in water, which is an act of **mortal man's faith**, leads to the beginning stage of the second baptism, the spiritual baptism that imparts the **faith of the Son of God** to the believer.

Mortal man can believe the Gospel of the Cross, but only the **faith of the Son of God**, Christ in us, can believe God's true plan of salvation for the human race. Our carnal mind cannot believe, so Christ in us believes for us. Our carnal mind cannot understand, so Christ in us, becomes our understanding.

Water Baptism is the act of mortal faith which prepares the heart to receive the engrafted Word and the Spirit of Truth. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Father, joins with our human spirit, which is the first stage of our spiritual marriage, and we eventually conceive the engrafted Word, the manchild, even Christ, who is our faith.

The Faith Of Christ Jesus

It's not enough to have faith **in** Jesus, the Christ. We must have the faith **of** Christ Jesus, which is the resurrected Adam.

It's impossible for your carnal mind to have the faith of Christ Jesus. Adam is the Son of God, and the mortal that he rises from the dead in, becomes the Son of God.

The second generation of Christ [the Church] are Sons of God because the Lord Jesus has impregnated us with Himself, enabling Adam to rise from the dead in us also. The Lord Jesus, the first generation of Christ, together with His children, the second generation of Christ, are the many-membered Sons of God, but Jesus is the Head of His body (**Col. 1:18**).

There is only one way that we can have the faith of

Jesus Christ, and that is to bear His child. Salvation, faith and understanding are in Christ, the manchild. We must conceive and bear the manchild, for He is our life, and the barren shall surely continue to die. So, if you are not pregnant with Christ, ask the Lord, Jesus, to impregnate you.

Baptism Into The Name of the Lord Jesus

In **Acts 19:4**, Paul preaches the Gospel of Perfection to the disciples at Ephesus, who were baptized into the **Name** of, or the **Spirit** of, the Lord Jesus Christ after they understood his message.

Verse 5 says, when they heard Paul saying, **believe on the one which would come after him**, they were baptized in the **Name** of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When Paul talked to them, he must have said a lot more than the short verse quoted here. Paul must have preached the whole **Gospel of Perfection** to them, and when they heard it, the Scripture says in

verse 5, they were baptized in the Name, or Spirit, of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I was a young Christian I was water baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. About one year later there was a big flurry in our local fellowship, because a couple of preachers came in saying that the apostles baptized in the name of **Jesus**, so we had better be baptized again. But there is only one water Baptism, John's Baptism, and that is unto repentance.

Gospel Of The Cross Vs Gospel Of The Kingdom

The Baptism In The Name of the Lord Jesus is the impartation of faith through the preaching of the Kingdom of God.

The man who hears the Gospel of the Cross preached by the carnal mind, is baptized [fully immersed] into the spirit of the preacher, and the hearer's carnal mind may, or may not, believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior of his soul [personality].

Unfortunately, more often than not, the message accompanying the Gospel of the Cross, says we are being saved from a burning hell, which is not the message of the Scripture.

The man who hears the **Gospel of the Kingdom** preached by Christ Jesus, and is baptized [fully immersed] into the Spirit of the preacher (**1 Cor 10:2**), receives the virile seed which can raise Christ from the dead in that man. But, not every one who hears is baptized and conceives Christ (**Lk. 8:5-8**).

There is only one manifestation of physical baptism, and that is water. Immediately after that, we move into spiritual baptism, which has several stages.

You can dunk someone's head under water 1,500 times, saying **in the Name of the Father, the Name of the Son, the Name of the Holy Ghost, in the Name of Jesus, in the name of fire**, but these are just vain words arising out of your carnal mind. Something spiritual has to happen to you, or the baptism is of no effect.

The Church has to get out of the letter, and start moving in the spiritual understanding of the Scripture. This is no game. If you do not have this spiritual baby, you will continue to die. Unfortunately, most Christians continue to ignore the signs of death closing in on them, because they believe their soul is delivered from death, **after** the death of

their physical body, which is a lie.

Again, **verse 5** says, **and when they heard the gospel of the Kingdom they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.**

Christ Jesus in Paul was mature enough to impart virile seed to these believers through the foolishness of preaching. The Word he preached baptized them with the Name, or Nature, of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they received the seed.

Then, **verse 6** says, after they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus, **Paul laid hands upon them and the Holy Ghost came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.**

Cornelius and his house believed Peter's message, were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and received the Holy Ghost.

Now remember, Paul didn't preach the **Gospel of the Cross**, that Jesus is Savior. He preached the **Gospel of the Kingdom**, the resurrection and formation of Christ in the individual (**Gal. 4:19**).

Those who are baptized with the lesser expression of the **Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus** believe that Christ can be resurrected in them, and receive the Holy Ghost, and those who are baptized with the greater expression of the **Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus** conceive the virile seed of Christ, the engrafted Word (**James 1:21**).

Cornelius

Cornelius was open to any spiritual thing that the Lord would give him, and he received the Holy Ghost. As far as I

know, with very few exceptions, everyone who believes that Jesus is God in the flesh, and Savior, and wants the Holy Ghost, receives Him.

Those who do not receive Him, usually do not want Him because they believe that the Holy Ghost that's in the Church today, is not of God.

Now, the whole purpose of water Baptism was to give the Jew an opportunity to humble himself before God through confession of sin. I say **confession** rather than **repentance**, because true repentance is recognition and rejection of the carnal mind in favor of the Christ mind, which is only possible if Christ, our new mind, is formed in us. John knew that the Jews understood this.

Now, **Cornelius was a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway, And [the Angel] said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God (Acts 10:2,4).**

Cornelius didn't need a special occasion to humble himself before God, but the Jews in Jesus' day thought their sins were covered because they kept the law.

Likewise, many Christians today think that their sin nature is covered because they believe that Jesus is Savior, or that Christ covers their sin nature without first exposing and defeating her.

Cornelius' humility before the God of the Jews moved Christ towards him, and Cornelius' obedience to Christ [the Angel who spoke to him] brought Peter, who preached the **Gospel of the Cross to him.**

Now, when Cornelius and his band heard about Jesus' experience, they must have realized that the Angel who appeared to Cornelius was the resurrected Christ Jesus, and supernaturally received an understanding of the **Gospel of**

the Kingdom (that Christ could be formed in them also), because they received the Holy Ghost.

The Virile Seed of the Lord Jesus

And then Peter, perceiving what had happened, commanded that Cornelius and his band should receive the virile seed of Christ, the engrafted Word, which is the greater expression of the ***Baptism In The Name Of the Lord Jesus***.

I'm sorry to disappoint all of you who think Peter commanded that Cornelius should be water baptized, but the Greek Interlinear text reveals that Peter said, ***Satan, the [spiritual] water, could have stopped these men from being baptized, but they have received the Holy Ghost as well as we.***

Of course, to receive this translation, one must have a revelation that ***Satan*** is the spiritual water in which the image of this world is appearing, and that any negative particle [in this case, the word, ***not***] can be translated, ***Satan***.

Peter was saying that the Holy Ghost was evidence that Cornelius and his band knew that Christ could be formed in them also, and Satan's failure to prevent them from receiving the Holy Spirit was proof that Cornelius and his band had confessed their sins and repented.

Apparently, Christ was already raised ***by faith*** in Cornelius, as He was raised in many of the Jews, but the Holy Spirit engrafts to the human spirit and raises Christ ***from seed***.

Now, since the personality is saved when it fuses with, or is adopted by, the ***engrafted*** Christ, it's self-evident that a personality fusing to Christ, who has been raised by faith, has no enduring foundation within himself.

People can speak in tongues without water baptism when the Holy Spirit receives the sacrifice of their humility before God. But be careful that you are not fostering rebellion

or arrogance towards God, your pastor, or your local fellowship by thinking that you do not need water baptism.

I was water baptized after I received the Holy Spirit, because I was desperate enough to do anything that might bring His mercy down upon me and my family.

So we see that the ideal order is, water baptism, faith that Christ will rise from the dead in us, receiving the Holy Ghost, which is witnessed by speaking in new tongues, and receiving the engrafted Word, but it doesn't always go in that order. I spoke in tongues before I was water baptized.

So we see a lot of people in the Church today have faith that Jesus is Savior because they have been water baptized and have a relationship with the Holy Spirit, but do not understand about the engrafted Word, or the adoption of their personality.

You have to be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that doesn't mean getting someone to dunk your head under the water saying, ***in the Name of the Lord Jesus***.

The Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus is the engrafting of the Lord Jesus' virile seed to your human spirit, and you can only get it from someone who has Jesus' virile seed.

Now, if you have the Holy Ghost because a man laid hands on you, but the Lord Jesus' virile seed hasn't grafted to your human spirit, it's probably because you haven't heard, or believed, the Gospel of the Kingdom.

The sign of our spiritual fertility is the hope that Christ will be formed in you, but if you haven't heard the message, you can't have the hope, and without hope, there can be no faith, because Christ is our faith (***Phil. 3:9***).

Now, when you plant a vegetable seed in your garden, it takes quite a while before that seed produces a mature plant with its own seed. This, too, is true of Christians. Everyone who has received the Lord Jesus' virile seed does not have virile seed to give out. And, even if you find someone who has virile seed, the Lord Jesus must be willing to

impregnate you.

Do not think that just sitting in a meeting will impart Christ to you. Jesus is in control of everything. Many rebels in the Church think they are in control, but they are not. Jesus' virile seed will engraft only to a contrite heart and a broken spirit. That's why James says, ***receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls.***

QUESTION: What percentage of people are Baptized in the Name of Jesus?

PASTOR VITALE: Quite a few.

Jesus said, ***Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest (John 4:35).***

Contrary to the opinion of many in the Church today, Christ is the one being harvested, or cut away from, the carnal mind [sin nature], in preparation for ascending above and the overshadowing her, which spiritually elevated condition is called ***perfection*** or, ***full stature***.

Jesus said, ***The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into his harvest (Luke 10:2),***

meaning, pray that the many who have received the Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus [the engrafted Word], wage the spiritual warfare against their own carnal mind, which will harvest [separate] their Christ Mind from the false vine.

Ascension Above The Sin Nature

The large majority of the Church world rejects the ***Gospel of Perfection***, which is ***the good news that mortal man can ascend above his sin nature, and enter into everlasting life.***

Many are shocked when they hear that the ***Gospel of Perfection*** is a part of, and cannot be separated from, the ***Doctrine of Christ***, which is ***the spiritual understanding of the Scripture***. I am talking about mature believers who know that Christ is appearing in mortal man, and that the ***rapture*** is not physical, but the spiritual ascension of the individual believer.

To the best of my knowledge, most of those who assent to the ***Doctrine of Sonship***, the belief that mortal man can become a Son of God, also believe in a literal, endless hell, known as ***eternal damnation***. But this is not true.

This present world, which is a mixture of good and evil, is the hell that the creation fell into after Adam submitted to his own evil self, instead of to Jehovah. This world had a beginning, and it will come to an end. God doesn't punish people for ever and ever. He is a giver of Life.

I believe that most of the Sonship camp will not move on to ***perfection*** until they are willing to offer up the doctrine of eternal damnation and receive the truth about ***eternal judgment (Heb. 6:2)***, which is Christ Jesus' everlasting restraints upon our carnal mind.

Ultimate Reconciliation

Then there are those who assent to the ***Doctrine of Ultimate Reconciliation***, which teaches that;

- Adam never fell,

- Mankind is NOT dominated by the inherited sin nature which supplanted Adam, their righteous mind,
- God is responsible for mankind's weak spiritual condition, because He made us this way,
- God is the author of all negative experiences, which He has ordained for the purpose of maturing mankind,

THEREFORE,

- Every personality and physical body that has ever appeared in the earth will be resurrected,

WHEN

- Christ in the individual overcomes humanity's spiritual immaturities, and the whole man enters into **perfection**,

WHICH EVENT WILL OCCUR

- Without exposing and destroying their lower sin nature,

BECAUSE

- God deliberately built weakness into His creation, so that He could mature us through overcoming experiences.

But this is not true. Our human spirit is alive through union with the Spirit of Christ, but our personality [soul] is dead, because of our inherited sin nature. God is the God of the living. He is the God of the spirit of man. Our personality [soul] and physical body are given to us for the limited season of this present existence.

The physical bodies of this world will continue to die, and the human spirit will continue to return to the Fathers, in an endless cycle of births and deaths, until Christ in the individual is quickened, made alive, raised from the dead, through union with the Holy Spirit (**1 Cor. 17:6**), and matures to the degree that He can sustain the life of the personality and physical body that He is living in.

I've heard it preached that we should be nice to our lower, sin nature because she's been through enough. But I say to you, do not be nice to your carnal mind, but destroy her, because if you do not, she will kill Christ, if He's been raised in you.

Many who are preaching this counterfeit message today, will continue to believe that they are preaching the true Gospel of God until they find that they have ascended into the **resurrection of the unjust**, which is spiritual union with the Dragon (**Rev. 12:4**), instead of the Lord Jesus, who is above.

Baptism In The Name Of The Lord Jesus

Reconciled To The Lord Jesus

I told you earlier that there are two levels of the **Baptism with the Holy Ghost**. On the lesser level, you **Receive** the Holy Ghost (we will talk more about that later on), and on the greater level, you are **Filled** with the Holy Ghost, which is what the apostles experienced.

In this same manner, there are two levels of the **Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus**. On the greater level, you receive the engrafted Word, which imparts the faith of the Son of God, who believes the Gospel of Perfection. On the lesser level, you receive the Holy Spirit and the faith to believe that the virile seed of Christ can be formed in you.

Those who have faith that there is salvation in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ because they have heard the

Gospel of the Cross, but have no relationship with Christ and no understanding of spiritual principles such as Satan, hell, and death, are **reconciled** to the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we look at the Church world today, we see that many have received the lesser manifestation of the **Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus** [faith to have Christ formed in you], and the lesser manifestation of the **Baptism with the Holy Spirit** [virile seed not yet engrafted], but few have heard the **Doctrine of Christ**, which is going forth in this hour to bring the Church into spiritual maturity.

Spiritual Maturation

The Lord wants His Church baptized into the greater manifestation of the **Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus** [the engrafted Word], and, after that, He wants us to come under obedience so that He can **fill** us with the Holy Ghost [temporary full stature], whenever the purposes of the Kingdom of God require it (**Acts 13:9-11**).

QUESTION: Some people have a supernatural receiving of the Lord. Is that what you are talking about?

PASTOR VITALE: No, the **Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus** is a spiritual maturation. Our fallen nature is being reformed into the Lord Jesus Christ's image. People like you, for example, who have received the **Baptism with water** and the Holy Ghost, are now receiving the **Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus**, which is a process that only God can do.

Our new spiritual nature is being formed like a fetus *in utero*, and our spiritual organs are appearing one at a time. At two weeks you have this organ, and at three weeks you have that organ, etc.

QUESTION: In other words, this teaching is going to create our new nature?

PASTOR VITALE: The true message of the Gospel of

Perfection, which is not available everywhere at this time, is the fruit of the **Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus**. You wouldn't be able to understand it, even if it were right in front of your nose, unless it is your time to experience it.

The large majority of believers are ruling their own life and have no idea how important this baptism is. They think they can pick and choose where they go and what they do, so they are not likely to recognize that the Doctrine of Christ is from God.

Only those who will follow God anywhere, who are hungering and thirsting for Him, and seeking Him out with all their heart and soul, are moving into the Doctrine of Christ at this time, because those who are not, won't pay the price .

COMMENT: Makes me think of when Jesus came the first time. The Jews rejected Him because they expected Him to come in a particular way. Now, at the end times, everybody is expecting a great rapture, and all these different things, and will not be in the place where they can receive what's really happening.

PASTOR VITALE: The Lord is bringing forth the Doctrine of Christ, and offering it to those who will consider it, no matter what shape, manner, or form they are in when He calls them. These are the ones who will receive the understanding, because the others, who think they can pick and choose how they serve God, follow after their own spirit.

Five Virgins

QUESTION: Isn't that like the five virgins?

PASTOR VITALE: Yes, there were five lamps filled, and five lamps not filled. Many are called, but are not filling up with the oil of Christ Jesus. They are the ones who will say, why didn't you tell me, Lord? And the Lord will say, I didn't have to explain it to you. I called you. I said, come. But you couldn't discern that it was me talking through that person, because you weren't even looking for me. You didn't believe I would talk to you through anyone other

than yourself. You were too busy running your own life. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Testimonies

COMMENT: At the beginning of my walk the Lord said, when I call will you come? I thought He was calling me to the rapture!

PASTOR VITALE: It doesn't matter how messed up we are by false doctrine or misunderstanding. The heart that is hungering and thirsting for Christ will find Him, because we want Him so much that we pursue the slightest hint that this *new thing* might be Him. We won't be left behind.

COMMENT: I thought of coming out of one church, and then out of another church, was part of the maturation process. I thought each church was a different calling, but to finally be nowhere but in my own home, it gets more and more lonely.

Spiritual Perfection

PASTOR VITALE: Yes, tell me about it! It's a very lonely walk, and the testing is severe, but it's certainly worth it in view of what He's offering us. I do not know many Christians that really have a vision of what God is offering us, but even those who understand, do not really believe that *spiritual perfection* will be in their lifetime. But spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus is available in our lifetime. It's real.

In my opinion, the large majority of people that believe in Sonship and Ultimate Reconciliation are not moving into *spiritual perfection* because they are embracing a false message.

Spiritual perfection requires hearing and believing the *Gospel of Perfection*, as it's preached under the anointing.

If you believe in Sonship, but also believe that those outside of Christ will burn in hell forever, you do not believe the true *Gospel of God*.

If you believe in Ultimate Reconciliation, but also believe that you do not have a sin nature, or do not have to wage war against your carnal mind, or that you will ascend automatically, you do not believe the true *Gospel of God*.

Both camps are embracing a false gospel. I do not care how much it sounds like the real thing, mixture is anti-Christ. You either have the true message, or you do not. You either have the Lord Jesus Christ's virile seed, or you have corrupt seed that can produce only death. This is hard work.

COMMENT: I can see why the enemy doesn't want people to hear this message. It will set them free.

PASTOR VITALE: Yes. It used to bother me when someone rejected this message, but it doesn't bother me any more. I'm still maturing in Christ myself. Eventually, you get to the place where you just do what the Lord tells you, one day at a time.

Testimonies (Con't)

This morning Xxxxxx made breakfast for Rosemary and me, and asked me if I would drive her to the library. I didn't know I would be preaching to you tonight, but I did know that the Lord had taken hold of me, because I had already started studying. I didn't know how to tell Xxxxxx *no*, because I was a guest in her mother-in-law's house, so I said *okay* without even praying about it. But as I went back to my studies, the Lord seized me with even greater strength.

Xxxxxx came down the steps an hour later and told me to forget it, because she couldn't make it to the library herself. I didn't even pray about it, but God knew that my heart was turned towards Him, and He just took care of it. He will do the same thing with your husbands, and with your children. He

will make a way if you are truly willing to turn your life over to Him.

Either He is the Lord of your life, or He is not the Lord of your life, and I declare to you that Jesus is not Lord over the life of anyone who decides they can't come to a meeting called by special appointment, without first asking the Lord if He wants them to go.

Now, you need to have spiritual discernment. I'm not talking about preachers who try to force you to come to their meetings. A preacher calling you because he wants his church filled, is one thing. But when Jesus calls a meeting, and you are willing to obey the Lord if He makes a way, you just say Lord, if you want me to go, make a way. Then, if a door doesn't open, your conscience is clear. But you have to pray the prayer.

COMMENT: It's funny that you should talk about this. I made all those phone calls inviting people to the meeting, and then sat down to read. But I was convicted, so I made more phone calls. It made me think of the Scripture, **compel them to come in**, but they do not want to.

PASTOR VITALE: Most won't come, because they have no understanding.

There was an evangelist from Florida in my area about eight months ago. I usually do not go to those meetings, but when someone called me up to tell me about the meetings, I did the same thing that all those who didn't come today did. I said, **I do not think I'll go**, without praying about it. God knows that my heart is truly turned towards Him, but that I make mistakes from time to time, so He had mercy on me.

Late in the evening (too late to be going out for no reason), I started driving around in my car without knowing where I was going, and wound up in front of the church where this evangelist would be preaching. It was closed, but I got out of the car and went towards the church thinking, **Lord what am I doing here?** As I approached the glass doors, I saw that there was a flyer posted on the door advertising an evangelist. As soon as I looked at it, I knew that this was the

same evangelist that I had decided not to go see, and realized that the Lord was telling me to go.

This Church has two meetings on Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. I went to the 8:30 a.m. meeting, but was convicted to go back for the 10:30 a.m. meeting. After that, I attended every day. He preached seven meetings, and the last one was for financial miracles -- at a time that I needed a financial miracle. I decided to go, and to call several people that the Lord told me to invite.

I knew that one couple was having severe financial difficulties, and said to them, **the Lord told me to tell you to come**. I guess they didn't believe me when I said, **God told me**, because they were too busy to come.

Then I called another woman who, to the best of my knowledge, had no financial problems. She said, **Oh, you mean the Lord told you to call me?** I said, **yes**, but she didn't come either, and the next time I saw her she apologized to me.

I said, **you do not have to apologize to me, I called for you, not for me**. She then went on to tell me, without even realizing what she was saying, what a dire financial need she had, without any understanding that God intended to meet her need in that service. And this woman is a mature believer.

She knows that I am a woman of God, but she could not connect to what I said. She couldn't believe that God might have really told me to tell her to come, and that He intended to answer her need through that man's ministry.

What is the problem? The problem is the lie circulating in the Church today, that if you have any maturity in Christ, you do not have to go to church.

Well, you do not have to go to church if God tells you not to go, but if you have been praying for six months about a dire financial need, and God says, **I will meet your need through this evangelist from Florida**, you should be running to that church. Whatever God was intending to do for you through that ministry is lost, if you do not go when He

calls you.

Won't God help you another way? Maybe He will, but maybe He won't. It depends upon the attitude of your heart. Will you recognize the Lord's next attempt to answer your prayer? How long will it take you to lay hold of His supernatural provision, if you can't recognize it when it manifests?

There is another false doctrine circulating among mature believers today, many of whom have been called out, that in this hour, Christ is manifesting Himself to them only through themselves. This is a very dangerous belief, because the Lord Jesus can meet your needs however He wants to -- and that includes through other believers.

We must be ready to get up and move when He calls us, because Christ is manifesting in the many members of the body of Christ. Some people have gifts that others do not have. Some have the gift of healing, others have the gift of financial blessings. This is true. To think that you do not need the ministry that God has placed in another believer, is a high manifestation of pride.

[Spiritual Maturation \(Con't\)](#)

To get back to our subject. I think there are very few believers who are maturing into Christ in this hour, but many are maturing in their carnal mind. The reason we see the greater manifestations of Baptism in the Book of Acts, is that Paul was there to preach the true **Gospel of God**.

The Lord has told me to call this message the **Gospel of Perfection**, because there are so many preachers out there preaching a counterfeit **Gospel of the Kingdom**.

So Paul was present to preach the **Gospel of Perfection** to the believers in the Book of Acts. But, until this present time, the true **Gospel of Perfection** hasn't been available to the Church world. Many are preaching that you can't become perfect, but true spiritual maturity is perfection.

COMMENT: When we think of perfection, we think of being so perfect that we are like God, but maturity allows for some mistakes.

PASTOR VITALE: This is not true, and it's where a lot of people lose their understanding. God is not perfecting our sin nature. He is killing our sin nature, and replacing it with His nature. Christ, the Son of God in us, is our perfection.

Think of yourself as an empty shell filled with duck feathers. The Lord Jesus is getting rid of all the duck feathers and filling us up with foam rubber. We will look the same, have the same family, the same job, and live in the same house, but our spiritual insides, which is our mind, will have been totally renovated. This is the spiritual maturity known as **perfection**.

Our righteousness is in Christ, but our carnal mind [sin nature] will not give us up. Our personality is female in relationship to our mind, so Paul says,

So then if, while her husband [the carnal mind] ***liveth, she be married to another man*** [Christ Jesus], ***she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead*** [because of sins], ***she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man (Rom. 7:3).***

To answer your question, I think there are very few people in this hour that have received the **Gospel of Perfection**, simply because, to the best of my knowledge, it's availability is very limited.

You won't understand it if you have other gods before you. You won't understand the doctrine if your motive is wrong, even if you're present every time Christ preaches. The Lord Jesus is in control. You can't steal the things of God.

Do you have any idea how many people think they can steal the things of God? Some actually believe that they can steal another believer's gifts. Simon the sorcerer thought that

he could buy the Holy Ghost. It's the ignorance of the carnal mind. That's what we're up against, the ignorance of the carnal mind.

Paul preached the **Gospel of Perfection** to the disciples at Ephesus, and they were baptized in the Name, or the Spirit, of the Lord Jesus Christ when they heard the Word. Their human spirit was fertilized by the virile seed of the Father, and the second generation of Christ began to be formed in them. The Kingdom of God was imparted to them. The Kingdom of God is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Verse 6, Paul laid hands on them and the Holy Ghost came upon them. It doesn't say that they were baptized, but that **the Holy Ghost came upon them.**

The Greek word translated **came**, means to **arise**, or to **appear**.

The indication here, is that the Holy Ghost was already within the Jews that heard the **Gospel of the Kingdom**, and when they believed, He arose in them. The believing Jews experienced Him by speaking in tongues and prophesying.

The Holy Spirit - A Taste Baptism

What we see happening in the Church today is the preaching of the Gospel of the Cross, which imparts faith to the carnal mind to believe that there is salvation in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Water Baptism, the lesser Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus, which imparts faith to believe that Christ can be resurrected in the individual, and the receiving of the Holy Ghost.

What am I saying? The Church is not experiencing the **BAPTISM with the Holy Ghost** today, but is **RECEIVING**, or **EXPERIENCING**, the Holy Ghost.

The Church is also experiencing a measure of the **Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus**, which engrafts the virile seed of the Lord Jesus Christ to the human spirit of the one who believes the **Gospel of Perfection**.

Acts 1:5 is next. We have the promise of the Holy Ghost here. This is Jesus speaking to the apostles.

For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Now Jesus didn't say they would **RECEIVE** the Holy Ghost, nor did He say that the Holy Ghost would **COME UPON THEM**. Jesus said to the apostles, ye shall be **BAPTIZED** with the Holy Ghost.

John's Baptism - A Call To Repentance

Matthew 3:11, I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, John the Baptist speaking, **but He that cometh after me is mightier than I whose shoes I am not worthy to bear, and He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.**

John rebuked the Pharisees and the Sadducees who came to his Baptism, saying, **Oh generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come**, meaning, you want water baptism and your sins remitted without confession and repentance, but you have no idea what you are asking for.

Going under the water is only your part of the contract that water baptism establishes between you and God. God's promise in this contract is to submerge your carnal mind under Christ, who is the Lake of Fire.

John called them a generation of vipers, saying, count the cost, do not take this water baptism lightly, because the fiery processing that comes from God's side of the contract will destroy your carnal mind.

You can see water baptism, but you can't see the burning, fiery, righteous judgment of your sin nature that follows it, which you can only survive if Christ is in you.

John was saying, check yourself out. There's a potential for salvation in you, but we know that all Israel is not Israel. Jesus said, there are four kinds of soil, but only one of them is good soil. Check yourself out because this is no game. Fire from heaven is coming down upon you after I dunk you under this water, so you'd better leave now if you're fooling around.

John goes on to say at the end of

Verse 11, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor and gather His wheat into the garner, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

The faithful who were coming to be baptized in water for the remission of sins did not need to hear this. John was warning the ungodly, ***do not play with God.***

Many Christians go to meetings to gain knowledge of deep teaching and partake of the power of God that is poured out, because they want to teach. But the Holy Ghost reveals their true motives and, when they won't repent, they go under judgment. I've seen it happen.

You can't capture the Anointing, and the deeper the ministry you're trying to use for your own purposes, the more dangerous your indiscretion becomes. We reap what we sow, brethren, and those who try to capture the Anointing, will suffer the loss of the Anointing.

Baptism with the Holy Ghost, means to be under the total control of the Holy Ghost.

Most of the people that are speaking in tongues today are ***EXPERIENCING*** the Holy Ghost, many only when they are in Church, and others, sometimes when they are home, but certainly very few, if any, are under His complete control.

Most believers live out of their sin nature, even at church, when they are under the influence of the Holy Ghost, but not filled up with Him.

We have just looked at two Scriptures that speak about the ***Baptism with the Holy Ghost.*** The one we just talked about, which promises the Holy Ghost to the Sadducees and Pharisees, even those in the Church today, has no time limit on it, but John said to the apostles, ***in a few days*** John didn't say next year you're going to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. John said to the apostles, The Lord said, ***in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Ghost,*** speaking about the outpouring at Pentecost.

I used to read this Scripture and think that the Sadducees and the Pharisees went away, but as I read it today I see that the Scripture is not clear about whether they turned away, or whether they repented. My guess is that some turned away and some repented.

Luke 3:7-15. This is a parallel account of John the Baptist, this time addressing the multitude.

Verse 7 says, he said to the multitude that came forth, oh generation of vipers who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come.

Apparently, as is true today, the faithful were very few, so John spoke this to the multitude.

Verses 7-15 indicate that the multitude said to John, ***what shall we do?*** And his answer to them was, ***repent AND CHANGE YOUR WAYS.***

John meant, repent by faith, and then repent in reality, by changing your ways. Saying that you repent is not enough, you have to change your behavior and start acting like Christ. Resist the ungodly thoughts of your carnal mind, and Christ

will overthrow those thoughts and give you peace (**James. 4:7**).

Cornelius

Now we're going to look at Cornelius and the Italian band's experience with the Holy Ghost.

Peter preaches the Gospel of the Cross to them in **Acts 10:1-44**, saying in

Verse 38, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him.

Verse 39, and we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem whom they slew and hanged on a tree.

Please note that Peter is not preaching the Gospel of Perfection to the gentiles. The Gospel of Perfection is preached to the Jew. John the Baptist water baptized the Jews, but the gentiles heard the Gospel of the Cross,

Verse 44, while Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell on them.

The Gospel of the Cross Is For the Gentiles

Now they weren't **BAPTIZED** with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost **FELL ON THEM**. That Greek word means, to be **seized forcibly**, or **laid hold of**. The Holy ghost forcibly seized the men who heard the Gospel of the Cross, which is preached to the gentiles, who have no knowledge of the Scripture, and the Holy Ghost seizes their carnal mind.

The Gospel Of the Kingdom Is For The Jew

The **Gospel of the Kingdom**, the message that Christ can be formed in the individual, is preached to the Jew or gentile who believe that the Lord Jesus is the Son of God, and when they understand that Christ can be formed in them also, the Holy Spirit is given to raise Christ, the Lord Jesus', virile seed, from the dead in them also.

I suggest to you that the Holy Spirit, as we see Him in the Church today, is the same measure of the Holy Spirit that fell on Cornelius and his band when they heard the **Gospel of the Cross**, and supernaturally discerned that Christ could be raised in them also.

The message of a **personal savior**, not the message that **Christ can be formed in you**, imparts the Holy Spirit, but the two messages are the same. The message of a personal savior imparts a basic understanding of God's plan for mankind through Jesus Christ, and the message that Christ can be formed in the individual imparts a mature understanding of how it can happen.

Verse 45, and they of the circumcision which believed were astonished as many as came with Peter because on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy

Ghost.

Not **BAPTIZED WITH**, but **POURED OUT UPON**. The gift of the Holy Ghost was poured out upon them from Peter, and they knew this had happened,

Verse 46, because they had heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

QUESTION: Is water baptism the seal?

PASTOR VITALE: Water Baptism is a sign or token, that Jesus has made a covenant with you. You do your little kindergarten scribble, and Jesus does the rest. That's the size of it.

The true Jew has the **Gospel of the Kingdom**. So if you are receiving the **Gospel of the Kingdom** in this hour, you are a true Jew. Many in the Church, today have not heard, or do not believe, the **Gospel of Perfection**. These uncircumcised (spiritual) Jews are still controlled by their carnal mind, even though they may have received the Holy Spirit.

Spiritual Ascension

Please do not panic, if this statement upsets you because you haven't heard, or do not understand the **Gospel of Perfection**, Just ask the Lord Jesus for it.

Do not be deceived, though. A knowledge of the **Gospel of Perfection** will surely bring the fiery trials that expose your sin nature upon you. Such trials are your opportunity to repent of specific sin and overcome your carnal mind, a major requirement for going on to perfection.

Jehovah is a good and a merciful God. He will restore this entire creation, through the Lord Jesus Christ, to a spiritual maturity which is greater than Adam had when he

failed to distinguish between his good and evil self. But the whole creation will not ascend at the same time.

Each man will be restored to spiritual maturity, as the Lord calls him. But there will be a **First Fruits Company of believers who** ascend to help those who come after them.

This message, that some will ascend before others, offends some Christians who perceive it to be an elitist message. But doesn't this same relationship exist today between those who have already received the Lord Jesus, as Savior, and those who have not? And isn't there a First Fruits Company which has received the Holy Ghost before the others who are to follow?

Spiritual Intimacy

QUESTION: Is Jesus' statement, *I never knew you*, similar?

PASTOR VITALE: When Jesus said, *I never knew you*, He was talking about spiritual intimacy. Experiencing the Holy Ghost is not the same thing as marriage to the Lord Jesus.

The Holy Spirit, Christ Jesus' seed in the earth, forms personal relationships with the carnal minds of mortal men who believe that He is God, but the Lord Jesus, who is above, engages in spiritual intimacy with the Christ Mind. Christ must be raised in the individual, either by faith, or by graft, before we can have intimacy with the Lord Jesus.

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Father in the earth, is given to establish relationships with human spirits that are joined to a carnal mind, and to raise Christ in those men. The oil of Christ Jesus, who is above, then smears together with the maturing Christ in the individual. Christ raised in the individual, not the Holy Spirit, is our personal Savior, and our new life, which is rooted and grounded in righteousness.

Christ Jesus Is Savior

If you believe that the Holy Spirit can meet all of your spiritual needs, you're thinking like that young man we ministered to recently, who said, ***I do not want to be involved, just knock all these demons out of me, and I'll be okay.***

The Lord Jesus wants a bride from His own family line, which is Christ in us (**Gen. 24:3-4**). Our carnal mind, which is an alien, a stranger, to Him will not satisfy Him.

I recently read in a well known ministry newsletter, that two major powers in the heavenlies are fighting over humanity, which has no active part in the war. Any message that teaches passivity to the body of Christ, is a lie.

When Christ bombs Satan we feel it, and when Satan bombs Christ we feel it. We are right in the middle of this war, and our decision to line up with Satan, or with Christ, affects the outcome of our whole life.

The Personality Is Not Resurrected

QUESTION: Why would we need the armor if we were not part of the war?

PASTOR VITALE: The time for Christ to appear in the multitude is very near, but as the true doctrine comes forth, heresies are also appearing (**1 Cor. 11:19**).

Ministries that have taught sound doctrine for 20 and 30 years, are falling into false doctrine. The truth is very hard. Some people get very upset with the teaching that the personality is not resurrected, especially if they're holding on to the memory of a dead loved one, a mother, or a husband, for example.

We're supposed to be dying to self and living unto Christ, so that the purposes of God may be accomplished through us. If the thought of seeing your mother, or any other

dead loved one, when you get to the other side, is keeping you alive, brethren, that desire is an idol in your heart. A lot of people have a problem with that.

Christ Is The Only Reality

Paul called the things of this world ***dung***, saying that the maturation of Christ is the only significant thing.

Paul knew that every other aspect of this temporal life will cease to exist, either when the individual dies, or when this age rolls us like a scroll and goes out like a light. But Christ will continue to mature until He appears in that last generation.

Christ is the only reality. Our life is valuable because we are not our physical body, nor are we our emotions. We are Christ, if we've given our personality over to Him.

We are Christ, but because He is so immature in us, we frequently cannot understand, or believe this truth. We can measure our penetration into Christ by examining the extent to which the idols in our life are being crushed.

Physical Water, Spiritual Water

The word translated ***poured out*** in **verse 45** is Strong's #1632, and it means ***to spill or gush over like water***. The word translated ***fell on***, in **verse 44** is Strong's #1968, and that means ***to be seized by violently***.

The physical body is submerged under ***physical*** water in Water Baptism, but in the ***Baptism With the Holy Ghost***, the ***spiritual*** water of the Holy Ghost, is poured out over the carnal mind, which is the spiritual body.

In the ***first stage*** of the ***Baptism With the Holy Ghost***, we ***receive*** the Holy Ghost. The Word, ***receive***, in **verse 47** is Strong's #2983, and means ***to get a knowledge***

of.

Filled With The Holy Ghost

This means that people like us, who speak in tongues and prophesy occasionally, **have a knowledge of the Holy Ghost**, but the apostles were **baptized** and **filled with** the Holy Ghost. The word **filled** means to **fill up completely, to satisfy, or to complete**.

The Holy Ghost **completed** the apostles, which means that Christ ascended to a supernatural, but **UN-ENGRAFTED** degree of spiritual maturity in them.

The term **Anointed With the Holy Ghost**, signifies the **ENGRAFTED** spiritual maturity that Jesus of Nazareth experienced. Today's Christians are not filled with the Holy Ghost but have **received** a measure of Him.

COMMENT: I thought **to be filled** means **to be led**.

PASTOR VITALE: Yes, that's taught in the Church today, as well as to be **refilled** with the Holy Ghost when your spiritual walk slows down, but I can't find it in the Bible.

The apostles were **filled** with the Holy Ghost, who grafted Himself to their human spirit and completed **Christ** who was already formed in them, **by faith**.

The spiritual strength and power that the apostles received when the Holy Ghost came upon them (**Acts 1:8**), was in the fully resurrected Christ. The Manchild (**1 Tim. 2:15; Rev. 12: 4**) is the only legitimate witness to Jesus' resurrection (**Acts 4:30**).

But Christ cannot be completed in the Christians **receiving** the Holy Ghost today, because He is not yet formed in them, so the Holy Spirit imparts **the power to be made strong**, that is, to have Christ formed in themselves.

And who are you, Sheila, to say that today's Christians do not have Christ formed in them? The proof of the pudding is in the power. There is no manifestation of power that I know of in today's Church, that equals the power demonstrated by the apostles.

Seized By The Holy Ghost

We can tell the Holy Spirit that we would like to become **acquainted** with Him, but He is the one who decides whether or not He will seize us, so that we can receive Him.

COMMENT: What does that mean, **fell on violently**?

PASTOR VITALE:

Verse 44, says, **while Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell on them which heard the word**.

That word is Strong's #1968, which means to be **seized violently**. Peter spoke the Word, the Holy Spirit reached out, fell upon them violently and possessed them, and that's how they became acquainted with the Holy Ghost. That sure is a far cry from fallen man deciding whether or not he receives the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:48, and he commanded them **to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**. The word, **commanded**, Strong's #4367, is from two other words which mean **to come near to**, or **to set in order**, or **to assign**.

Daniel, Chapter 7, tells us that the foundation of our salvation, which is the Lord Jesus Christ, is set in the hearts of men. Christ Jesus, the spiritual authority within Peter, imparted a spiritual seed that fertilized the human spirits of these men, and became the foundation upon which their salvation, Christ in them, would be built.

Now in this account in the book of Acts, the Holy Ghost fell upon Cornelius and his band, and Peter, an apostle in whom Christ was completed, commanded that the virile seed should engraft to their human spirits.

In this hour, the Church is experiencing **reconciliation**,

that is, faith in the Lord Jesus as Savior by the preaching of the Gospel of the Cross, Water Baptism, and the receiving of [becoming acquainted with] the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost is the lesser manifestation of the **Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus**, which is the faith to have Christ formed in you, and the greater manifestation of the **Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus**, which is the engrafted Word.

As far as I know, the full **Baptism with the Holy Ghost** is very rare today, if anyone is experiencing it at all, and no one is **Anointed of the Holy Ghost**, which is engrafted spiritual completion.

[The Seed Of The Manchild](#)

Humanity will be saved when the Manchild is born in each individual member of the human race. **Spiritual fertilization** is the conception of the embryonic Christ by the engrafting of the individual human spirit to Christ, the virile seed. Jesus likened **spiritual fertilization** to the **lighting of a candle (Matt. 5:15)**.

Our Father is reproducing His nature in mankind, so when I say that somebody was fertilized, I mean that the Father's spiritual seed, which is the Holy Ghost, has penetrated their human spirit, and Christ, our new foundation, is being formed in their mind.

The Scripture says, Peter **commanded** . . . , but we do not know whether Peter spoke in words, or thought a spiritual command. Verbalized speech is for spiritually immature people, and that includes me.

I use language because my Christ Mind is too immature to communicate my thoughts directly to your mind. The Lord speaks to us with an audible voice occasionally, but prefers directing us to a particular Scripture, or showing us symbols **in the Spirit**, with mind to mind communication. I do not care how much deodorant we use, the truth is that our

world is a very low spiritual dimension.

Perhaps what happened between Peter and these men was similar to what I experienced last night, when I felt like my mind was a machine gun shooting at your son, saying, be fertilized, be fertilized. The Lord initiated the experience, so I guess he was fertilized, but you never know how long it will take the seed to sprout.

[Filled With The Holy Ghost \(con't\)](#)

Acts 2:4, and [the apostles] were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance.

The word, **filled**, Strong's #4130, means **influenced by**. The apostles were no longer **experiencing** the Holy Ghost, but were being **influenced** by Him to do something.

The gifts of the Spirit (**1 Cor. 12:4-7**) **acquaint us** with the Holy Ghost, and we **experience** Him as we exercise them, but He **influences** us only to the extent that we obey Him. Now remember, those who **received** the Holy Ghost and **experienced** Him, spoke in tongues, and prophesied, but the apostles were **influenced to do something**.

The word **filled**, also means to **sate, to fill up**, and suggests **taking full possession of the mind**. The Holy Spirit took full possession of the apostles' mind, but this is not what happened to Cornelius and the Italian band, who just **experienced** Him.

Speaking in tongues, prophesying, and the word of knowledge are **experiences** in the Holy Ghost. Pride carries many away because they have these gifts, but the truth is that Holy Ghost **experiences** are not a reward, but a free gift that requires no skill or accomplishment whatsoever.

Baptism with the Holy Ghost, means that the Holy

Spirit takes full possession of your mind, and the sign that the Holy Ghost took full possession of the apostles' mind, is that they spoke in **other** tongues.

Tongues

I speak in the TONGUES OF MEN and I speak in the TONGUES OF ANGELS (Paul Speaking, (1 Cor. 13:1)

Tongues of Men (Other Tongues)

Other Tongues are known human languages. To speak with **Tongues of men** (Other Tongues), is the supernatural ability to speak in known, human languages of which you have no personal knowledge.

The apostles were **baptized**, or completely **filled**, with the Holy Ghost, which means that **their carnal mind came under His complete control**, and they spoke in languages which were foreign to them.

Tongues of men (Other Tongues) are the Scriptural witness to the **Baptism With The Holy Ghost**, which so fully matures the Christ Mind, that the carnal mind is repressed.

Reports of Christians speaking in **foreign languages** for one conversation, or whatever length of time it takes to fulfill the Lord's specific purpose, circulate through the Church periodically, but I have no knowledge of anyone with the ability to speak in foreign languages at will.

New Tongues (Tongues Of Angels)

New tongues are the personal prayer language by which the newly conceived Christ Mind communicates with the

Holy Spirit.

Mark 16:17, And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with NEW TONGUES.

Cornelius and the Italian band **received** the Holy Ghost, and spoke in **tongues of angels**, or **new tongues**. The word **new**, Strong's #2537, means **recently made tongues**, suggesting that what is newly, or recently made, is superior to that which is replaced.

So **Angel tongues**, or **new tongues**, must be superior to human tongues. Everything that God does is superior to the works of the carnal mind.

New tongues are the Scriptural witness that we have **received** the Holy Ghost.

We become **acquainted** with the Holy Ghost in His lesser manifestation through supernatural experiences with the gifts of the Spirit, but we can't stop here, because **experiencing** the Holy Ghost is spiritual baby stuff. There's more. That's why, as we mature in Christ, the gifts begin to disappear (**1 Cor. 13:8-12**). It's grow-up time.

Prophetic Utterance In Tongues

There are personal and public **new tongues**.

New tongues are spiritual languages which must be interpreted because there is no translation.

Translation is a word-by-word conversion from one language to another. **Interpretation** is the **essence** of the message, as the interpreter perceives it.

It would be highly unlikely for a Chinese person, for example, to understand a public utterance of tongues. This could happen, but if it did, the utterance would be **other tongues** and not **new tongues**.

Some Scriptures say **new tongues**, some say **other tongues**, but the majority just say **tongues**, so we have to ask the Holy Ghost which tongues He's talking about in each specific case.

Acts 10:38, How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

There's a third stage of Baptism that fills us with the Holy Ghost permanently. To be **Anointed with the Holy Ghost**, means **to be smeared, or covered over permanently, to the point that it sticks to you**. This anointing doesn't rise up and subside, it rises up and sticks to you.

The View From The Other Side

Baptized Into Satan

Luke 22:3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

Judas was fully baptized into Satan. We can **receive**, or be **filled** with Satan, as well as with the Holy Ghost, because the spirit that rules our mind baptizes us. And Satan is the spirit in our carnal mind, so whenever we're in our carnal mind, Satan is present (**Matt. 4:10**).

Sometimes we're in Satan, and sometimes we are in Christ. That's right, even if you've received the Holy Ghost (**1 Tim. 5:15**).

Jesus and John weren't calling the Pharisees names when they referred to them as vipers, but were revealing that they, who were supposed to be in Jehovah's image, had the Serpent's nature, just like the rest of the world, which has

either received, or is baptized into Satan.

This is a hard word, but remember, Satan and the carnal mind are the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, so the peoples of our world are a mixture of good and evil. Only a small minority are Satanically evil, as we would think of evil.

We all have the potential to do evil because of our inherited sin nature, but the extent to which we actually do evil depends upon the circumstances that influence us, so Jehovah has given us Christ to save us from our sins.

Christ has begun to override the Satanic Baptism and control our carnal minds for increasingly longer periods of times, so the more mature we are in Christ, the more Christ controls our carnal mind. But we can still be influenced by Satan, our unconscious mind, whenever Christ is not controlling her. This is a hard word, but the truth will set us free.

The Gifts Vs The Reality Of Christ

As Christ is formed in you, and you begin to be utterly possessed of His mind, the wisdom of God starts to fill you, and doctrine starts to fill you, and all the things of spiritual maturity start to fill you, and you will find that you speak in tongues and prophesy less and less and less and less.

Now, if your pride is all caught up in these gifts, you won't want to let them go, and will suffer because you will be working against your own spiritual maturation. Your pride wants you to exalt yourself in the gifts that you didn't do anything to deserve in the first place.

So we see that what is a gift from God, can be a severe stumbling block to someone who has not matured enough to overcome their pride.

In **Acts 9:17**, Paul receives the Holy Ghost, his sight, and is filled with the Holy Ghost. Remember, **Baptism** with the Holy Ghost is the same as being **filled** with the Holy Ghost.

I read you a Scripture in Acts 1 earlier, where Jesus said to the apostles, ***in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Ghost***, and then we found out that when they were baptized, the Scripture says, they were ***filled with***. The word ***Baptism*** signifies the action of the Holy Ghost, and the words ***filled with*** signify the effect of the Holy Ghost upon the apostles.

So, ***baptized with the Holy Ghost*** is the same thing as ***filled with the Holy Ghost***, but not the same thing as ***receiving*** the Holy Ghost.

Perfection (Full Stature)

In ***Acts 9:17***, we see the account of Jesus appearing to Paul as a ball of light and, then, instructing Paul, who was blinded by the encounter, to sit in darkness until a disciple named Ananias came to lay hands on him.

Verses 17-18 say, Ananias entered into the house and, putting his hands on him said, brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest has sent me that thou mightest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost, and immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales, and he received sight forthwith and arose and was baptized.

I suggest to you that the three things that happened to Paul were spiritual, as well as physical events. I am sure Paul received his physical sight, physically rose up, which means his sighted life was restored, and that he was filled with the Holy Ghost, but I suggest that Paul was also baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus, that Adam rose from the dead in him and gave him spiritual sight, or ***spiritual understanding***, which means that Paul ascended into perfection, or full

stature.

Lk 24:46, And said unto them, Thus it's written, and thus it behoved [the] Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day. The article, the, which is in the Greek text, but not translated, tells us that the Scripture is speaking about Jesus, the Christ.

1 Cor. 15:3-4 says, For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

The article, ***the***, does not appear before the word, ***Christ***, in ***1 Cor. 14:3-4***, because ***Christ*** is speaking about Adam resurrected in a man, and ***the Christ*** is speaking about ***Jesus***, the man, in whom Adam is resurrected.

All of humanity is descended from Adam, whose death resulted in this present existence. ***Christ*** is the name Adam is called by when he is resurrected in a fallen man (***1 Cor. 15:22***), and, so, it was Adam who spoke through the man, Jesus, saying, ***Before Abraham was, I Am (Jn. 8:58)***, or, ***I existed before Abraham did.***

Lk 24:46, is speaking about the man, ***Jesus'***, resurrection, but ***1 Cor. 15:3-4*** is speaking about ***Adam's*** resurrection in the man, Jesus.

Adam was overthrown because of sin, died to his immortality, and the part of him which remained, his spirit, was buried, as mortal man's human spirit, underneath the earth of our physical bodies. But Adam rose from the dead in the man, Jesus.

The Third Day

The Interlinear text says, He rose again **the day the third. 2 Pet. 1:19**, speaks about the Day Star rising, and the word, **third**, speaks about the third part of man, his negative principle, Satan. Adam, **the** star of Elohim's **Day** (Gen. 1:5,28), rose from the dead out of **the carnal mind** that the man, Jesus, inherited from his mother.

Verse 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve.

Now, why would Paul say **Cephas**, instead of **Peter**, when Jesus addressed Peter as Cephas only once, in **John 1:42**, and that **before** His crucifixion? And there were only **eleven** when the man, Jesus, was resurrected, Judas being dead.

Mark 16:14, Afterward he appeared unto the ELEVEN as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

The Greek word translated **he was seen**, Strong's #3700, can also be translated **to appear**, and **Cephas** means **stone**, which can mean the hard covering over the seed of many fruits. Also, the number **twelve**, which can signify the heart center, is not talking about the disciples, who were only eleven.

I suggest to you that Paul said **Cephas**, because he was speaking about **Christ**, the First Fruits (**1 Cor. 15:20**), **the resurrected Adam**, who rose from the dead and occupied the heart center of **the man, Jesus**, BEFORE **the MAN, Jesus rose from the dead**,

The point is, that if Adam had not risen in the man,

Jesus, **BEFORE** the man, Jesus, was crucified, the man, Jesus, would not have risen from the dead. And if Adam did not rise in the man, Jesus (**1 Cor. 15:14**), then we have no hope that he will rise in us (**1 Cor. 15:18-19**), since Jesus is the first fruits of them that slept (**1 Cor. 15:20; Gen. 2:21**).

Now, if Jesus was the first one to rise of those who slept, He had to be sleeping at some point; and since the word **sleeping**, means the death of this existence, Jesus could not have been perfect at birth.

So, if Jesus was not perfect at birth, how could He become God, except that Adam, the Son of God (**Lk. 3:38**), rose from the dead in Him?

Now, Adam is the Son of God, brethren, and the Lord Jesus Christ is Savior. The word, **Son**, signifies Adam's relationship to the one above him, that is, God, and **Savior**, signifies Jesus' relationship to the one beneath Him, that is, mankind -- but the resurrected Adam, and the resurrected Jesus, became one new man (**Eph. 2:15**), the Lord Jesus Christ, when the man, Jesus, was glorified.

And, so, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is now both Savior of mankind and Son of God (Adam), is saving mankind from death by raising Christ from the dead in each of us.

So Paul received the life of the Lord Jesus Christ and, as Christ began to rise from the dead in him, he was baptized, or filled with, the Holy Ghost, and became an apostle with spiritual sight and the full power and authority of the one who had experienced the resurrection from the dead.

Receiving the Holy Ghost does not imply that you have been raised from the dead. To be filled with the Holy Ghost, to be totally **filled up**, implies that your human spirit has been completed. Your life has been joined to you. Your righteousness has been joined to you.

We are complete in Christ Jesus. He is our righteousness, He is our life, He is our faith. But being filled up with the Holy Ghost does not necessarily mean full stature, because it's possible to be **temporarily** filled up with the Holy Ghost. That is, the Holy Ghost can rise within a man and bring him

to a condition of full stature, but then recede, as water washing over a man recedes, after His purpose is accomplished.

Tongues (Con't)

Different Kinds Of Tongues

I have a few Scriptures to clarify the different kind of tongues.

In **1 Cor. 13:1**, Paul says that he speaks both in the **tongues of men** and the **tongues of angels**.

In **Acts 2:4**, we find out that the **tongues of men** are identified as **other tongues** or **human languages**, and

In **1 Cor. 12:10,28**, we see the phrase, **diversities of tongues**, which are also referring to various **human languages**.

In **Mark 16:17** tongues of angels are described as **new tongues**, and

In **Acts 10:46** and **Acts 19:6**, tongues are mentioned, but it says

In **Acts 19:6** that **they HEARD them speak in tongues**.

Now that word **speak**, in the Greek, is not referring to casual conversation. It's referring to a **discourse**, the reference books say, **that is designed to arouse emotion**.

An utterance with tongues brought forth in the Church is a public discourse that usually has emotion and excitement associated with it. It's not just casual conversation.

Tongues of angels are referring to an utterance with tongues that we can expect to be interpreted.

I will show you later on that the prayer language that has been imparted to us is not a gift. We are talking about gifts now.

I just recently had an encounter with a man that keeps telling me that tongues is the least of all gifts, who wants it? I told him, **I want everything**. I want the greatest gift, and I want the least gift, but your personal prayer language is not a gift. Your personal prayer language is what you receive when the Holy Ghost is within you. It's for your personal communication with the Lord.

The men from Cornelius' band, spoke in tongues that were loud and public. **1 Cor. 12:10** speaks about the interpretation of tongues, and I suggest to you that it's the **angel tongues**, not the **tongues of men** that are interpreted. These are the two gifts that we've been talking about.

Some Tongues Are For A Sign

In **1 Cor. 14:22**, Paul tells us that **tongues are for a sign**. I didn't understand this until I did the study today.

In **verse 22**, Paul says, **wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not, but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. If, therefore, the whole Church be come together in one place and all speak with tongues and there come in those that are unlearned or unbelievers will they not say that you are mad?**

It sounds like Paul is contradicting himself, but he is talking about two different kinds of tongues. In **verse 2**, Paul is saying that ***the tongues of men are for a sign*** because if you go to a stranger who knows that you can't speak his language, and you minister to him in his language, that's a sign that could convict him, because the Lord's supernatural power is upon you. It could be a benefit to him.

In **verse 23**, Paul says, ***if therefore the whole Church be come together into one place and all speak with tongues and there come in those who are unlearned or unbelievers will they not think you are mad?***

Well, if they come into the Church and everybody is talking in tongues that need to be interpreted, if everybody is talking in the ***tongues of angels***, they are going to think we are nuts when they walk in. Paul is talking about two different kinds of tongues there.

Prophecy

Getting back to **verse 22**, Paul says, ***but prophesying serveth not for them which believe not, but for them which believe***. Now, there is ***prophecy***, and there is ***prophetic utterance***.

Prophecy on the floor of the Church is a prophetic utterance, not prophecy. ***Prophecy*** is the Word of the Lord coming forth from the Christ in a human being, and there is usually no warning, such as a change in voice tone, volume, or inflection. True prophecy must be spiritually discerned. If you can't discern it, you won't even know that God is talking to you.

This is the difference between a ***prophet*** and someone

that has the ***gift of prophesy***. Everyone that has the gift of prophesy is not a prophet.

A prophet is one that Christ speaks out of, at His will. If you are not a believer, you won't be able to recognize when Christ speaks to you through me, so if you can't tell that I stopped talking, and Christ started talking, what good is the prophesy going to do you? So prophesy is for the believer who should be able to discern it.

Nevertheless, Paul says in **verse 24**, that if you are in a group function where the whole Church is prophesying, and an unbeliever comes in, he is convinced of all.

That word ***convinced*** means that ***he is understood*** of all. This means that everybody that's prophesying can look into his heart and see his need. He is judged of all. Everyone prophesying has discernment as to what his needs are, and what's in his heart, so when the gift of prophesy declares openly in the Church that he is a drug addict, or that his heart is broken, for instance, he will be convinced that God is real, and fall down and repent.

So, when we hear about tongues in the Scripture, it's important to find out which kind of tongues are being talked about, but sometimes it's not so easy to find out.

The Gospel Is Not Simple

I can't tell you how many people have said to me, ***the gospel is simple, why are you preaching this complicated message?*** The gospel is not simple, that's a lie. The gospel is very complicated. People study it all their lives and do not know the whole message. What a lie, to say it's simple.

There is a Scripture that uses the word ***simplicity***, but that Scripture is talking about keeping your eye single on Christ, so that you do not live out of two minds.

Jesus, who told his disciples that He talked in parables so that only the elect would hear and understand, explained His experience on the Mount of Transfiguration to His inner

circle, but they didn't know what He was talking about.

The gospel is not simple. It's very difficult, and you must study to show yourself approved. It's a life's work, and even then knowledge is only in part.

Baptism Into Christ

Now, we come to **the Baptism into Christ**, which is sometimes also known as the **Baptism with Fire**. Now we know that Christ is the lake of fire. Our God is a consuming fire. Christ is the Son, the Son of righteousness. Christ is fire, so the Baptism with Fire is the Baptism into Christ.

The reality of the Baptism into Christ, is that all of the parts of the fallen person that we are, Satan, Leviathan, the whole Old Man, is being cast into the Lake of Fire, which is Christ in you, your only hope that you will be glorified.

Your fallen nature must burn up for you to be glorified because the fire purifies us, and the part of us that survives will live on in a new form which will submit to Christ.

So the Baptism into Christ, which is the Baptism with Fire, is nearing the end of the several stages of Baptism. There is only one Baptism, with many stages thereof, and that is into Christ. When you come to a place where you feel like you are being burned alive, you will know that you are experiencing the final stages of Baptism into Christ.

If you do not have understanding, the Baptism with Fire can make you feel guilty, thinking that you did something wrong. I believe that as we near the season in which we will be entering into full stature, people will pass through the Baptism with Fire much more quickly.

I've been in that stage for years now, but maybe at midnight people in the garden will be going through it very quickly. I've been in that stage for years, but the fire just keeps increasing. I am at the point now, where I pray continuously for it to just happen. I feel like I am in the **transition** that a woman experiences just before her baby is born. Just let it

happen already, just let it happen. I hope it's not too much longer.

Mark 16:16 says, **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.**

He who believes what? I am going to suggest to you that he who believes the Gospel of Perfection will be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

You see, Mark couldn't say, **he who is baptized and he who is baptized shall be saved**, so the Scripture says, **he who believes** (the Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus), **and he who is baptized, or filled, with the Holy Ghost, shall be saved**. Baptism, or permanent, full immersion into Christ is salvation.

So, when you are Baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus, when you believe the Gospel of Perfection and are baptized, when you are filled with the Holy Ghost you shall be immersed in Christ, and you shall be saved. We are not saved in our present condition. We are reconciled to Jehovah through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Salvation Is A Process

QUESTION: What does that Scripture, **work out your salvation with fear and trembling**, mean?

PASTOR VITALE: It means we are **in the process of** being saved. Weapons have been delivered to us. We have received **the promise of salvation**, which means the ability to be saved has been imparted to us, but we must do the work.

I think if all the people in the Church knew they weren't saved, they wouldn't be playing the games that they are playing. They think they are okay, but they are not okay.

Of course, you are not going to burn in hell forever if you die, but if this is the hour in which Christ is appearing, and

you have the opportunity to be found in Him when He appears, wouldn't you want it?

The Scripture says that when Christ stands up, there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. They are going to feel bad. They are going to feel like fools when they realize that they chose the dung over the reality.

So he who believes, who is Baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and he who is Baptized, or filled up, with the Holy Ghost shall be Baptized into Christ, or shall be fully saved.

The end of your faith is the salvation of your soul.

Our soul is in the process of being saved. Salvation is purification. No sin will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Our carnal mind must be purified and brought into total submission to the Christ within us, which is the Baptism into Christ. We are going to pick up that carnal mind by the strength of Christ in us, and throw her into the Lake of Fire, which is Christ Jesus.

It doesn't matter whether you drink, shoot up drugs, engage in illicit sex, or eat compulsively to deal with your anxiety. All of these activities are idolatrous if you're engaging in them compulsively, only some are obviously more destructive than others. But people do not want to hear this.

Even in marriage, if a man desires sex with his wife because he had a bad day and wants to feel good, that's idolatry. It's the truth. Anything other than Christ that satisfies you or calms you is the operation of your sin nature. The sex act should be an exchange of mutual affection.

Paul said that he had total authority over his body. There is nothing wrong with eating Chinese duck and if God has blessed you, there is nothing wrong with spending \$10.00 on a duck dinner, but when you eat duck because you are upset, instead of turning to Jesus, there is something wrong with that.

Paul said all things were legal for him, but all things were not expedient. We are supposed to have total control over our life. Of course, nobody is there yet, but it's wonderful

to see progress.

Two Stages Of The Baptism Into Christ

Baptism Into His Death

The Baptism into Christ is in two parts. The first part is Baptism into His death, and the second part is Baptism into His Life, or His resurrection.

Romans 6:3-9, Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death; therefore, we were buried with Him by Baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life, for if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him and that the body of sin might be destroyed that henceforth we should not serve sin.

This Scripture is saying that, from the moment Christ begins to be formed in you, for all intents and purposes, your carnal mind is dead because it's just a matter of time until Christ in you slays the enmity in your flesh.

We know God only created one living soul, and that we are all individual members of that living soul. As of this time, Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the only member who has slain his carnal mind, but from the moment Christ begins to be formed in us, we move out of the part of humanity whose carnal mind is not slain, but is alive and living freely.

When Christ begins to be formed in us, our human

spirit moves into Jesus' category and becomes one with the Lord Jesus' Spirit (**1 Cor. 6:17**), because the Christ which is emerging in us begins to slay our carnal mind.

Look at it this way, there are two groups of human beings in the earth. The carnal mind is ruling and reigning and living her life through one group of human beings, and no man is strong enough to restrain her. **Leviathan** is the subconscious part of our carnal mind. The Scripture says that no one can approach him. .

The second group of human beings is approaching Leviathan with the strength of Christ. Right now, there is only one person in that second group of human beings who has fully slain his carnal mind, and that is Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

From the moment Christ begins to be formed in you, you are in the second group of people who have the strength in Christ to slay their carnal mind. There is someone in you that can approach your carnal mind, and not only can Christ approach her, He fully intends to slay her.

The Scripture that says ***you are baptized unto His death***, means that you have moved over into the second category, and that your carnal mind is dying and shall, eventually, fully die.

When Christ begins to be formed in you, you are baptized into Jesus' death, and you become a part of the group of humanity whose carnal mind is being killed. Likewise, of course, you are baptized into the Lord Jesus' life, as your carnal mind is being killed, and you become filled up with His life.

Baptism Into His Resurrection

The Foolishness Of Preaching

COMMENT: Does the carnal mind begin to die when

we understand what you are saying?

PASTOR VITALE: Your carnal mind begins to die when the Holy Spirit joins to your human spirit and Christ begins to be formed in you. It's Christ in you who understands the message.

This is not my message. The Lord Jesus is bringing this message and the anointing that's falling through me, for the specific purpose of penetrating your human spirit and grafting him to Christ..

COMMENT: But how does that take place? By listening to the message and understanding it?

PASTOR VITALE: By the foolishness of preaching, which is more than listening. Jesus said, ***My words are spirit and My words are life***, meaning, they are penetrating, spiritual sperm to those who open themselves up to Him.

The message wouldn't do you any good if you were sitting here with your heart plugged up, but since you are willing to understand to the fullest extent that the Lord will let you, He who is Spirit, is penetrating your spiritual being and fertilizing your human spirit.

Spiritual Reproduction

In human sexual reproduction, there are thousands if not millions of sperm that flow over a female egg before it is fertilized. Each individual is unique as to how many messages one would have to hear, or be subjected to, for his human spirit to be fertilized. Of course, once fertilization has taken place, this kind of an anointing becomes the spiritual food that nourishes the emerging Christ in you.

I do not want anyone to think that their human spirit can be fertilized after sitting under this anointing one time. You stay under the anointing for a season, however long that season may be, until the Lord, Jesus, releases you. I do not want you here any longer than Christ calls you to be here, but neither do I want anyone to think that He has called you here

for only one or two meetings, because this is highly unlikely.

The Engrafted Word

Some people think all they have to do is listen to the message, but God wants you to understand that there is much more to it than that. You are being penetrated by these words. James speaks about the **engrafted Word**.

The Word, which is Spirit and life, has to get inside of your mind and root there, so that the Spirit in me can be reproduced in you. The time and effort you put into listening to me will have been in vain, even if you have been sitting here for six years, if the Spirit that's preaching through me doesn't start to grow in you.

An intellectual knowledge of this Word will bring you nothing but death. The Word must be formed in you, reproduced in you. Christ, who is speaking through me, must be reproduced in your mind.

The Lord Jesus is raising up preachers right now for the revival that's coming. Many will be needed to preach the Gospel of Perfection. One person can't possibly do the job, and ten people can't do the job. The whole world has to hear this message, but the Lord Jesus will start with one group.

Let's say, hypothetically, that it's us. When the Christ within each of us matures to the point that He can teach the Gospel of Perfection, each of us will have disciples, who will eventually have disciples, who will eventually have disciples, etc., and, in this way, the Gospel of Perfection will expand throughout humanity. If there are more groups like this across the world, then the Gospel of Perfection is already spreading out into the four corners of the earth.

COMMENT: It's going to take time, because it's taking time to get the Gospel of Perfection across to us.

PASTOR VITALE: I think that once the First Fruits stand up in full stature, ascending into perfection will be easier and faster for those following. I am not in full stature.

I believe that If Paul or Peter were standing here, they might be able to help you step up with only a few meetings, or even with a one-time encounter. You might have heard me preach that this is what Peter was doing for Ananias (see, **Ananais & Sapphira**, Tape # 386).

Gold And Silver Have I None

I believe there is a double (physical and spiritual) meaning to the Scripture that talks about Peter's encounter with the man who was begging at the gate. Peter said, **gold and silver have I none, but in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth stand up and walk**, and the man's ankles were strengthened, and he jumped up and leaped.

I believe that not only were the man's physical ankles strengthened, but the high spiritual authority that Peter spoke with, caught the man up into Christ Jesus.

The Interlinear Text of Acts, Chapter 3, indicates that the man recognized Peter and John, and an untranslated word (Strong's #2983, to give a person access to himself, to receive what is offered), reveals that the man was not begging for money, but asking for a spiritual awakening.

Verse 2 indicates that the man had heard Peter and John preach and welcomed the spiritual, virile seed that was deposited at the door of his mind. The eye contact between them (verses 4-5) confirmed to Peter that the man believed the Word, steadfastly expecting a miracle, and Peter said, I give you what I have, let Christ [silver/salvation] begin to come forth in you (translation of have-5225) [and be joined to] Jesus [gold], who is above Satan [none=negative particle], and wake up [out of death] and live in the Spirit of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

I am not in full stature, so it's taking a long time for Christ to be raised in the people I teach. It's hard on you, and it's hard on me.

Baptized Into His Death (Con't)

1 Cor. 15:29, Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead if the dead rise not at all. Why are they then baptized for the dead?

Why do we go through this painful, spiritual crucifixion of our carnal mind if Christ is not being raised from the dead in us? We are in a hopeless condition if Adam, who died when time began, is not raised from the dead in us. We must be a baptized into the Son of Man's death, if the Son of God is to rise from the dead in us.

These are reciprocal events which we experience simultaneously. The carnal mind dies as the life of Adam, who first rose from the dead in the man, Jesus, is imparted to us by the glorified Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Now, Jesus, the first mortal man to ascend out of the death of the carnal mind He inherited from his mother, and be born again into Elohim's visible, spiritual world which is above the seas, shall always have the preeminence over all of the Sons of God who ascend out of their carnal mind and are glorified (**Heb. 2:10**).

Why? Because Christ, the Savior, raised from the dead in the midst of mortal man, is still in the fallen world underneath the firmament, and the glorified Jesus Christ is His only connection to the world above. And, so, the maturing Christ must marry Jesus, who is above.

Christ in the earth of an individual, married to Jesus who is above, is called **Christ Jesus**.

Some people experience Christ Jesus taking over their carnal mind temporarily, for a specific purpose that the Lord wants to accomplish. But when Christ Jesus overlays our carnal mind **PERMANENTLY**, we shall have the strength to overcome Satan, the unconscious part of our carnal mind, Leviathan, the subconscious part of our carnal mind, and

Cain, the conscious part of our carnal mind, and we shall rise into eternal life in Christ Jesus.

This understanding should give you hope as you go through the painful experiences of your personal tribulation. Everybody has their own testimony.

Whatever pain you might experience, the hope of Christ appearing in you and marrying Jesus above, is not for naught. Christ Jesus shall defeat the powers and principalities that rule this world, which continuously subject us to death and hell. There is no other way to get us out of here. **AND WE ARE HERE BECAUSE OF OUR SIN.**

Baptized Into His Resurrection (Con't)

Baptized Into His Body

1 Cor. 12:13 says, 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.

Now I touched on this in one of our Basic Principles classes. The Lord has shown me that the word **body** does not refer only to this human body, but to any container. Our physical body contains our personality, and our personality contains our carnal mind, and our carnal mind is the container for our human spirit.

So, the carnal mind is the body of the human spirit, and the personality is the body that contains our mind.

For years I expected this physical body to be glorified, but this physical body is not going to be glorified. This physical body is in the image of the carnal mind, which is in the Serpent's image. That's why Jesus called the Pharisees **vipers**. This body is a vile and corrupt prison house, compared to Christ's glorified body which is maturing in us.

Our personality is the body, or the outer sheath, of the mind, whether that mind is carnal, or Christ. When our mind is carnal, our personality can be either **good** or **evil**, but only when our mind is Christ, can our personality be **righteous**.

Our carnal mind would die in this world if it wasn't inside of our physical body because it's fallen and corrupt, but Christ in you the hope of your glorification, is alive and needs no prison house to sustain Him.

Our personality becomes our glorified body when Christ Jesus matures to the point that He can sustain our life outside of a physical body.

We are not this physical body, and we are not this carnal mind; we are this personality. And when our human spirit escapes from our carnal mind, we [our personality] will flee into, and become one with, Christ Jesus, the Lake of Fire, who will overshadow our carnal mind, and swallow up the vile elements of our old nature.

Our physical body is solid, but our new, glorified, body is an ethereal body. It's a celestial body. You can see through it. When Jesus walked on the water His disciples thought He was a ghost, because He was walking in His celestial body.

The Body Of Christ

1 Cor. 12:13, For by one spirit, that is the spirit of the Father, we are all baptized into one body.

What body? The body of Christ. What is the body of Christ? The body of Christ exists in the lower and the upper heaven at the same time.

The **lower heaven** is the spiritual dimension of this physical world, which appeared underneath the firmament after Adam fell and died. The **upper heaven** is the spiritual world above the firmament, which the Lord Jesus has restored.

The body of Christ in the **lower heaven** is the personality which is living out of the resurrected Christ. The body of Christ in the **upper heaven** is the accumulation of the personalities who ascend into the spiritual world above because they have rejected their carnal mind and preferred Christ, who is joined to Jesus, who is above.

Christ Jesus is divided from Himself in the lower heaven, because His many personalities [bodies] are living, at least partially, out of their carnal mind.

Let us say that the moon signifies the personality [body], and that Christ Jesus signifies the sun. We can say, then, that the personality [body] which is in perfect submission to Christ Jesus is totally eclipsed by Him. This does not mean that the personality ceases to exist as an individual but, on the contrary, becomes a perfect, individual expression of Christ Jesus, whose potential for creativity is infinite.

Personality cannot exist apart from mind. Therefore, every personality must be the expression of some mind. Mortal man has been married to the carnal mind for so long that we actually think that we are in charge of our own lives, but this is not so.

The carnal mind is the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and, accordingly, expresses both good and evil through the personalities [bodies] that she is joined to, in a variety of degrees and combinations.

So the thoughts of the carnal mind, which are divided against one another, become walls of separation because **good** and **evil** are opposing character traits. But Christ Jesus is the Tree of Life, which consistently expresses righteousness through the personalities [bodies] that He is joined to, so His thoughts flow harmoniously through them all.

What is perceived as **individuality** down here in the lower heaven, but is really the divisive qualities of the carnal mind, fades away in the upper heaven, where each personality is an individual because she is a uniquely creative expression of the perfect man, Christ Jesus.

The individual, but harmoniously flowing, personalities

[body] of Christ is that great, new city, the Holy Jerusalem, where all those who are living out of Christ Jesus meet and share spiritual experiences. She is the bride, the Lamb's wife (**Rev. 21:2, 9-10**), and the body of Christ Jesus, the many-membered, subconscious mind of the whole New Man that the Lord Jesus, is bringing forth (**Rev. 3:14**).

So, we begin to be baptized into the collective body of Christ when the Spirit of our Father, the Lord Jesus who is above, joins with Christ who is resurrected in us.

It doesn't matter whether you are Jew or Gentile, bond or free, male or female, because when the resurrected Christ in you joins with Jesus, who is above, Christ Jesus will pierce through your carnal mind and force her underneath Himself. She will not be seen any more. Only Christ Jesus will be seen. This is the Baptism into Christ. Christ Jesus is swallowing up everything that is not of His life.

One Spirit

1 Cor. 12:13, and have all been made to drink into one spirit

Every personality that is expressing Christ Jesus is drinking of the same Spirit of Christ.

Then we are told in verse 14, **For the body is not one member but many.**

You hear that Scripture quoted a lot, but without understanding. Most think that the body of Christ consists of the many physical bodies that are attending a local Church, but this is not so. No, the body of Christ consists of personalities who are of like mind because each individual is harmoniously integrated with Christ Jesus within themselves.

Christ Is The Fulfillment Of The Law

Gal. 3:22-27, But the Scripture has concluded all under sin that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Believe what? The Gospel of Perfection.

Verse 23, but before faith came we were kept under the law.

Before Christ began to be formed in you, you were under the law, because Christ is the fulfillment of the law. The Holy Spirit is not the fulfillment of the law. Christ in you is your only hope of being glorified.

So, **before Christ came you were under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.**

This Scripture is speaking about the faith of Jesus Christ, which is Christ in you, your only hope of being glorified

Wherefore the law was our school master to bring us unto Christ that we might be justified by [the] faith of the Son of God, who is living His life through us.

But after that faith is come we were no longer under a school master for ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus, for as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

We are under the law until Christ in us **becomes the controlling factor of our life** but, to the best of my knowledge, even those of us that are hungering and thirsting for the life of God, still walk out from under Christ's will.

I can't tell you how many times I disobey Christ, and I am not even able to tell you why. Christ is very important to me, and He does control a lot of my life, but I must admit that He is not the sole, controlling factor of my life, because

sometimes I still listen to my carnal mind.

The Race Against Death

Rev. 14:20, and the wine press was trodden without the city and blood came out of the wine press even unto the horse bridles by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

I've heard all kinds of messages preached on that, but when we looked up every Greek word of that Scripture, we found out that it's talking about the race that Paul said we were all running. Where is this race being run? The personality that is joined to Christ Jesus is running a spiritual race while their body is still in this physical world.

The Scripture is saying that the Holy Spirit, Christ, and the Lord Jesus, who is above, are becoming the controlling factor of this fallen, physical world and that, at the time that this comes to pass, this world system, which we know as hell, shall be like heaven.

The promise of Jesus Christ, or to be like Jesus Christ, is given to them that believe. That believe what? That believe that what happened to Jesus Christ can happen to them too. That's the Gospel of the Perfection, that we shall be baptized into His life.

Little Children, Young Men, Fathers

Back to **Gal. 3:27**. Baptism into Christ occurs when the seed of the Father, which is imparted through Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, overcomes the carnal mind. The seed of the Father is given to form Christ in us, and for Christ to overcome our carnal mind. That is the Baptism into

Christ.

I have a cross reference for you in

1 John 2:13. I write unto you fathers because ye have known Him that is from the beginning, I write unto you young men because ye have overcome the wicked one, I write unto you little children because you have known the Father.

We have found many times, that when the writer gives a sequence like I just read to you, it very frequently is from a spiritual perspective, or you might say, as it would be seen from above the firmament. But this physical world that we live in is the mirror opposite of the spiritual world above, so the sequence is out of order for us, and we have to reverse it.

I am suggesting to you, that for this verse to make sense we would have to say, **I am talking to you little children because you have known the Father, and I write to you young men because you have overcome the wicked one, and I write to you fathers because you have known Him that is from the beginning**, because we are still carnal, and need to reverse the sequence to understand it.

Little children speaks about the personalities that Christ is being formed in, **young men** speaks about the personality that Christ is maturing and overcoming his carnal mind in, and **fathers** is speaking about the personalities that Christ is married to Jesus, above, in.

You are a father when you possess the virile seed which can impregnate a fallen man with Christ. This is what Peter did in our previous discussion of the lame man. We do not have to stand up here with a microphone when we have a relationship like the one that Jesus had with the Father. The chances are that the Lord will have you preaching, but that doesn't have to be the case. The important factor is that He is literally living through you.

If God sends you to someone on the subway or on a

bus, and Christ stirs up in you and talks to that person, and that encounter results in Christ being conceived in them, you are a father.

The whole idea of having an altar call and telling people to receive Christ in their heart is spiritual childishness. There is no way you are going to receive Christ in your heart unless **HE** chooses to enter into you. Now if He did enter into your heart when you answered an altar call, it was because He honored your faith.

Ninety percent of the people who answer an altar call fall away. Why? Because they may have received the Lord Jesus, but He never received them. The Holy Ghost has to seize you, and when He seizes you, you begin to experience His life.

Who do you think you are, carnal mind? Who do you think you are? You are nothing. The Lord has been telling me for years we are Mickey Mouse. We are mice, all dressed up with bow ties and pretty dresses and deodorant sticks. We are nothing. Make a decision for Christ? How ridiculous! Repent, and ask Him to receive you. And when He does, you who were nothing, become something..

One God

We have been taught that the Father dwells in His Christ. If you have the Father, you have the Son. Is not the Holy Spirit the Spirit of the Father? Well then, what's the difference between the Father and the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father alone. The Spirit of Christ is the joint seed of the Father and the Son.

Matt. 28:19, Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

When Jesus said this, He was speaking about two different Baptisms: The Baptism into Christ and the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, ***baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son***, which is Christ.

I am suggesting to you that the Lord Jesus Christ was speaking about the two mature baptisms here. He was not speaking about Water Baptism, nor was He speaking about the Baptism in the Name of the Lord, which imparts faith, or fertilization. He was speaking about the putting on of Christ, which is permanent full stature, and the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, which is temporary full stature.

Jesus was talking about the two Baptisms which are the final stages of His perfected creation. This very important point puts a big hole in the doctrinal error known as "the Trinity."

There is only One God, and His Name is One (***Deut. 6:4***). This means that "the Father and the Son" signify One God who is relating to humanity from two different positions:

- (1) the Father, who is so far above humanity that He is incomprehensible to us, and
- (2) Christ Jesus, the Son that we can relate to because of His human experience.

A good example would be to say that our arm (the Son) connects our hand (our humanity) to the rest of the body (the Father), but the arm and the body are parts of the same whole, which is one body.

When the Lord Jesus is appearing as the Father, He is one with the Father, and He is the Father, and when the Lord Jesus is appearing as Christ Jesus, the Son, He is one with the Son, and He is the Son. So God, who is both the Father and the Son, reveals the diverse aspects of Himself to us by using different Names.

Therefore, the Scripture teaches that there is only one Mediator between God [the Father] and humanity, [and He is]

the [spiritual] man, Christ Jesus [the Son] (*1 Tim. 2:5*).

God, the Father, abides in the spiritual world above the firmament, **the upper heaven**, and God, the Son, abides in the earth of **the lower heaven** (the spiritual aspect of man). The Lord is One God who identifies His position in relation to man with Names. The Scriptures which are commonly used to support the doctrine of the Trinity were added to the original manuscript of the Book of John when it was translated from Aramaic.

Tongues (Con't)

A Personal Prayer Language

Here are a few Scriptures to establish that our personal prayer language (not the tongues that we speak out and interpret on the floor of the Church, but the tongues that come out of our mouth when we talk to the Lord, or when we pray), are not a gift.

A prayer language that is not any known, human language, is not a gift in the sense that the gifts are spread across the Church.

Paul said, not everyone prophesies, not everyone heals, not everyone interprets, not everyone speaks in tongues (*1 Cor. 12:30*), but a personal prayer language is available to everyone who asks for it.

Therefore, to say, "I do not have a personal prayer language because the gifts are spread throughout the Church, and I just do not have this gift," is an error, because **a personal prayer language is not a gift for the Church, manifesting through a man**, but **a gift for the same man that the tongues are manifesting through**. I have three Scriptures to support that statement.

COMMENT: In other words it's the Devil's lie to make people feel they aren't worthy.

PASTOR VITALE: Right, that they may not be worthy, or that they shouldn't seek a personal prayer language because it's not available to everyone, or because some people preach against it.

The Spirit Of Anti-Christ

We heard someone preaching against tongues very strongly, just few days ago. Why would someone come against tongues so strongly when Scripture says, **forbid not to speak in tongues**. Any manifestation of the Spirit of God that flows through a human being is glorifying Jesus Christ. It's saying that Jesus Christ is in that vessel to that potential, whatever it is, and that He will continue on to the fullest extent possible.

So, a false doctrine, or a false prophet that opposes a true expression of the Holy Spirit from coming forth in any measure, is an anti-Christ who is opposing the purposes of God in the human race, which is to offer the creation up to the Father, who will be all in all. The whole world lies in wickedness.

A Personal Prayer Language (Con't)

Rom. 8:26, likewise the Spirit also helps with our infirmities for we know not what we should pray as we ought.

Now that word, **infirmities**, is speaking about spiritual infirmities, not physical infirmities, meaning that everyone that's not standing in full stature is spiritually sick. I'm sorry if you do not believe it, but if you can't measure up to Jesus Christ who is our standard, you are spiritually sick, perverted, corrupted and, generally speaking, in pretty bad shape.

So likewise the spirit also helpeth our spiritual weakness, which is manifesting as an inability to communicate with God. So, because we are spiritually weak and crippled in our ability to communicate with God, we do not know what we should pray for, but the Spirit that's in us **makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered**.

That word **groanings** simply means verbal **sounds of distress** which are not in any known language. The Scripture which says **it cannot be uttered**, means that the sounds are not expressing any known language. Your prayer language is just unintelligible sounds.

There are two more witnesses to this.

Ephesians 6:18 says, **Praying always with all prayer and supplications in the spirit and watching there unto with all perseverance and supplication**.

Praying in the Spirit is part of our armor, which is not a gift. The last witness is in:

Jude 20, **But ye beloved building up yourselves on your most Holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God**, etc.

We can pray in the spirit to strengthen Christ in us.

[The Woman Of Revelation, Chapter 12](#)

COMMENT: Does this relate to the woman in Rev. 12 who escaped after she had the manchild?

PASTOR VITALE: They are related, but they are not the same thing, because what is escaping from us? It's our

human spirit which was really with God from the beginning. The woman in Rev. 12 is referring to the personalities of mankind which are a part of the womb in which Christ is being formed.

[Christ In The Individual](#)

Let me back up. Our human spirit is Elohim's breath that Jehovah breathed into the creation from the beginning. So, the woman in Rev. 12 typifies the personalities of the Church, and when she gives birth to the manchild, which is the Christ who is resurrected in us, she runs into the wilderness. This signifies that mankind is about to be broken into two categories, and actually already has been broken in Jesus Christ.

The human race is about to break into two groups: Those Christ is appearing in, and those that He is not appearing in.

So, the Woman giving birth to the manchild means that mankind, of which we are all a part, is going to produce the manchild, but only in a few of her members. He will not be born in everyone. And when that First Fruits stand up in full stature, when the manchild is born in the First Fruits Company, Satan will go after the rest of the personalities, those who are pregnant with Christ, and those who are not, with a vengeance.

The remainder of the Church, which is not in full stature, is as vulnerable as a pregnant woman, because the manchild which is still in utero, is limited in His ability to protect them. Satan knows it would be very, very difficult to overturn the personalities that Christ is already standing in, so she goes after the pregnant personalities with a vengeance.

The Scripture says **she flees into the wilderness**. We did a word by word study of that verse in the Greek, and found out that it means that she will come under the protec-

tion of the Sons of God, who will deal with her rebellion and pride with education and corrective judgment, which will bring her pregnancy to term. Hallelujah!

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