Hebrews 6:2 …the doctrine of baptisms…

Let’s begin by taking a look at what all the fuss is about.

**A. THE ISSUES –** Heb 6:2 doctrine-**singular**, baptisms-**plural** - it’s one of the most controversial doctrines, ESPECIALLY the baptism in HG w/evidence of speaking in tongues BECAUSE this is where the issue lies as to whether being a Christian is going to really mean anything outwardly or not in this life, for most people. Don’t get mad yet. I said *most* people.

**1.** **Ps 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?** BAPTISMS is made an issue by the devil because it’s foundational- he’s appointed himself to kill, rob, destroy. He wants first of all to resist you individually from getting saved, secondly from the knowledge of the truth, especially the truth about the baptism in H.G. IN EVERY STEP OF FAITH, there is some resistance that he offers - difficulty is often a good sign. Mat 11:30 my yoke is easy, and my burden is light BUT I Cor 16:9 a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

There are 3 baptisms, all with their own controversies

**a.** BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST is always controversial

1) **Is 28:9-12** eg of bapt in HG - **whom shall he make to understand doctrine…precept must be upon precept…here a little and there a little… this is the refreshing yet they would not hear** ‘nuff said?

2) **Act 2:13 …others mocking** Some will not hear, no matter what the word says, and others will mock – these are still the two reactions you get today.

**b.** BAPTISM IN WATER - examples

1) Act 2:38 …be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, - controversy - will it save you? Gotta have to get to heaven?

2) Act 10:48 …be baptized in the name of the Lord - controversy - IN WHOSE NAME?

**c.** BAPTISM WITH BLOOD- there is a baptism in blood – one of the least understood by the body of Christ today

1) Col 2:11 …circumcised with the circumcision made without hands - controversy – how do I get *that* done? is circumcision necessary??? This was a big controversy in Paul’s day.

**2.** **Eph 4:11-16 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. This is the issue. The devil resists the church coming to the unity of the faith** - that’s what the ministries are ***supposed*** to be bringing us toward – remember that with unity at Babbel and without the devil resisting them, (because the devil was behind it all), ***MAN* could do anything - with unity of the faith in the church, *GOD* can do anything**, but of course the devil resists it.

**a. Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?** Why is the devel resisting the unity of the faith? Because how can two walk together unless they agree - in other words, when they are in unity…and if they’re not in unity, they’re *divided.* It’s also what John was referring to in **I Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.** He was talking to the Christian church – didn’t he already have wonderful fellowship with them? There is a fellowship that you do not have with a person or group that doesn’t walk in the same foundational revelation that you do. How much fellowship do you think you can enjoy with someone born again but never reads their bible, doesn’t see the need to pray, forsakes the assembly of Christians, refuses to get baptized in water, doesn’t praise God, etc. If one person doesn’t continue seeking God in spirit and the word, and another does, there’s a point at which they no longer share fellowship. In order to fellowship, you have to backtrack on your own road to where you both agreed, and that all has a time and place, but not as something that *benefits* the more mature one.

1) I Sam 10:26 eg. Saul - God put a group of men in unity with him

2) Pro 30:27 …locusts have no king, yet they go forth in bands - how? Because they are **in unity**.

3) **Ecc 4:9-12 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.**  Two are better than one…that has a practical application in the natural, and also in the spirit regarding having someone that you have unity and fellowship with.

4) I Cor 1:10-17 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing… lack of unity was *one* of the problems at Corinth.

**b.** Mat 27:51-53 …earth did quake…graves were opened…bodies of the saints arose, and came out of the graves…and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many - in Paul’s day, some were saying that this was the resurrection - it’s over with – and it helped cause division - a lack of unity in the church. You had the *First Church of It’s Coming* on Main Street, and you had the *United Church of We Missed It* on South Street.

1) I Cor 15:12 some said there’s no resurrection

a) Act 20:29 Paul...after I leave, the wolves will come – **then, it was the resurrection, today, it’s speaking in tongues - different wolves, same spirit**

b) II Peter 2:1 there shall be false teachers among you and they may have great credentials.

c) I Cor 11:19 that they which are approved may be made manifest

2) Others said yes there’s a resurrection, but it’s passed **II Tim 2:15-18** What’s the answer**? Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Study …rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings**…(he goes on to actually name two of them – oh my, is this the love of God?!) **who say the resurrection is past already**…(oh gee, we missed it!) this was actually a controversy, a division, in the body of Christ.

a) Act 23:6-8 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess It was the Sadducee influence that crept into the church that caused division. They believed there was no more resurrection. That was why they were sad, you see? Okay, don’t blame me for that joke; that one was Michael’s.

b) Mat 22:23-29 The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said… Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

c) Titus 1:9-11 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

**B.** **THREEFOLDNESS PRINCIPLES**

**1.** Interesting that Heb 6:2 says “baptisms” plural, but **Eph 4:5** says **One Lord, one faith, one baptism** there’s only one baptism - seems contradictory - that’s why we need to compare spiritual with spiritual - not spiritual with your tradition or a book!

**a.** Contradiction? Prov 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter. **Understand first that it’s the glory of God** to conceal things.

1) Luk 18:31,34 He took unto him the twelve…and this saying was hid from them – he didn’t explain it later, like he did at other times

a) Mat 11:25 …Jesus answered and said I thank thee, O Father…because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, (and has revealed them unto babes) point being he hides things; just because you’re a babe you don’t get the explanation automatically that you want.

b) Eph 3:9 Paul speaks of the fellowship of the mystery (lit. distribution of the plan)…which has been hid in God

c) Col 1:25,26 I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints… This is the same mystery, but it was revealed to Paul so that he could give it to the babes and then the Holy Spirit would reveal it. **If you’re going to revelation of it, you're going to have two teachers - a man, and the Holy Spirit (I Cor 2:13** **Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.), and maybe not at the same time.**

2) Act 17:11 (speaking of Bereans)These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. **MUST SEARCH**…be like the noble Bereans. If you’re going to understand, you’re going to have to do this, just like them. That’s why II Tim 2:15 study to show thyself approved - want to be approved of God? His whole point in I Cor 11:19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. - that the approved may be known

a) **Prov 2:2-5 …if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest…and searchest…as for hid treasures** - how diligently would you search if you knew you were going to find a treasure?! Well, now you know.

b) Ecc 7:25 Our example is Solomon - I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom - this does not describe a casual look at a book

**b.** **Understanding needed** - II Pet 3:16 referring to the epistles of Paul, in which are some things hard to be understood, which they are unlearned ( we will see later that that refers to those who don’t speak in tongues) and unstable wrest, as they do also with other scriptures, unto their own destruction - the devil’s plan all along

1) Job 32:8 …there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding

2) II Tim 2:7 Consider what I say, and the Lord give thee understanding

3) Prov 4:18 the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. consider,and seek God, and little by little…

4) Prov 28:5 they that seek the Lord understand

5) Hos 6:3 That’s why Hosea says Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord…You’re not going to get it without following on to know that Lord…**that’s the whole point of God concealing things**

**c.** Key in seeking understanding - **Compare! I Cor 2:13 …we speak, not In the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual**

1) **Is 34:16 Seek ye…none shall want her mate…his spirit it hath gathered them** **It takes the Holy Spirit giving revelation to bring scriptures together** - that is critical because ->

2) **II Pet 1:20 no prophecy of the scripture is of ANY private interpretation** - You can’t take a verse out of context and build a teaching or your pet doctrine on it. Prov 11:1 A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight.

3) II Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for…instruction…but if you’re going to have understanding ->

4) you’ve got to realize that I Cor 2:11 …the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God

**d.** **Threefold -** When scripture says one baptism, there’s more to it

1) Mat 3:11 John said I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he…will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. - that’s at least two!

2) Act 1:5 …John truly baptized you with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

3) Act 18:25 (Apollos)…spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

**e. I Jn 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.** What in the world does that mean? The one baptism includes three baptisms, and each baptism is a witness. The Spirit is a witness to ourself that Jesus is in us, the water is a witness to men that we now belong to Jesus, the blood is a witness to the Father that we are righteous.

1) BLOOD - baptism of regeneration for your spirit

2) WATER - baptism in water involving your body

3) SPIRIT - baptism of Holy Ghost for your soul

KEY - When reading scripture, don’t throw out what you do understand because of finding something you don’t understand.

Anyone can see there’s at least two baptisms - Luk 3:16 John said I indeed baptize you with water, but…he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. That’s two.

There’s no difference between the baptism in the Holy Ghost and the baptism of fire. The Holy Ghost is spoken of as fire, eg when the disciples got baptized in the Holy Ghost in Act 2:3 …there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And a baptism of suffering is not something separate from the baptism in the Holy Ghost, either. When you get filled with the Holy Ghost you learn to suffer reproach for the name of Jesus and you may suffer physically, and you will suffer the temptation to accept what the devil tempts you with, whether it be pleasant or unpleasant.

People who oppose the baptism in the Holy Ghost will pick out Eph 4:5 …one baptism and say the only baptism that matters is water and if you do convince them that there’s a baptism in the Holy Ghost, they’ll point to I Cor 12:13 …we are all baptized into one body…and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. because they don’t understand Eph 4 Even though Paul says there’s one Lord, one faith, one baptism it doesn’t change the fact that there’s more than one expression or outworking because in that one Lord, we find there’s a three-fold expression in that there’s a Father, a Son, and a Holy Ghost. There’s one Lord, but there’s a three-fold expression of the one Lord, and they all agree in one. That’s why Moses said Deut 6:4 The Lord our God is one Lord. How can that be? It’s a mystery, and it’s something you’re going to have to carefully consider in order to understand. God has hidden the mysteries in order to reveal them unto babes.

**There’s one faith, but there’s a three-fold outworking of that one faith: the fruit of faith, the gift of faith, and the measure of faith that’s imparted to every one of us.**

**There’s one baptism, but a three-fold outworking of it. There’s a baptism involving water, blood, and the Holy Spirit.**

If you try to make everything fit one baptism, you’re going to be confused, or go make your own denomination! For example Rom 6:3,4 …baptized into Christ…buried with him by baptism…is not water baptism so put away your snorkel & fins!

When someone is water baptized, the old man is not washed away in water. You don’t get rid of your old man by drowning him - the old man was nailed to the cross when you were baptized in blood and that’s the baptism that Rom 6 speaks of-the baptism into his body - you’re made a new creature and your old man was done away with. It’s true that water baptism is an outward representation of what has happened inwardly but don’t give credit to the water for what the Lord has done with his blood. (We’ll study more about this.)

Also I Cor 12:13 is not the baptism in the Holy Ghost. It’s the same as Rom 6 - the baptism in the blood.

I Pet 3:21 is also mistakenly referred to as water baptism (it’s blood)

So Eph 4 refers to one baptism but that one baptism has three expressions. - That’s important to us because it’s part of God’s three expressions of salvation.

You have a spirit, soul and body and God has a salvation for each one of those.

When you’re born again, it’s usually but not always referred to as justification.

Every day, if you’re going on with God, you’re being saved, and it’s usually referred to as sanctification.

When Jesus comes back to redeem us there’s going to be a third salvation referred to as glorification.

Through justification we’re delivered from the penalty of sin.

Through sanctification we’re delivered from the power of sin.

In glorification we’re going to be delivered from the very presence of sin.

Deliverance is past, present, and future.

He deals with the past in washing us with his blood.

He deals with the present by offering us the power of the Holy Ghost whereby the just shall live by faith.

He promises the future by saying Christ dwells within us as the hope of glory.

Concerning the doctrine of baptisms, there is blood baptism that makes us have right standing with God, there is a water baptism that we do in obedience in demonstrating with our body what God has done spiritually, and there is a Holy Ghost baptism that gives us the power to walk in faith while we are occupying until he comes for us.

**2.** **Threefold Lord** **Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism**, If that’s true, what about **Ps 110:1 The Lord said unto my Lord…**

a. The Lord expressed as more than one

1) Expressed as three

a) **Mat 28:19** we’re told to go…**teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.**

b) **I Jn 5:7 …there are three that bear record in heaven, the father, the son, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**

c) I Pet 1:2 Peter, speaking to the church -…according to the foreknowledge of God **the Father**, through sanctification of **the Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of **Jesus Christ**: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Mention of all three.

d) Jn 14:26  the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Mention of all three.

2) Other principles showing more than one

a) Gen 1:26 God said Let **us** make man in **our** image, 3:22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become **as one of us**, to know good and evil…

b) Jn 14:23  If a man love **me**, he will keep my words: and **my Father** will love him, and **we will come unto him**, and make **our** abode with him.

c) Act 2:34 Peter quoting David David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand

d) I Tim 2:5 there is **one God, and one mediator between God and men**, the man Christ Jesus

e) I Cor 15:23-28 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. speaks of Jesus delivering up the kingdom to God the Father and being subject unto him that God may be all in all

b. Yet one

1) Spoken of as one

a) Zech 14:9 the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be **one Lord, and his name one**. speaks of one Lord

b) I Tim 2:5 …there is one God…

c) Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all speaks of one Father

d) I Cor 12:13  by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body speaks of one Spirit - Jn 4:24 God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth

b. ONE Lord I Cor 8:4-6 there are idols,but there is none other God but one…there is but one God, the Father…and one Lord Jesus Christ… but - Mat 13:33 the kingdom is like leaven hid in three measures of meal and they all became as one

1) Deut 6:4 Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord. Lord = God

2) Jn 4:24 God is a spirit God=Spirit

3) Mat 11:25 …I thank thee O Father, Lord of heaven and earth…Lord = Father

4) Phil 2:11 …Jesus Christ is Lord Lord = Son

5) II Cor 3:17…the Lord is that Spirit Lord = Spirit

a) **Jn 16:16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.** What was going to happen after He goes to the Father? The Holy Spirit was going to come. That’s how Jesus was coming back, and He would come back individually to every single believer. The Holy Spirit is Jesus.

6) Is 9:6 unto us a son is given…his name shall be called …The everlasting Father Son=Father

c. Jesus is God Is 44:6 Thus saith the Lord…I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

1) I Jn 5:20 speaking of Jesus …this is the true God

2) Jn 20:28 Thomas… said unto him my Lord and my God

3) Is 9:6 unto us a child is born…and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The mighty God…

4) Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God

5) Col 2:9 in Him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily

C. Threefold Man - Eph 2:15 in himself he combined Jews & Gentiles into one new man - fashioned the way he wanted it; Rom 1:19, 20…that which may be known of God is manifest in them…the invisible things of Him are clearly seen…even his…GODHEAD…and we’ll see this as we look into how he made man.

1. THREEFOLD MAN

a. I Thes 5:23 …God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming…

b. Gen 1:26, 27 …let us make man in our image…So God created man in the his own image, in the image of God created he them, male and female created he them.

c. Heb 4:12 …dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow…

d. example: tabernacle: outer court, holy place, holy of holies

e. example: camera: outside body, shutter that decides to let the light in, film that the lights hits and creates an image - not visible or evident without washings

2. Spirit

a. seen only by word and spirit

1) Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick (alive), and powerful…even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit (penetrating to the dividing line between soul and spirit)

2) Job 32:8 …there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding - and that’s what you need to understand sound doctrine, not just your soul’s ability to figure things out

3) I Cor 14:14 …if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful

4) Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit…

b. characteristics of:

1) I Cor 6:20 …bought with a price…

2) John 7:38, 39 located in the belly …out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water

3) I Cor 6:17 the perfect portion he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit

a) Heb 12:23 Paul is refers to the spirits of just men made perfect

b) I John 4:17…we may have boldness in the day of judgement : because as he is, so are (now) we in this world.

4) Gen 2:7 God’s breath

a) Job 27:3 (while I’m alive), the spirit of God is in my nostrils

b) Job 33:4 the breath of the Almighty hath given me life

c. Not the same as soul

1) different Greek and Hebrew words: wind=spirit, life=soul

2) Heb 4:12 dividing asunder of soul and spirit

3) Luk 1:46, 47 Mary said My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior

4) Is 26:9 my soul desires, my spirit within me seeks you

57:16 God, speaking of man’s attitude, says his spirit will fail and also the souls & hearts & even lives, that is, more than just attitude alone.

d. Spirit = attitude

1) Ps 77:3 Asaph the writer says I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. It was too much, couldn’t have a good attitude

2) Mal 2:15,16 take heed to your spirit check your attitude (:16)

3) Ps 51:10 Create in my a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. - attitude

4) II Cor 7:1 let us cleanse ourselves all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Get ride of a bad attitude

5) Eph 4:23 be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

6) Ps 34:18 David says God saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. (humble and repentant) and again in:

Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

7) Prov 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own attitude is like a city that is broken down, and without walls. Totally vulnerable

8) I Sam 1:15 Hannah said I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit

9) I King 21:5 Naboth’s wife came to him, and said unto him, why is thy spirit so sad…

10) Prov 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. This attitude can be heartfelt or not.

11) Prov 18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity, but a wounded spirit who can bear? 2 opposite attitudes - A strong attitude will sustain a man (in Heb, not his infirmity, but him) during pain or trouble, but a wounded or broken spirit, who can stand to be around it or be of any help?

3. Soul

1) The place of warfare

a) Jam 4:1 we have lusts that war in our members

b) I Pet 2:11 abstain from fleshly lusts, your lusts that war in your members - in the soul

c) Rom 1:24 speaking of the unrighteous, God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts…

2) Characteristics of:

a) Ps 119:109 My soul is continually in my hand…our responsibility I Pet 4:19 let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing

b) II Cor 3:18 the state of our soul changes - we are changed into the same image from glory to glory (if we go on with God) Jam 1:21 receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls Not talking to unbelievers, talking to the church…our souls are to be saved daily (not born again and again and again)

3) HEART - The heart is a place of sensation, and revelation. The heart has an interesting relationship within our soul and with our spirit. It starts out competitive, but if we continue to grow in God, it can be harmonious. The heart is found within the soul (we’re only 3 parts, not 4). It’s like the kitchen in a restaurant where there is a temperamental genius chef at work. He was born a chef and needs no instruction, but without inspiration from the right source he needs to be trained in what to cook, because he always thinks he knows what’s best to serve. He’s always coming up with these brilliant dishes but he never asks what you want him to cook. He just does it. Your soul is the maitre d. Your soul gets trained; the heart tries to take charge over you and make you serve the customer whatever he cooks up. An undisciplined soul can end up driven and totally controlled by the heart. The soul has to be trained and disciplined to stand up to the heart and take control, just like the maitre d who has to stand up to the chef to get what the customer wants the way he wants it. The CUSTOMER is the spirit, who, in a born again believer, is the perfect image of Christ. He’s a gentleman who knows what he wants, and he requests it by placing an order with the maitre d…the soul, who needs to work on his relationship with the HEART, and assert authority, giving the order to the chef in the kitchen to cook it up. If the soul refuses to back down, eventually the heart will be easier to work with…he has nowhere to go. There is no exit door from the kitchen. The chef can throw down his apron and threaten to quit, but he can’t. There is, however, a one-way entrance door that from time to time the customer enters and talks to the chef directly, and we all wish that it would happen more, and it usually results in a big change in his dishes.

a) Equated with:

1. SOUL II Kings 23:3 King Josiah made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul

2. MIND Heb 8:10 saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts

b) Can bring imaginations and thoughts Gen 6:5 God saw that the wickedness of man was great…and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually

c) You can be faint-hearted Gen 45:26 when the sons of Jacob told him that Joseph was alive, his heart fainted because he didn’t believe them - overwhelmed in feeling…if you let it, then you can also be overwhelmed in your mind - Heb 12:3 tells us to consider what Jesus endured and don’t faint in your minds.

d) Your heart can have mixed emotions and senses of loyalty I Chron 12:33 David had men which could keep rank: they were not of double heart. And with or without emotion or loyalty you can be double minded Jam 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

e) Another sensation of the heart is our conscience I Sam 24:5 David’s heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul’s skirt. Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our heart sprinkled from an evil conscience (your spirit is sprinkled and if we realize what that means, it will give us a clear conscience. Our heart will take the same benefit as our Christ-like spirit. If [when] you sin after that sprinkling, you’re not gonna get sprinkled again [Christ is not going to be crucified for you again], but when you repent, you’re just as clean as when you started out.)

f) I King 3:9 can give understanding to your soul (Solomon) Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge they people, that I may discern between good and bad.

g) Doing our part in our heart:

1) I Pet 3:15 sanctify the Lord God in your hearts (AMPC in your hearts set Christ apart as holy and acknowledge Him as Lord.)

2) Jam 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts (AMPC strengthen and confirm [your heart] in final certainty How are you going to do that? I Thes 3:12,13 if you let God increase you in love, HE will establish your heart

3) Heb 10:22 draw near with a true heart

4) Heb 3:10 bad example of bad stewardship with your heart - the children of Israel grieved God, always erring in their heart and they have not known my ways (only saw His acts - Moses knew His ways)

5) enforce decisions of the soul upon the heart, demand it, cast down thoughts and feelings that contradict it and eventually, perhaps after much warfare, your heart will begin to agree **Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.** Make conscious effort to treasure what is right. Mentally force the word upon your heart – it will begin to accept it. Notice it doesn’t say where your heart is, there is your treasure – you must not let the heart dominate your soul – in case you think you can abdicate authority of your soul over to your heart - [**Jer 17:9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah%2017%3A9&version=KJV) **The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**

4.Body - (We don’t need much explanation about our bodies, but don’t think it’s your own - I Cor 6:19)

A. I Cor 11:29 he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body If you don’t do it with due recognition and appreciation, you’re taking judgement upon yourself. vs Eph 4:4 There is one body How many bodies are there? ANSWER His body is threefold.

1. The church Eph 1:22, 23 God has put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body… Col 1:18 he is the head of the body, the church…

2. His own I Pet 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body…

3. Yours I Cor 6:13,15,19,20 your bodies are the members of Christ

b) Characteristics of our body

1. I Cor 15:42 corruptible in this life

2. Rom 6:12 your mortal body - it’ mortal

3. II Cor 4:16 our outward man perisheth

4. Rom 8:11 needs quickening

5. I Thes 5:23 needs preserving

c) Your responsibility to

1. Present it Rom 12:1 as a living sacrifice

2. Subdue it I Cor 9:27 bring it into subjection

3. Magnify Christ in it Phil 1:20 …Christ shall be magnified in my body…

4. Do not dishonor it Rom 1:24…God gave them up…to dishonor their own bodies between themselves.

d) Physical body not the same as body of sin

1. Body of sin is in the soul Rom 6:6 our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed,that henceforth we should not serve sin. All things are new, there’s no more old man, so don’t do what he used to do, don’t resurrect it; keep it destroyed.

2. Body of sin wants to be resurrected Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

3. Mortify deeds of the body Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

C. THREEFOLD SALVATION

1. Salvation threefoldness II Cor 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us (past, present, future) Heb 7:25 he is able to save them to the uttermost (completely for all time - AMPC) that come unto God by him…

a) Controversial scriptures

1. I Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. vs I Jn 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin…

2. I Jn 4:17 …as he is, so are we (now) in this world vs I Jn 3:2 …when he shall appear, we shall be like him…

3. Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him… vs Col 4:12 …that ye may stand…complete…

b) Examples of all three

1. I Thes 1:3 speaks of the present tense work

:9 speaks of a past tense work

:10 speaks of a future work

2. Heb 9:28

3. Col 1:20-23

c) Salvation of:

a) Spirit - past tense

i. Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost

ii. Eph 2:8 by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God

b. Soul - present tense

i. I Cor 15:2 …ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain

ii. James 1:21 lay apart all filthiness and superfluity (all that remains) of naughtiness (wickedness), and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

iii. I Tim 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine: continue in them (doctrine singular, them plural - the six principles of the doctrine of Christ) for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

c. Body - future tense

i. Heb 9:28 unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

ii. I Pet 1:5 (:3 us) Who are kept by the power of God…unto salvation ready to be (not yet) revealed in the last time.

iii. Rom 13:11 now is our salvation nearer…

2. JUSTIFICATION Rom 4:25 Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification. The whole point of his being raised, of his death, of his coming (speaks of our spirit) It is the setting apart for Himself a people and He paid for it Himself Heb 10::10 we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all…

a) Principles of:

i. Rom 5:1 by faith being justified by faith, we have peace with God

ii. Rom 5:9 by blood being now justified by his blood

iii. Rom 3:24 by grace Being justified freely by his grace

iv. Luk 18:9-14 by repenting this man went down to his house justified rather than the other…

b. Righteousness - by faith Jer 33:16 the Lord our righteousness - I Cor 1:30 Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us…righteousness in this case sanctification is referring to the fact that He has accomplished setting us apart from the world for Himself

1) Rom 4:3,5 Abraham believed God,and it was counted unto him for righteousness…his faith is counted for righteousness.

a) Rom 9:30-32 the gentiles…attained to righteousness…which is of faith. But Israel…hath not…

b. Phil 3:9 not having mine own righteousness…but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which of God by faith

2) righteousness brings peace Is 32:17 the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.

a) Ps 85:10 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

b) Eph 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh enmity…so making peace

3) justification makes us the righteousness of God - in Him II Cor 5:21 he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

4) Righteousness both a work (past) and an outworking (present) if we continue in His word Heb 5:13 everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness. -remember Prov 18:15 the wise seeketh knowledge

a) Dan 12:3 they that turn many to righteousness (AMPC uprightness-process, and right standing-past tense once it’s done)

b) Is 26:10,9 learn righteousness…the wicked…will not learn

c)) Is 54:14 In righteousness shalt thou be established

c. Promises of Justification

1) I Tim 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved…

2)) Jn 3:15-17 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Even if Even if it involves the loss of everything I Cor 3:15 …but he himself shall be saved

3) Rom 10:9 …thou shalt be saved Promise to all who confess and believe Act 2:21 whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord… Act 16:31

4) Is 45:22 Look unto me and be ye saved…Jn 6:40 this is the will of him that sent me…It’s always been His will all along…Num 21:4-9

d. salvation ETERNAL Heb 5:9 he became the author of eternal salvation unto all that obey him.

1) Promises of ETERNAL salvation

a) EVERLASTING life

1. Jn 5:24 he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life. Not “if he doesn’t screw up.”

2. Jn 3:16, 36 whosoever should believeth should not perish, but have everlasting life…He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life…

b) ETERNAL life

1. Rom 6:23 the gift of God is eternal life

2. Rom 11:29 the gifts and calling of God are without repentance It’s a gift, not an earned reward, and he doesn’t take it back.

3. Jn 3:14,15 …That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

4. Jn 10:28 I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

c. Forever

1) Ecc 3:14 I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be fore ever

2) Is 32:17 the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

3) Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

d. Principles of Eternal Salvation

1) Is 54:10 the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee,neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

2) Jn 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

3) Heb 13: 5 for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

2. Questions concerning

a. What if I stop believing?

1) Rom 3:3 what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? You can’t undo what God has done just because you decide to stop believing

2) II Tim 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. You might, but He won’t.

b. What if I give it back?

1) Ps 139: 7-13 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from they presence? If I ascend up into heaven,thou are there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou are there…If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me…

2) Is 49:14-16 Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands, thy walls are continually before me.

3. Why is God able to give eternal life?

a. because of his character - Ps 89:27-37 …His seed also will I make to endure for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast…If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that gone out of my lips…

1) Hos 11:9 “I am God, and not man”

2) Mal 2:16 he hateth putting away

3) Mal 3:6 I am the Lord, I change not…

b) Zech 4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it…has character to stick it out

c) He counted the cost Luk 14:28 which of you, intending to build tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Do you think God does any less than that?

1) Num 14:11-21 …if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations…will speak, saying…the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them…they pushed Him to the limit but even then, he had His man there to remind Him.

2) Jn 6:12 When they were filled,he said unto is disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Do you think he said because he wasn’t a litter bug? - :39 this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing…Jesus will not fail the Father’s will

d. why is it possible - because it’s not of works - it’s not earned - Rom 9:11 …the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth

1) Ps 130:3,4 If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

2) Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration…

3) Gal 3:2,3 Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

He called them foolish to think that their works could earn them grace - then it wouldn’t be grace - it’s not you - it’s His grace

d) because it is of grace - ALL God Eph 2:8,9 by grace through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

1) Rom 5:1,2 being justified by faith, we have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand…

2) Heb 12:15 AMPC look after one another to see that no one falls back from God’s unmerited favor and spiritual blessing

3) Gal 5:2-4 when Paul was contending with the controversy of being circumcised, if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing…if you think you get get to heaven by doing things, you’re a debtor to do the whole law (and no one can keep it). Christ has become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. That’s the definition of falling from grace - not that you can be eliminated from justification, but that you are not walking in sanctification because you are trying to earn something with your works.

e. If salvation is eternal, is there any motivation for going on with God?

1) judgment Ps 89:27-37 God’s promise to His Son…His seed also will I make to endure forever…if they break my statutes…then will I visit their transgression with a rod … nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him…

a) Heb 12: 28,29 …let us have grace, whereby we may serve God…with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.

b) I Pet 4:17 judgment must first begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

c) Heb 10:26-31 if we sin willfully…It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

d) Luk 12:45-47 if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth…

e) Mat 16:27 can’t be more clear - and then he shall reward every man according to his works - in :26…what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? was not referring to going to hell, although the principle is true - it was referring to the loss of eternal reward for the sake of obtaining and preserving the things that you want in this life instead of laying up treasure in heaven. The state of your soul determines the state of that treasure.

In Rom 14:23 when Paul was talking about eating and drinking and nothing unclean of itself in :14, but :20 it is evil for that man who eateth with offence, if you can’t eat or drink it in faith, then :23 whatsoever is not of faith is sin, you’re sinning if you eat it, not because it’s unclean of itself but because for you, it’s sin, and you’ll stand in condemnation for it before God because you’ve condemned yourself! You don’t get sent to hell, you’ve lost reward over the thing. It’s not worth it!

2) what we’ve done is revealed in the resurrection I Cor 3:12-15 …build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble…he shall suffer loss

a) II Cor 5:10 we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ

b) Mat 25 all about judgment, describes saved and unsaved but also faithful and unfaithful. In chap 24 he had just been warning that when you least expect it, he will come to judge and he’s looking not just for ministers of his household, but :45 giving them food in due season there’s a tremendous difference between a word and the word in due season, the word of that God is actually speaking to a people at the time. In chapter 25 he goes on to give a lesson in judgment both for the believers and the unbelievers. :1-13 he’s describing the difference between finding people seeking his anointing (he that seeks, finds it) and those Christians who have other priorities and depend on someone else for it, when all along they could have gotten it for themselves - does it seem selfish that the wise virgins refused to waste their anointing on them? In :14-29 he talks about consequences of not using for the kingdom what he’s given you. In :31-46 he goes on to describe that for the unbeliever it doesn’t matter what they’ve done, none of it counts as righteous if you don’t even belong to him. God is all about judgment. No one is going to be able to say He’s not fair.

f. How is God able to impart eternal life to man?

a) I Jn 3:8 for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1) Eternal standing

a. Rom 5:1,2 justified by faith, we have peace with God…we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God

b. Ps 130:4 there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

2) Eternal state - it’s permanent

a. Pro 27:23, 24 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds. Your own state of your soul.

b. example: your inheritance

1. Act 20:32 Paul, warning them about things that can deceive and pull them away from the will of God - :27- 31…:32 God…and…the word…able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified

2. Mat 16:27 the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

3. Eph 1: 17,18 wisdom and revelation…that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance

4. Heb 12:15-17 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God…as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright… afterward, when he wold have inherited the blessing, he was rejected… not just a story!

b. I Thes 5:23 I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless the coming of our Lord - justification was accomplished the moment you were born again, but glorification is going to depend on your sanctification.

1) Justification

a) I Cor 6:17 he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit

b) example: film camera - your spirit is the image of Christ

2) Threefold man

a) spirit - justification

b) soul - sanctification

c) body - glorification

g. Examples of

1. I Cor 10:5 children of Israel all drank of the spiritual Rock that was Christ - they all were delivered from Egypt but like us, not all chose to walk in that deliverance, but with many of them God was not well pleased

a) Ps 106:43, 44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry it doesn’t have to be a long time - getting to the promise land could have been done in 11 days instead of not at all

b) I Sam 28:16 you can lose everything you’ve gained with God - eg Saul when he knew that God was mad at him, tried to get Samuel to ask God to help him Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the Lord is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? (only the old testament? Paul talking about Christians willfully rebelling against God and walking in sin - Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

c)) II Sam 23:4,5 picture of not having all that you could have, losing what you didn’t have to Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant

2. Heb 3:16 AMPC every one of the children of Israel that came out of Egypt with Moses was rebellious and provoked God with their words.

a) Heb 10:38 the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. Just like Paul, it’s possible for God to love you but not like you.

b) Prov 10:5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame. He’s not talking about farmers!

c) I Jn 2:28 abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed…

h. Conflicts

1) Heb 6:1-8 …it is impossible for those who were once enlightened…if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance… 10:26-30 if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries 12:15-17 Esau lost everything, although he himself was not lost, and what is lost is lost…you can build again if you have time, but your time is not guaranteed

2) Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

3. SANCTIFICATION

a) principles of:

1) I Thes 4:4 every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour There is a war over who is going to possess your vessel, and SANCTIFICATION is the process of fighting that war

2) II Thes 2:13,14 God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit (God doing it through His Spirit - God’s choosing) and belief of the truth-your part and :14 it’s what you’re called to, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ - and that is the glorification we’ve been talking about

3) That is what Peter is talking about when he says I Pet 1:9 the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls

b) our soul

1) 119:109 My soul is continually in my hand…have to walk out your own sanctification - you have to possess your own vessel - realize that it’s in your hands, under your power

2) I Pet 4:19 let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him - commit it (if it’s not because of God’s will, then maybe you need to repent, not “stand in faith”)

3) Ps 25:1 Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul lift it up to the Lord

4) Lam 3:41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God lift it up to the Lord

5) Deut 4:9 take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently AMPC guard your life diligently don’t let the enemy in including cares of life, etc

c) The promise of His word

1) Jn 17:17 Sanctify them through they truth: thy word is truth

2) Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.

3) Ps 19:7 The law of Lord is perfect, converting the soul

4) Jam 1:21 receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

5) II Cor 7:1 promises cleanse us

5) I Thes 2:13 the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. The word works inside us

6) Prov 16:6 By mercy and truth inequity is purged God will do the work in you

7) Jn 15:3 ye are clean through the word which I have spoken to you

8) Jn 8:31, 32 If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If you continue in His word indeed, and worship God in spirit and truth, you can’t help but sanctify yourself from the world. Those are the 2 questions to ask yourself.

9) Ps 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking thereto according to they word. Taking heed

10) Ps 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

11) II Cor 3:18 we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. AMPC As we continue to look sincerely into the word of God, the Holy Spirit uses that to put us through a process of change, increasing in His image Jam 1:25 whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. And looking into the word is going to do more than change you - it will bless you in other ways

d. Phil 2:12 work out your own salvation with fear and trembling that is a definition of what sanctification is - how do we do that? :

1) reckon yourself Rom 6:11 reckon…yourselves to be dead…unto sin, but alive unto God - that what it means in II Cor 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body glorifying God in our physical deeds

2) judge yourself I Cor 11:31,32 if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. (Heb 12:6 whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth - it’s for our good) - Heb 4:12 the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit…and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart You think you’re reading it but it’s reading you.

3) cleanse yourself II Cor 7:1 Having therefore these promises…let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. - Mal 3:2,3 who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth: for he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. - He’s going to get you just the way He likes you.

4) mortify yourself (deprive yourself) Col 3:5,6 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth (your physical body); fornication, uncleaness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience - He wants you better than that - I Cor 15:31 …I die daily

5) save yourself by taking heed to yourself I Tim 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. - Deut 4:9 take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart…

6) purge yourself of ungodliness II Tim 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these (profane and vain babblings and other ungodliness), he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified… - the Holy Ghost brings the fire to do it - Mat 3:11,12 he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor… - that’s you! - Jn 15:2 …every branch that beareth fruit,he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

7) humble yourself I Pet 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. - II Chron 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, hen will I hear from heaven

8) purify yourself now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him…every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself… - I Pet 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your soul in obeying the truth through the Spirit

9) build yourself Jude 20 ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost - Act 20:32 God, and…the word…which is able to build you up

10) keep yourself Jude 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ… - I Jn 5:21 keep yourselves from idols

e. be renewed

1) II Cor 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 2) Rom 6:4 …as Christ was raised from the dead…so we also should walk in the newness of life. - Rom 12:2 be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind

3) Is 40:31 they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint (in more than one way).

4) Eph 2:15 He made for himself one new man, so 4:24 put on the new man

d. Glorification

1) It’s our calling II Thes 2:14 he called you…to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ

a) I Thes 4:1-7 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. We have been called to holiness in this life which is going to result in a degree of glory in the next life, and Paul lists some things here of what to avoid.

b) In II Pet 1:3-11 he speaks of the other side of the coin, namely some things which we should do…him that hath called us to glory…given unto us exceeding great and precious promises that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance, and temperance patience and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You mean there’s an entrance that’s less than abundant? The degree of that abundance is the degree of you glorification. Paul is telling us to make our calling to it, sure.

c) Mat 22:14 That’s why the word says that many are called, but few are chosen…no, that word doesn’t only apply to unbelievers…we’re all called to an abundant entrance, but it’s completely up to us to walk out our sanctification while we are here.

d) THREE TERMS USED IN KJV:

1. Phil 3:13,14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

2. II Tim 1:9 When writing to Timothy, Paul said the Lord saved us, and called us with an holy calling

3. Heb 3:1 When he wrote to the Hebrews, Paul said we are partakers of the heavenly calling

2) It’s our hope. We’re not supposed to just float around doing stuff in the Lord, hoping that we hit the mark…there is a hope of his calling Eph 1:17,18 the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened: that ye may know what is the hope of his calling…

a) Col 1:26,27 the mystery which hath been hid from age and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which Christ in you, the hope of glory

b) Tit 2:12,13 the grace of God teaches us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, Looking for that blessed hope…

c) I Jn 3:3 every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself

d) I Pet 1:3 God, in His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope…answer to life – what are we doing here?THIS!

e) I Cor 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. If this is all God can do for us, it’s not worth it…but it is worth it because there is so much more…the hope of the calling.

f) Prov 14:32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death. Why? Because he’s finally put our his misery? NO! Because of the hope of glory that comes after death.

3) Our larger calling is a calling to glory. II Pet 1:3 hath called us to glory and virtue. I Thes 2:12 we should walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

a) Suffering in this life is involved - that is resisting temptation of every sort (sickness and everything else that Jesus destroyed are NOT a calling).

1. Rom 8:18 I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2. II Tim 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him

3. I Pet 1:11 the Spirit of Christ…testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and glory that should follow. I Pet 4:13 rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. We all know that Jesus suffered rejection, torture, murder on the cross and 3 days in hell, and we as well may one day be called to torture and murder, but remember also what he suffered that every single one of us is called to suffer also: Heb 2:18 he himself hath suffered being being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted (us). We are tempted on every side and suffer having to resist temptation of all sorts. Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

4. I Pet 5:1 Peter said that he, like all Christians, is a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed. :4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. :10 we are called unto his eternal glory and after that ye have suffered a while, we’ll be made perfect.

b) Our glory will appear at His Appearing

1. Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

2. Heb 9:28 unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

3. Tit 2:13 we should be Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our saviour Jesus Christ

4. II Thes 1:10-12 in that day…we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling…that..our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him…

5. I Jn 3:2-3 it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him…and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself…

6. I Pet 1:6,7 though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold Why? Because of the honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ

c) We will be presented

1. Col 1:21,22 now hath he reconciled…to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight

2. Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

d) Our reward!

1. I Pet 5:4 when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

2. I Cor 15:40,41 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial in one, and the glory of the terrestrial in is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

3. II Cor 5:4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon (with that glory) that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

4. Phil 3:20,21 our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself (speaking of YOU. He’s already subdued everything else and will take care of death when He comes - that’s the abundant laboring Paul was talking about in I Cor 15:10-laboring with the grace of God that is on you).

SPIRIT SOUL BODY

Faith reason hearing

Hope imagination seeing

Love affection taste

Fear conscience smell

SPIRIT SOUL BODY

Pneuma (greek) psuche (greek) soma (greek)

Ruach (hebrew) nephesh (hebrew) basar (hebrew)

Standing state temple

Past present future

Penalty power presence

Justification sanctification glorification

Blood Spirit water

Holiest Holy Outer court

BAPTIZER BAPTIZEE SUBSTANCE

Spirit your spirit blood - sprinkled

Jesus your soul Spirit - poured

A person - anyone your body water - immersed

e. Baptism into His body: Regeneration

1. KJV terminology

a) water not the same as H2O

1) Jn 7:38,39 Spirit He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit…the Holy Ghost was not yet given…)

2) Eph 5:26 water speaking of the word - That he might sanctify and cleanse it (speaking of the church) with the washing of water by the word. As you are sitting under the word and learning it, you’re also getting washed!

3) Himself

a) Jn 4:10-14 If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water…Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosever drinketh of the water that that I shall give him shall never thirst…

b) Rev 22:17 whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

b..Wash = baptism

1) Rev 1:5 washed us from our sins in his own blood.

2) I Cor 6:11 but ye are washed, but ye are sancified, but ye are justified in the name of he Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

3) two different washings: Jn 13:10 he that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. (not Judas) (spirit) vs. Ps 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. (soul)

a) “washing”

1. spirit Titus 3:5 according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost

2. soul Eph 5:26 (speaking of the church) cleanse it with the washing of water by the word

b) cleanse

1. spirit Job 25:4 How then can man be justified with God? Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

2. soul II Cor 7 :1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

4) sometimes dip = wash = cleanse = baptism

a) Rev 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

b) II King 5:10-14 Go and wash in Jordan seven times…and thou shalt be clean…Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan… and he was clean. A type of us, preferring to do works to be clean but finally giving in to the simple act of being born again or doing “THE ONE” thing

2. Rom 6:3-6 misunderstood scripture Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 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, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. This has been misunderstood by some denominations to mean that when we get water baptized we get baptized into Jesus and our old man is buried in the water with him. That means that when we blow it and serve sin, our old man isn’t really drowned and we must not be saved, so we have to go get born again again and baptized again. Silly.

a. :3 baptized into Jesus

1) into Jesus

a) II Cor 5:17 new creature if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. Nothing about water – aren’t you “in Jesus” while you’re on the way to the river?!

b) Eph 2:13-16 new man ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ…who hath made both one (Jew & Gentile)…And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby Made nigh by the blood, not the water. Slain the enmity by the cross, not drowning it.

c) Gal 6: 14-15 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. A physical act like circumcision, or water baptism, does nothing to avail you to salvation. Obedience, yes, salvation, no.

2) baptized into his death This carries meaning for both the spirit and the soul. Our spirit, in that his death bought us life. Our soul, in that his death was submission to the Father’s will instead of his own, and every day we are faced with the question of whether we’re going to seek our own will or His.

a) Jn 5:24 He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

b) II Cor 5:14,15 if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

b. :6 (Rom 6:3-6)

1) our old man is crucified with him Our old man doesn’t try to come back out of the water, our soul wants to pull it back off the cross. It can’t, but it wants to carry out the same things that it did when it had the old man. You are not struggling with the old man; you’re struggling with your old soul.

a) Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me

b) Gal 5:24 they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

c) Gal 6:14 the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

2) body of sin the body of sin is destroyed; it’s the “you” that existed before you got born again, before God gave you right standing by the new birth; that “you” doesn’t exist any more; it is dead, crucified with Christ. He was raised, but you were born all over again as a new being. You might have the memory of the old you, but you need to deny it a place in you and reckon it dead and buried. Now our job is to not serve the sin with our mind, heart and body and that is our daily warfare.

a) Rom 8:10 if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin (we are born into sin and thus destined to die because death has not been done away with yet); but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

b) Rom 7:6 we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held.. we’re. dead to it. We were held captive to it helplessly, until as in Ezek 16:6 He passed by us in our blood and said “Live.”

3. Col 2:10-14 ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of the ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross – this is where our old man is, not in the water. Through faith of operation of God, not of a man dunking you. Same principle applies to any work of the flesh vs. work of faith.

a. circumcision made without hands - that’s a clue – without hands!

1) Gal 5:6 in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but faith which worketh by love. (both in salvation and sanctification)

2) Gal 6:15 in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature (justification)

3) Act 21:20,21 (the elders, when they heard of the thousands of Jews that Paul led to the Lord) thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise…why? Because it’s not what gets you saved.

4) Phil 3:3 we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. (circumcision of the heart)

5) Act 7:51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye (a fearful place to be, including in your walk with God - not being uncircumcised, but resisting the Holy Ghost - it’s ok, God will move on, eventually stopping striving with you)

6) Act 16:3 Paul…took (Timotheus) and circumcised him (in the flesh) because of the Jews…for they all knew that his father was a Greek. This was to expedite the gospel I Cor 9:19-22 I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

`` 7) Gal 2:3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. There’s a difference between being all things to all men to expedite the gospel, and yielding to the pressure of religious tradition that says your faith in God is not enough.

b. quickened

1) Eph 2:1-9 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins…:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)…:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in he kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.

2) Ezek 16:6 ...I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live.

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

a. baptized into one body

1) (We’ve already looked at scripture concerning what baptism is, and later we’ll look at the fact that each baptism is a witness.) This can’t be water baptism because as we’ll see more of later, water baptism is symbolic and what you go into is H2O, not a body. It can’t be the baptism in the Holy Ghost (there’s a denomination that says you can’t go to heaven if you don’t speak in tongues.) because it says you go into a body, not a spirit. It’s a mystery, but we are his flesh and bone body.

b. into one Spirit

In Jn 4:10 If thou knewest the gift of God, and who is is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. Not “he would have baptized you in the Holy Ghost.” He was talking about salvation as in Rev 7:17 living fountains of water You do not speak in tongues in heaven!

c. ALL

1) I Tim 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. :6 gave himself a ransom for all

2) Act 2:38,39 Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ…For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off…

3) Rom 3:22 the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference

4) Gal 3:26,28 ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. There is neither Jew not Greek, there is neigher bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

5) I Cor 10:17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

b. body of Christ

1) Rom 12:4,5 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

2) Eph 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

7. Gal 3:23-29 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. 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. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nr female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

a. children of God

1) I Jn 3:1,2 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him…

2) Jn 1:12,13 as many as received him, to them gave he power (the privilege) to become the sons on God, even to them that believe on his name.

b. Abraham’s seed

1) Gal 3:6,7 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

2) Rom 4:11-16 he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: and the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

8. I Pet 3:18-22 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, the he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ…

a. verse :18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit

1) suffered for sins important to know that He paid the price and you don’t – not now, not ever.

a) Mark 8:31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

b) Mark 9:12 (the disciples asked about the scribes saying that Elias must first come) he answered and told them Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

c) Luk 24:44-46 And he said unto them, These are words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day…

d) message of the disciples:

1) Act 3:18 But those things, which God before by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer…

2) Act 17:1-3 …And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and…reasoned with them out of the scriptures…that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead.

3) Act 26:22,23 …those things which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead…

e) I Pet 2:21-25 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found is his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the the Shepherd and bishop of your souls.

f) I Pet 1:11 (the prophets) Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

2) hath once suffered for sins the payment that Jesus made was one time for all sins – he doesn’t have to do it again, even when you sin

a) Heb 9:12 …by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

b) Eph 5:2 hath given himself for us as an offering

c) Heb 9:24-26 Christ...entered...into heaven itself, now to appear...for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with the blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

d) Is 53:10 (AMPC) it was the will of the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief and made Him sick. When You and He make His life an offering for sin, he shall see His offspring…

3) suffered for sins, the just for the unjust

a) Is 53:6 the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

b) II Cor 5:21 he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin

c) Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us…

4) ...being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit

a) Heb 2:9 ...he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

b) Rom 5:6 ...in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

c) II Cor 5:15 ...he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them…

b. verse :19 By the which (the Holy Spirit in :18) also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison (he hadn’t cleansed the heavens yet); Being put to death in the flesh, he actually had a three-fold ministry toward us - spirit, soul, and body

1) his SPIRIT: is High Priest – cleansed the holiest-heaven

a) Heb 9:14 (if the blood of animals sanctified the flesh) How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

b) Heb 5:10 (speaking of Jesus, the author of eternal salvation) Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

c) Luk 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

2) his SOUL: became Scapegoat- took our sins and faults

a) Is 53:10 ...it please the Lord to bruise him; he hat put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed...

b) Hos 13:14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes (I will not change my mind). He also literally destroyed death and the grave in the future.

c) Is 51:9-11 :9&10 a cry from Zion to God (Rahab=Egypt, dragon=symbol of Egypt) “How will you leave us here? :11 God answers and prophesies the day of redemption. Jesus’ sacrifice of his soul is what redeemed us

d) Heb 2:14 as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same (death of body and soul) that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; your body lived in the realm of the devil, and through sin the devil brings people to the death of their soul, and Jesus redeemed us from both through the sacrifice of his soul bearing the penalty of sin for all

e) Col 2:15 and here it is! Having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

f) Zech 9:9-13 AMPC Rejoice greatly, O Daughter f Zion! Shout aloud, O Daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, you King comes to oyou; He is just and having salvation, patient, meek, lowly, and riding on a donkey, upon a colt,the foal of a donkey. And I will cut off and exterminate the war chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from jerusalem, and the battle bowshall be cut off and He shall speak the word and peace shall come to the nations, and His dominion shall be from te Sea to sea, and frm the River o the ends of the earth! As for you also, beause ofhte and fro the ske of the covenant of the lord with His peoiple, which was sealed with sprinkled covenant blood, I have released and sent forth our imporisoned people out of the waterlesss pit. Return to the stronghold of security and prosperity, you prisoners of hope; even today do I declare that I will restore double your former prosperity to you. For I have bent Judeah for Myself as My bow, filled th bow with Ephraim as My arrow, and will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and will make you, Iseael as the sword of a mighty man.

g) Ps 18 the entire song is David crying out to God and trusting in Him and praising Him in his trouble that was too much for him to handle :17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me. David knew when to go out and meet the enemy head-on, and he knew when to cry out to God for deliverence.

3) His BODY: the Sacrificial Lamb offered as a sacrifice by which we were healed.

a) Ps 22:1 ...why has thou forsaken me...He had the fleshly temptation to want God to deliver him bodily, just like we would have – but he’d already committed himself to God’s will, not His – He was experiencing the break in fellowship between sin and God..

b) Lev 16:1-22 a picture of both the body and soul sacrifce of Jesus – Aaron was to bring two goats and cast lots – one would be sacrificed bodily, and the other would be made the scapegoat for everyone’s sins and blamed for everything, and sent live into the wilderness.

c. verse :20 Which sometimes were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah…

1) sometimes were disobedient

a) Titus 3:3 ...we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedent, deceived,serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

b) Eph 2:1-8 And you...who were dead in trespasses and sins;...in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom we all had our conversation...even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ…

c) I Cor 6:9-11 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God (this is true on two levels...spiritually concerning justification, as well as what you’ll reap both here and in heaven as a result of the decisions that you’ve made...remember, there’s no getting away with anything! I Tim 5:24)? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

2) :20 longsuffering of God sometimes were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah…

a) II Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us- ward, not willing that any should perish (this too applies to salvation of spirit and soul and body-he only wants good for us), but that all should come to repentance.

b) II Pet 3:15 (written to all Christians) AMPC that you consider that the longsuffering of our Lord – His slowness in avenging and judging – is salvation… We all have benefited by His slowness to judge when we have done wrong and haven’t yet repented.

c) I Tim 1:16 for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. Paul was able to illustrate to everyone who believed that he ministered to, that thank God, He is slow to anger.

3) :20 saved by water Be ready for a false doctrine that says you have to be baptized in water to be saved. when once the longsuffering of God waited (no one called on God, as he waited the last few days before destruction) in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherin few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

a) Greek word through...saved, set apart from those who were destroyed

b) Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things...moved with fear (he believed what God told him), prepared (works accompanying belief) an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world (because everyone else could have had the same thing but chose to disregard God), and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith which is the crux of the issue – faith, not in the obtaining of something but in the living by it – it is impossible to please God otherwise.

d. verse :21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

1) not the putting away of the filth of the flesh

a) II Cor 7:1 Having therefore these promesis, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit (attitude), perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Paul is talking about keeping our heart - our attitude and the things WE do, not what God does. This phrase alone in I Pet 3 tells us all we need to know as far as whether baptism in water OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT WE CAN PHYSICALLY DO saves (justification) us, but rather refers to keeping ourselves SANCTIFIED from the world. Jesus does not work out our daily SANCTIFICAITON, that is, perfect our holiness in the fear of God - he IS God. We are not his robots and he doesn't want us to be. He gives us choices and it's up to us to choose life and not death in the things we do and choose. Do you know that we can do the right thing with the wrong attitude, and it's still sin. We see that in the study of the doctrine or repentance. We perfect our holiness by cooperating with his Spirit in our lives.

b) I Pet 2:1,2 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes. desore the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. Can you see that when Peter says laying aside in this verse, it's the same as putting away in verse 3:21?

c) Heb 12:1 let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. There's that same phrase lay aside - speaking getting rid of everything that interferes with our walk with the Lord - sanctification. NOT JUSTIFICATION.

d) Jam 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness tthe engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. AMPC get rid of alluncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness...that word meekness means with an humble attitude. Again, this is talking about something WE do in sanctifying ourselves, not God. Here, instead of laying aside, it uses the phrase laying apart, which is the same thing. We are the ones responsible to do it.

e) Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy (foulmouthed abuse), filthy communication out of your mouth. Here the King James says put off instead of putting away or lay apart or lay aside - again, it is work that WE do, in sanctifying ourselves, not justifying ourselves.

f) Eph 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. Here the word says put away again, and again it's talking about something WE do, NOT GOD. SO THOSE SCRIPTURES EXPLAIN WHAT PETER WAS SAYING IN 3:21 WHEN HE SAID THIS IS NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

2) 3:21 answer of a good concience Peter says I'm NOT talking about the puttng away of the filth of the flesh, but I AM talking about the answer of a good conscience toward God - What is he talking about???

a) Heb 9:9,14 Which was a figure (re: the tabernacle) for the time then present (the time before Jesus was crucified), in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the servce perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; : 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to the serve the living God? What is this talking about? The blood of sacrifices in the tabernacle COVERED the sins of the people - they were excused. The laying of sins on the scapegoat couldn't actually take their sins away, but they could forgive themselves and blame the goat for everything, and start over for the new year. It was a foreshadow of the Lamb of God coming and actually removing sin from people and taking it all on himself - now, after this new birth, our conscience is clear - but if we fall away, Jesus isn't going to be crucified again for you - you have to man up, repent, and go on. What you've done is forgiven, but it's effect is seen in your reward as we saw in the principle of GLORIFICATION and as we could see if we looked into the principle of eternal judgment. And if you can't forgive yourself for something you've already repented from and your conscience still bothers you, don't worry, I Jn 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

b) Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. (Now you know why some churches sprinkle you with water and call it baptism that saves you.) As we already saw, when you got born again, the Spirit of God sprinkled your spirit with the blood of Jesus, making your spirit perfect and one with Him. At that point you are a new creature with no history of sin. Your conscience, whether you walk in it or not, is completely clear and clean. What you do after that point is up to you. The water is not H2O; it's THE WORD (Eph 5:26).

c) Act 24:16 (Paul, answering for himself to Felix) And herein do I excuse myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. Are you kidding me Paul? Aren't you responsible for the lives of Christians and persecuting the church? No, he's not, because that was before he got born again, became a new creature in Christ, and was totally washed from his sins.

3) I Pet 3:21 by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

a) I Pet 3:18 For Christ alsohath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God

b) Rom 4:25 (Jesus) was delivered for our offences, adn was raised again for our justification. We are JUSTIFIED to stand before God because of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The baptism that saves us in :21 in I Pet 3 is the baptism of our spirit, not our body because it was accomplished as a result of his resurrection, not our obeying a command to be baptized in H2O

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