IT IS WRITTEN

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Shall We Follow Man?

This Brother tells us that he has been reading (It Is Written) and he wants to point out a few scriptures that will help us to walk closer to God, 'I am sure that every Child of God will appreciate such a lesson, when it comes from the word of God, and more, when such lessons are pointed out to a child of God, it will be appreciated, and not only closer to God, but closer to each other, and closer and closer, until there won't be any divisions among us. That's the kind of walking that God would have us to do. Just walk according to His rule, The New Testament. That's the plumb line that God has given us to walk by. Yes, we know that God told Moses, and Aaron what to tell the children of Isreal to do, but, the children of Israel, failed to dbey God, and God punished them for disobeying Him, the same as he will punish us, if we fail to obey God's commands today. Matt 3:17. Yes, when Christ was baptised God said, this is my beloved Son, Hear ye him, and so the disciples followed Christ thereafter and heard what he said, and we are hearing what Christ said, today, through the Holy Spirit, to the Apostles, through his Word, not by any direct revelation from God. Jno 3:16-17. Yes, Christ was to save the people from their sins, but, the people had something to do before he woul dsave them, They had to have Faith. Without faith it is impossible to •please God, Heb. 11:16. Faith come by hearing the Word of God, Rom. 10:17. And that's not all, They must repent of those sins, Luke 13:3. Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. So we must confess Christ is the Savior, Rom. 10:9-10. And we must be baptised into Christ, which is the Church, Rom. 6:3, or his body. Then we can call upon Him. Then is when Christ and God cares for his Children, if we obey Him, If we do not obey God, He does not care and protect us. But, if we strive, according to 1HiS word, God will care for us. But, if we just sit down and wait for God to send us food, and clothing, we are just fooling ourselves. God irequires us t o work, and labor with our own hands, and if any man won't work, neither shall he eat. God cares not for those bums going about over the world, claiming that God is going to feed such. That is just pure false and 'hypocracy. God will Care for those that care for •Him. — R. C. C,

What Becomes Of The Wicked?

Last month my subject was, "Shall We Live Again?" We found out that the ones that obeyed God shall live again, and this time we will find out what shall become of the ones that don't obey God,

but live a sinner all their life and die in sin.

First we will •go back to the days of old, and find out how God destroyed some sinners. Beginning with Gen. the 18th Chapter to the 19th verse, where God's great men preached to the people in Sodomon, and Gomorrah, and they would not obey. God told Lot and his wife and two daughters to get out of the 'City and not to look back; they were the only righteous ones in the City. And God rained fire and ;brimstone on the City, and destroyed it. And 'because Lots wife disobeyed God and looked back, she turned to a pillar of salt. We find in Psalms 145:20. The Psalmist speaking, "The Lord preserves all them that loves •him, but all the wicked shall be destroyed. We find the Prophet Isa speaking in Isa 9:18-19. For wickedness burneth as the fire. It shall devour the briers and thorns and shall kindle in the thickets and they shall mount up like the lightning of smoke. V19. Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire, no man shall spare his brother. We find in Job 21:30. That the wicked is preserved to the day of Judgment. They shall be brought forth to the day of wroth. Next let us go to Matt. 25th Chap. and get a glimpse of the last days the days of Judgment in V 32-83. And before Him shall be gathered all nations, and he shall seperate them one from another, as a shepard divides his sheep from the goats. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand and the goats on the left. V 46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment. Those are the ones on his left hand. We read in Prov. 19:5. A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape. Ch. 20:28. A false witness shall perish. 2 Thes. 1:7-9. And to you, who are troubled, rest with us when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with h's mightey angels taking vengeance on all that know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and the glory of his power.

Next let us to St. Matt. 13:38-42. The field is the world, the good seed are the children of the Kingdom, but, the tares are the children of the Wicked one. The enemy is that sowed the is the DeVil, the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels as therefore, the tares are gathered and burned, so shall it be in the end of this world. The son om man shall send forth his angels, and shall gather out of his Kingdom, all things that offend, and them that do iniquity, and shall cast hem into a furnace of fire, there s.hall be wailing and !gnashing of teeth. We read in St. Mark 9:45. !And if thy foot offend then cut it off, It is better for thee to enter into life halt, than to have two feet to be cast into hell fire or !that fire that shall never be put out . Friends, let us think of those things. There are people in the world who will tell us that God will not punish us that way, but don't be !fooled by such. They are just false prophets as in Rev. 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire, ';where the beast and the false prophets are, and shall be tormented day, and night, forever and ever. We can picture a lake, and 'haw big and deep they are. Well picture the lake of fire and brimstone, instead of water. Rev. 19:20, And the beast was taken, and with the false !prophets that wrought miracles before him wifth which he deceived them that had the mark of th," beast, and them that worshipped his images. These both were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Friends, we don't have to go to

that place. Christ died on the cross that we could shun such a place as there is a lake of fire, if we will just only dbey him, and live again. Let us think about this, we will soon have to leave this old world, and where, will we be then? We find in the scriptures it tells us. For there

shall be no reward for the wicked, shall be no reward to the Wicked man. The candle of the wicked man shall be put out. Prov. 24:20. Written in Love that the truth might expand.--Willie Doans Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Question

DO THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAL THE SICK AND DRINK DEADLY POISON TODAY„ AS THE APOSTLES DID?

I heard a preacher, the other day, say that they did at a certain Church here in Broken Baw, Oklahoma, called the Assembly of God. Be used Mark 16:20, as proof text that they did those things. Yes, the Apostles did, which is absolutely the truth, for which no one will deny. But, is that all? Nay, verily, then they go to James 5:14, And he made this quotation, Is any among you sick? Let him call for the Elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing ihim with oil, in the name of the Lord; 15 V, and the prayers of Faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall rase him up. And if he has committed any sins, they shall forgiven him.

Now Brethren, we want to be fair with those erring folk, and be, careful, do our best to keep from offending them. But, we must do our very best to show them the truth. There is many good honest folk among them, that are honestly deceived, that need help, that have been brought under bondage by those false teachers, The scriptures tell us, to show our Faith without our works and we will show our faith by our works. Faith without works are dead, being alone„Tan. 2:17-18. Even so Faith if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 V, Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith and I have works; shew me, thou faith, without thy works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Yes, in Mark 16, the Apostles did those things, and whomsoever they laid their hands on could receive certain gifts. But, no man has ever been able to preform any of those miracles, since A. D. 100.)Those gifts were promised to the Apostles, and none other.

Now to James 5:14, This was addressed to the church. Let them call for the Elders of the church. Let them—them who ?—the sick man, do the calling? Let them—the Elders—pray over the sick man—then what would happen? 15 V, And the prayers of Faith shall save the sick. What was the prayers to do ? James said that they would save the sick. Did not say one word about the prayers healing that sick man, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed any sin they shall 'be forgiven him. Friends, it seems to me that anyone should know the difference in healing anyone, and saving someone. To save a person, is to deliver from sins. But, to heal someone, is to cure their diseases, or sickness. Now to those folks that teaches such doctrine, they should be able to make the proof of what they claim, and stop talking so much. The Apostles proved their faith by their works, but I have the first one of those men to see do so much as to cure a tick bite, and I have seen hundreds of them make such claims. Even had one to threaten to have the Lord to strike me dead, at Bowie, Texas once, But, I am still living, and no doubt he is dead. I have

seen many that claimed to be healed right here lin Broken Bow, and I believe the some of them were honest, but they were not cured. No, and the same disease that they thought they were cured of, in a few days took their life. And I believe that they were good honest folks, and can furnih anyone with what I am telling you.

16 V, Confess your faults, one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual ferverant prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Now we will notice the difference of the quotation in 15 V. There it tells us that the prayer of faith shall save the sick. A positive statement, shall save the sick. But, the 16 V. ..Pray one for another, that ye may be healed. 15 V Tells us that you SHALL be SAVED. 16 V, tells us that ye MAY be HEALED, (May, not shall be) Shall, is positive, and may is doubtful. But, shall, is positive. Now, friends, I am not saying this to offend anyone, I am saying it for no other purpose than to get you to read for yourself. I have some good friends among different so called churches, but are they the church that Christ built? He just built one. Christ is the head of that one. It's His body, It's His family. The saved are all in His Body, the Church. Christ is the Savior of the Body. Christ tells us that every plant, that My Heavenly Father has not planted shall he rooted up, and cast into the fire and burned. Christ only planted one, no more. All those other plants are of man, not God. The saved are in His Body. We are baptised into His Body. Col. 1:24.. His Body, is the church. Col. 1:24, for His Body's sake, which is the church. Col. 3:18. Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which ye are also called in one Body. Now we, have found that Christ is the head of the church. We have found that the church is his body. We have ifound that the saved are all in His BodY, now, we want to know how we are going to get into His Body. Can we be saved out of His Body?

WE KNOW THAT WE MUST BE IN HIS BODY TO BE SAVED.

For the scriptures tell us that the savd are in His Body, which is the church. Acts 2:38, On the day of Pentacost, that great throng of people cried out and said, men and Brethren what must we do ? And Peter said, repent and be baptised every one of you, In the name of Jesus Christ, for the Remission of your sins. And it tells us that those that gladly received his words were baptised. And 47 V. Tells us that the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved. In Christ we are new creatures, 2, we are baptised into Christ. Gal. 3:27. Baptism saves, 1 Peter 3:21. The like figure whereunto even baptism doeth now also save us. So, we are bapt':sed into Christ, into his death. Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27, We have put on Christ. Acts 22:16, We wash away our sins. 2 Cor. 5:17, We are new creatures. Col. 1:13-14, We are delivered out of darkness, and translated into the Kingdom of Cod's dear Son. 2 Cor. 1:20, For all the promisos of God in him aro yea, and in him Amen. Gal 3:27, For as many as you have been baptised into Christ, have put on Christ. Rom. 6:3, First we must have faith. Rom. 10:14-17. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Heb. 11:6, Without Faith it's impossible to please God. Luke 13:3, Except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish. Confession, Matt. 10:-32-33; Luke 12:8; Rom. 10:940, Again, except a man be born again—Born of water, and the spirit, He cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jno 3:3-5. We find that Nichodemus marveleed at this. We also find that people marvel at it today, but that doesn't change the matter one bit. God's Word

still stands, sure, and steadfast. Add to your faith, virtue, know. ledge, patience, temperance, Godliness, Brotherly kindness, Charity. If you do these things, you SINS.—R. C. C.

shall never fall. But, he that likes these things, is blind and cannot see afar off, and has forgotten that he was purged from his old

He That Knoweth To Do Good

AND DOETH IT NOT TO HIM IT'S A SIN

Brethren, 1 just keep reading some every day, and I keep learning something nciw. And from that passage of scripture. I learn that if I see someone in need and fail to help them, I commit a sin. If I am able to help them. And again I learn that if I *see* some poor invalid, cripple, sick, hurt and in a destitute condition, I should help such a person. If I could heal their diseases, I should do it. If they are hungry, I should feed them. And, if I don't do it, I have just committed a wilful sin. Those things are committing a wilful sin. And the scriptures tell us that he that sins willfully, there remaineth no more sacrifice for his sins. That brings to my mind things that happen almost every day. Some poor crippled, hungry, half-clothed person coming along, or even in our own town, no one seeming to care for him. No one feeding, even giving him anything to eat, and just seemingly saying, "Oh, he is not worthy of notice. He has done this, and he has done that. But, the next one they meet, they will grab his hand, and Oh My how they will shake it, when this poor fellow, that they have just passed by, is far better, in a moral way, in every respect, than that one that they shook his hand so lovingly. And they call such Christianity. And again we will *see* some poor fellow die, that hasn't, maybe, a change of clothes. Ard nine times out of ten, he is hardly noticed. But, just let some rich person die, who is up in soe:ety, then you will see some show. Or some one who belongs to some lodge. Friends, just such religion is going to damn many souls to Hell. I see just such things happen very often. Such is sad affairs. Such things are showing that the scriptures are coming true, in these last days. Yes, it tells us that we will say to the well dressed, Come up here and sit, and to the poorly clad, Sit back here. Do you ever see such in the Church, that you belong to? Brethren, when you see that kind of religion, you had better run from such. That's not Christianity. That is pure hypocracy, gone to seed. And is the kind of seed that the Devil is sowing. So, let us watch, and if we are not a Christian, don't profess to be. Just be a good, moral man or woman. Don't be a hypocrit.—R. C. C.

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT'

Balance May 1, 1955	$0.00
Church of Christ Belflower, California	5.00
W. A. Nelson Church of Christ iSomerton, Arizona	10.00
N. E. Kellems Temple City, California	1.00
Mrs. Mearl McKiney Yakima, Washington	1.00
A Friend (C. G. H.)	1.00
Unice Bruce Church of Christ Carlsbad, New Mexico	10.00
Paper	$35.00
Stamps	7.50
TOTAL	42.50
TOTAL Contributions	$28.00
Balance Due	14.50

A Plea For Unity

IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Brethren, this is one of the most sinful conditions that the Church can be in. There is nothing worse than division in the Church and everyone in the last few years is the most frivilous things that can be hatched up. I can't see, to save my life, why the brethren don't lay down those things that are not made plain to the Church. And all come back to the plain things that are written and quit this squabbling over unwritten things? Just such things have divided the church in the last few years. It's causing many a poor soul to be lost, and somebody is going to have to answer for such things,

NOW WE WANT TO NOTICE THOSE THINGS THAT ARE CAUSING TROUBLE IN THE CHURCH:

FIRST, we will notice individual cups. That is plain language. Christ used only one. There is no use in saying that they could have used more than one. The Word of God settles that question. All the churches, know that Christ just. used one cup in his establishing of his Supper, one and no more. But the things that we want to notice is what is causing division in the churches. So the first thing that we will notice is fermented wine in his Communion. Did Christ command us to use fermented wine, or unfermented wine?

Any Bible reader knows that Christ never gave any such command. But, he did call the drink element, Trait of the Vine.' And it could have been fermented, or unfermented, either one. And when we, The Church of Christ, goes beyond what is written, and make a law that the drink element must be fermented, or unfermented, WE SIN, and divide the church over such, and God is going to hold us accountable for such, when 'we appear at the Judgment with that mark on us.

TWO: did Christ eat first, or last, or at all? This is another question that Gods Word does not make plailn. Then why will we bring up such in the church, and divide it over things like that, when the Word of God is as silent on such as death. And to cause division in the Church over such, IS SIN. And the idea that Christ commanded the Disciples to brake the bread before they ate of it, is another pure assumption. Nowhere in Gods Word does it tell us such. Then why raise disturbance over such? If some Brother brakes the bread before he eats of it, or doesnot brake it at all, why divide the church over such?

Christ brake the bread. Why not be satisfied with what is written, and not add something to Gods Word that is not written. Brethren, if you balance over forward, too, far, it's just as bad as if you balanced backward too far. You are sure to fall either way you go. When you go too far, you are going to hit the ground, And when you bring those things into the church, and cause division, that you cannot read in Gods Word just that certain you are going to be held responsible for such.

THREE: Cup must have a handle, or it is not a cup, and if you *use* any kind of drinking vessel, that doesn't have a handle, YOU COMMIT SIN. Brethren, any kind of a cup is a drinking vessel, whether it has a handle or not. A drinking vessel, is a cup, if it has a handle, and a drinking vessel, is a cup, though it never had a handle. And when I make a contention that it must have a handle, or it must not have a handle, either way I just commit a sin. In my ignorance, And when I divide some Church of Christ over

such things as I have just mentioned, iCOM1VIIT A GRAVE SIN either way. Gods Word doesn't require any such service, and you are going to stand in the Judgment with that mark on you, for Oiv' ding the Church.

Now, Brethren, and especially the 0. P. A. and the F. P. T., and the paper, 'THE TRUTH. Why not reason on• those things, and stop such, and all of us be one in Jesus 'Christ, as we shold be? If those few hobbies were removed from the Church as they should be and stop this mouling and growling like cats and dogs, and all be one in Christ. But, when the scriptures come out on such as Instrumental Music, and the Sunday School and women teachers, and individual cups, then and there is the time to take a firm stand. But, when the scriptures are not plain on such as those things, I have been begging for us to leave alone, then let's leave such alone. Never mention them any more.i Erase them, such from our minds. All that such has done is to divide the Church of Christ, and such is the downfall of the church, and will be as long as the church lasts. And my honest opinion is that there are not two Brethren, living today, that agrees on all points of Gods Word, when it is not writ.. ten. So, I pray let each and every one of us stop such contentions. This is my prayer for the Churches of Christ everywhere. — R. C. Clements, Box 731, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Gods Way And Not Mans

God said that he would build his 'Church, and the gates of Hell would not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18; 19 V, and I will give unto the the keys of the Kingdom . .

What is the Church? Its the body of Christ, Col. 1:18, And he is the head of the body, the Church. Col. 1:24, For his body's sake, the Church.

HOW MANY BODYS DID CHRIST HAVE?

One Body. 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 ale one body in Christ.

1 Cor. 12:12, For as the body is one, and hath many members in one body, and all members has not the same office; so we being many, are one body in Christ.

HOW DO WE GET INTO THIS ONE BODY, THE CHUIRCH?

By Faith in 'Christ, Heb. 11:6, Without Faith it's impossible to please God. He that believe not shall be damned. Mk. 16:16.

Jno 8:24. For if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Rom 10:17.

ALSO BY REPENTING

Luke 13:3. Except ye repent Ye shall also perish; Acts 17:30, And the time of these ignorance, God winked at, But now commandeth all men to repent.

CONFES SION

Rom. 10:9-10. If thou shalt confes_s with the mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thy heart that Jesus has raised you from the dead, thou shall be saved. Matt. 10:32-33. Whosoever shall confess me before men, Him will I also confess before my Father in Heaven.

BAPTISM — WHAT FOR?

Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the reiniss':on of your sins. Acts 2:38.

IN ORDER TO GET INTO CHRIST

Rom. 6:3. Know ye not that so many as were baptised into Christ, have put on Christ.

TO BE A NEW CREATURE

2 Cor. 5:17. If any man be in Christ he is a new creature.

PUT ON CHRIST

Gal. 3:27, For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ.

Matt. 18:16, In the mouth of two, or three witnesses, shall every word be established.

BORNED AGAIN

Jno 3:5, Verily, verilY, I say unto thee, except a man be born of the water and the spirit, he can not enter the Kingdom of God.

FORM OF DOCTRINE

Rom. 6:17, But, God be thanked that ye were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine, being then made free from your sins, 18th V., ye became the servants of righteousness.

WHAT IS RIGHTEOUSNESS?

God's word tells us that all of Gods commandments is righteousness.

Notice: To be in Christ, is to be in his body. To be in his body, is to be in the church, and to be in his church is to be in his Kinidom. Therefore, all •of the above terms are interchangeable. Matt. 16:15-19; Ephe. 1:22-0; Rom. 12:4-5; Mark 9:1; Col. 12:13-14. Heb. 12:_ 28.

I, because I have believed that Christ through his sonship death and suffering for fallen humanity, and his work in the creation. Col. 1;16-19, has earned the preemence over all other religious organizations.

2. Because it is the only, and only religious organization purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Acts 20:28.

3. It is the one and only one religious institution (organization) by which we can glorify Christ. Eph. 3:21; 5:27.

4. It is the one and only one by which the Adamic Family (Alien sinner) can be reconciled unto God. Col. 1:19-20; Rom. 5:10.

5. It is the one and only one, organization through which Adams fantily (Alien sinners) can be brought into covenant reelationship with God. Hb. 8:8_10; Ephe. 2:11-13.

6. It is one, and only one, institution mentioned in the. New Testament. Rom. 16:16; 1 Tim. 3:14-15.

7. It's the only religious institution built on the solid rock foundation, Christ, the inspired Apostles and Prophets. Matt. 16:18; Ephe. 2:20.

8. It is the one and the only one religious organization built together for the habitation of God through the Spirit. Ephe. 2:21-22.

9. It is the one and only one religious institution that the inspired Apostles established, unlocked and bound on earth, through which sinful humanity can be saved. Matt. 16:18-19; Acts 4:12.

10. It is the one and only one religious organization through alien sinners can contact the blood of Christ and attain the remission of sins. Col. 1:12-14.

11. It's the only institution that contains Eternal life. Jno 5:11-12.

12. It's the only institution that Christ promised to save. Ephe. 5:23.

13. Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:10.

14. It is the one and only religious organization on earth that contains the bases and formula for unity on earth. Eph. 4:1-6; 1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Pet. 4:11.

15. There in not a line, nor an Epistle in all the New Testament addressed to any other religious nstitution. See Matt. 20:27.

16. Eternal life is too valuable to risk the salvation of my soul in a religious institution, not mentioned in all the Bible. They do not carry divine sanction and are therefore built on the doctrines, and commands of men. Col. 2:21.-22; Matt. 15:7-9.

17. It is the only religious institution on Earth through which alien sinners can be justified freely by his Grace, 1Rom. 3:23-25.

18. Finally, it is the one and only religious institution on earth through which reconciliation and covenant relations can be restored to the Adamic family, (sinners) Alien Sinners. Rom. 5:842. For as in Adam all die, even so in Chris(shall all be made alive. 1 Cor. 15:22

Now, Friends, I have sited to you 18 scriptural reasons as to why I am a member of the Church of Christ. In view of these scriptures will you not be fair enough, and kind enough to give me just one reason why you are not a member of the blood-bought institution? Church of Christ, Thank You.

Now, FriOnds, and Brethren, this was sent to me from Waco, Texas, and I think it contains the best of advice, or as good as can *be* given, to anyone. Won't you read and study for yourselves. If you find those things to be the truth, accept it. If not, reject the same. And if any one has a scriptural reason for not being a member of the blood purchased institution that Christ gave his life for, why not send the scriptures to It Is Written. I believe that we all had rather be united together than to be divided, unless it was some one that would have an evil spirit in himself. So, why not do as Bods Word tells us, come and reason together? Isa. 1:18.

We will have more of this brothers writing later on. — R. C. C.

Where Will We Spend Eternity?

The above is a very important question and we should seriously consider it. There are two places we can spend this life. In the world or the Church. And there are two places we can, and will spend eternity. In Heaven or Hell. None of us really want to spend eternity in that place called Hell. Now, we can't snend Eternity in both Heaven and Hell and neither can we spend a part of eternity in Hell and the rest of eternity in Heaven. Once we are in either place there no passing from one to the other. Luke 13:26. And since none no as want to sn•end Eternity in the place of torment called Hell, it is necessary that we prepare ourselves ifor Heaven. And: since we can't make that preparation after we get there, it is necessary that we make that preparation here in this life. First I would like to call our attention to some of the things which prepares us for the place called Heaven, St. Jno 8:24, For if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins. Then believing is a necessity to our spending Eternity in Heaven, and believing is faith, and without faith it's impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6. But, James tells us that faith without works is dead. James 2:26. Jesus told Nicodemus, except a man be borned of water and of the spirit. He can not enter into the Kingdom of God. Jno. 3:5.

Then our entening 4-leaven 'is conclentioned on our being borned of water and of the spirit. Jesus said in Matt. 7:21. Not everyone that saith unto me lord Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven. Then our entering Heaven is conditioned on our doing the will of the father, And since our enter-

ing Heaven is conditioned on our doing the will of the Father and on our being horned of water and of the spirit. It follows that being horned of water and of the spirit are doing the will of the Father, and in doing the will of the Father we are horned of water and of the Spirit. We read again in Rev. 22:14, Blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have a right to the tree of life and may enter in through the Gate into the City. Our entering into the City (Heaven) is conditioned on our doing His (Gods) commandments. But we had to be horned of water and of the Spirit to enter the Kingdom of God (Heaven) it stands thus being horned of water and of the Spirit we are doing His (Gods) commandments, and in doing His commandments we are horned of water and of the spirit. Peter commanded the people to be baptised. Acts 2:38. Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remision of sins. That command can be done and those that do His Commandments are the ones that have a right to the tree of Life and may enter into the City. So, Folks, it stands thus. To repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins is doing His commandments. And since our entering the Kingdom of God the City is conditioned on being horned of water and of the spirit, it stands thus. To repent and be 'baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins is being horned of water and of the Spirit. Act 10:48. And He commanded them to be baptised in the name of the Lord. There folks, is a command we can do. But, the ones that do His commandments are the ones that enter the City, (Heaven), it stands in being baptised, we do his commandments in being baptised we may enter the City, (Heaven) 1 Tim. 6:12, Fight the good fight of Faith, lay hold on eternal life. Those that lay hold on eternal life will enter Heaven and to enter Heaven we must do the will of the Father. It stands thus, it's the will of the Father that we fight the good fight of Faith. Rev. 2:10, Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life. To receive a crown of life is equal to entering Heaven. But, our receiving a crown of life is conditioned on our being faithful unto death. But, Paul in Rom. 10:17 said, So then faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Then folks we could not practice things that do not come by the word of God. If we prepare ourselves for Heaven by being horned of water and of the Spirit. Jno 3:5. By doing His (Gods) commandments. Rev. 22:14, And fight the good fight of faith. 1 Tim. 6:12, Be faithful unto death. Rev. 2:10. We will miss that place of torment called Hell. But, if we miss Heaven, we are sure for Hell. There are just two places for us to spend Eternity. We are told, in no uncertain terms, just what we must do to spend Eternity in Heaven, and if we fail to do them, we are Sure for the other place. 11 Thes. 1:7-8, and to you, who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then, folks we must obey the gospel to escape the vengeance of Christ. But, we can't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by teaching and practicing things we can't read in the Gospel. Rev. 20:15, And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Folks, if our teaching and practices are not found in the word of God, we will not be found written in the nook of Life. Then we better begin to consider can we read it? Can we read a plurality of cups in the communion ? Can we read wo-

men teachers in the public assembly? Can we read Sunday School? Can we read Christ broke off a piece of bread and ate it before He gave it to the Disciples? Can we read where Christ commanded the Disciples to take and break when He gave them the bread, when he instituted the Communion? Can we read instrumental music in the New Testament? Can we read fermented wine only in the Communion? Folks, those are the things we better consider. Haggai 1:5, Now therefore, thus Saith the Lord of Hosts consider your ways. 11 Tim. 2:7, Consider what I say and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. Written in Love Of the Truth. I remain yours in Christ. — W. E. Daniels, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Born Of Water And Of The Spirit

John said in Jno. 3:5; "Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

NOTE: We must be born of two things, viz., water and Spirit.

Again—we are born of the Word of God, 1 Pet. 1:23.

Again—They that do righteous_ness are born of Him, 1 Jno. 3:29.

Again—Everyone that loveth are born of God, 1 Jno. 4:7.

Again—Whosoever that believeth are born of God, 1 Jno. 5:1.

The above five statements are not five different ways we are horn, but are statements of the one birth of water and Spirit. Jno 3:5. God and the Holy Spirit are always molten of as 'Male" using the masculine pronouns, "He, Him, etc." See Jno 16:7-8; Jno 15:26; Jno 14:26. God is our Father and i., referred to with the masculine pronouns "He Him, etc." See 1 Kings 18-39; 1 Jno 1:5; Tno 8:41; Jno 14:26; Jno 15:26. The way we are born of our Fathers is by being "Begotten" by them. We are "Born" of our mothers.

Hence, we are born of God (1 Jno 5:1) By being "Begotten" by Irm and the agency through which God does the 'Begetting" is the Holy Spirit; not directly, but through the Word of God. Jno 6:63, Jas. 1:18; says, "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth". Note, the un-Ouivical expression, we are BEGOTTEN "With the Ward of Truth." This is in keeping With Luke 8:11, which says, "The Word is the Seed." The Word (the Seed) contains the germ of life as shown by Jno 6:63. when the Word (the Seed) enters the heart and is accepted by faith; we are as Jno 5:1 says, Begotten of God; We grow and move in repentance and confesion; and the "Birth" is effected by the "Coming out of," in "Baptism." Thus completing the "Birth" of water and of the

But, don't forget it was "of his own will," (The Word, the Covenant) we were "Begotten. We are "Begotten" of our mothers. This being true we would he children of God's covenant. See Gal. 4:21-31, •And you will see the two covenants (the old and the new) are reckoned as two women. The bond woman signifying the one from Sinai; Whil$_e$ the dreewoman, his wife, signified the covenant of promise, Verses 21-25, Verse 26 shows the covenant called, "Jeruselem which is above," is, "The mother of us all." Verse 9 shows that covenaut which is "the mother of us all," is the covenant of "Promise" whicth is the Gospel covenant. This is in keeping with 1 Peter 1:23, "'13ding born again not of corruptalbe seed but by incorruptable, by the word of God."

Acts 3:25, says we are Children of the covenant.

Hence, when we receive the Word (the Seed, Luke 8:11; which contains the germ of Life, Jno. 6:63). into our hearts "by Faith" we are "Begotten" of God, 1 Jno. 5:1; We move in repentance and confession, and in "Baptism" we are bore. The water of baptism being that part of the "covenant" through which the delivery is effected.

2 Cor. 5:17; "If any man be In Christ he ig a new creature." In this the "New Creature" is one newly born.

But, Baptism, with, its pre-requisites, Faith, Repentance and confession, puts us into Christ. (Rom. 6:1-4; Gal. 3:27) "Where we are "New Creatures" (2 Cor. 5:17), that is newly born: or as Christ puts it, "Born of water and of the Snirit." Jno 3:5.

Dear friend, could anything be plainer? May God bless you to believe, repent, confess your Lord, be baptised into Christ, (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27), Where You will be a "New Creature." (2 nor. 5:17); Thereby being born of water and of the Spirit" (Jno. 3:5) is my prayer. In love of the truth. J. S. Bedingfield, Box 767, Bryte, California.