***Birth****

**Genesis 3:9-15** (9) And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?
(10) And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.
(11) And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
(12) And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
(13) And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent **beguiled** me, and I did eat.
(14) And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art **cursed** above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:
(15) And I will put **enmity** between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
*This betrayal to God is the beginning into the veil of tears that mankind would encounter, as life, on planet earth. But first, what do the words beguiled, cursed, and enmity mean?*
***Beguiled****;* to influence by trickery, flattery, mislead; delude.
to take away from by cheating or deceiving.
***Enmity****;* hostility or ill will, as between enemies; antagonism.
***Cursed;*** an ecclesiastical censure or anathema, excommunicate.
*We have to ask, what is* **anathema**?; a person or thing accursed or consigned to damnation or destruction.
a formal ecclesiastical curse involving excommunication.
*This Messianic prophecy goes back centuries before Abraham—all the way to Adam and Eve's tenure in the Garden of Eden. There God informed the serpent following his*

*deception of Eve:* "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." *In this very first Messianic prophecy, a suffering, but victorious, Redeemer is pictured.*
*Thus the antagonism between good and evil, righteousness and unrighteousness, Jesus Christ and satan began. The seed of the woman would be Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Therefore the prophecy is not for Adam and Eve, but for Eve alone; and it was in consequence of this purpose of God that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin; this, and this alone, is what is implied in the promise of the 'seed of the woman' bruising the head of the serpent. Jesus Christ died to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, and to destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. Thus he bruises his head - destroys his power and lordship over mankind, turning them from the power of Satan unto God. And Satan bruises His heel - God so ordered it, that the salvation of man could only be brought about by the death of Christ; and even the spiritual seed of our blessed Lord may have the heel often bruised, as they suffer persecution. Heaven and hell can never be reconciled, nor light and darkness; nor can Satan and a sanctified soul if ye keep in memory the gospel through obedient faith. There is a continual struggle between the wicked and the godly in this world. A promise is made of Christ, as the Deliverer of fallen man from the power of Satan. Turn with me to;*
**Matthew 1:18-23** (18) Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
(19) Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.
(20) But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou

son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
(21) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
(22) Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
(23) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
*Concerning the birth of Jesus, we have here an account of the mother of our Lord; though we are not to pray to her, yet we ought to praise God for her. Mary's reply to the angel was the language of faith and humble admiration, and she asked no sign for the confirming of her faith.* Then said Mary to the angel, how shall this be seeing I know not a man (Luke 1:34) *as she was only contracted to Joseph, the marriage not yet consummated. She knew this conception could not have taken place; and she modestly inquires by what means the promise of the angel is to be fulfilled in order to regulate her conduct accordingly. This she said not as doubting the truth of what was said; for she required no sign, as Zacharias did; nor is she charged with, and blamed for unbelief, as he was; yea, it is expressly said in Luke 1:45 that she believed. Nor was this a curious question, as whether she should have this son by a man in a married state, or in her present virgin state; for she clearly understood the angel to mean her present virgin state. She must have known, by prophecy, that the Messiah was to be born of a virgin, and evidently perceived, by the angel's declaration, that she was that virgin, but she could not imagine in what way this amazing thing should be effected. Thus her question, how shall this be?*
*For us then is given a birthright (grace through faith in Christ Jesus), to become sons of God. That is, a birth that is patterned after the birth of the Son of God, part earthly (water), part heavenly (spirit of truth). Turn with me to;*

**John 3:1-6** (1) There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
(2) The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
(3) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
(4) Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
(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 God.
(6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
*Everyone has two parents, a mother and a father. Jesus was no different than anyone else in that He also had a mother and a Father. The exception being that His Father was heavenly. He was part earthly, part divine. This divine conception at first reeked of deception to Joseph, but when he learned the truth of the matter he accepted Jesus as his own;* But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost (Matt 1:20). *The mother of Jesus was of this world (earthly), and His Father was of the Holy Spirit (heavenly). Jesus said a person must be "born again" and then gave command containing two parents. The water and the Spirit. A child is born of his father, but not until he is born of his mother first. That is why the water is mentioned before the Spirit, al-tho it is the Spirit that plants the seed. Sadly many people today try to be "born again" without the benefit of two parents. Instead they seek a surrogate, or accept one parent while rejecting the other,*

*climbing up some other way. Turn with me to;*

**John 10:1-3** (1) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
(2) But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
(3) To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.
*Any other way will wreak havoc with the souls of men.* But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction (2Pet 2:1). *What does "denying the Lord" mean? Jesus was the word made flesh (John 1:14). Therefore when one will deny the word, He has denied Christ Himself. Christ was not slack teaching the world His doctrine. Turn with me to;*
**Hebrews 1:1-2** (1) God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
(2) Hath in these last days **spoken unto us by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
*Here it is, strait from the word of God whom we should hear. His Son spoke these words;* He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned (Mark 16:16). *The foundational message of salvation is this ordinance given by Christ, the power to become sons of God. Turn to;*
**Romans 6:3-6** (3) Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
(4) 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.
(5) For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his

death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
(6) 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.
*Did any of this actually happen scripturally? Turn to;*
**Acts 8:8-12** (8) And there was great joy in that city.
(9) But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:
(10) To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.
(11) And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.
(12) **But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.**
*Who were baptized? They that believed and this is a very explicit explanation of being born again. When one is raised up out of the waters of baptism to walk in newness of life, that person has been "born again." In an earthly birth of a child, when the mother's water breaks we know the birth is at hand. When the baptismal water breaks as one is raised up out of the water, we know that person is a born again Christian. Born of water and of the Spirit. I marvel that baptism is so misunderstood. I marvel how few believe the words spoken by Jesus;* he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. *A person cannot be "born again" of only one or one kind of parent, a same sex marriage cannot produce a child. Scripture does speak of "faith alone", but it is not what the "faith alone" advocates proclaim;* Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone (James 2:17). *"Faith alone" is not a true faith lacking obedience and is therefore dead. Two parents were involved in ones natural birth and two parents are involved in ones spiritual birth. Sadly;* There is a way which seemeth

right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death (Pro 14:12). *However, it is a joy when one will find life eternal through obedient faith.*
*Listen; to find Jesus interesting is not enough. To be curious is not enough. To observe and study Him is not enough. Attempting to be like Him is not enough. To give up ones wealth is not enough. To claim discipleship is not enough. To do wonderful works in his name is not enough. What is enough to become a Christian?, simply an obedient faith, to be "born again" of water and of the Spirit." Jesus said,* He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: *Is this not observed in the Acts of the Apostles? Turn with me to;*
**Acts 8:34-38** (34) And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?
(35) Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.
(36) And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?
(37) And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
(38) And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
*When a person is born again, then he has become a reciepent of better promices. Within the better promices is another ordinance that Jesus established, His memorial service. Jesus established the 'Lord's Supper' at the conclusion of His last passover supper which he had just eaten with his disciples. Especially meaningful to Christians is the cup known as the "cup of blessing" reminding Jews of God's promise to redeem them from their Egyptian slavery (Exodus 6:6). Jesus uses redemption language when he takes the cup, after supper,*

*saying "* This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you" *(Luke 22:20). This cup Jesus gave to the disciples with instructions for them to drink of it. Jesus did not partake of this cup, but prepared it for His followers. Paul references this when he speaks of the cup when he writes,* "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?" *(1Corinthians 10:16). The communion of the body and blood is a memorial to Jesus who would be killed, buried, resurrected, and ascend back to his Father's house where he is preparing a place for the born again believers. Turn to;*

**John 14:1-4** (1) Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
(2) In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
(3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
(4) And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

*One cannot imagine what being born again is leading up to?* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: (Eph 1:3). *Sadly thieves and robbers are going to be successful with some people. Even our own earthly families are not immune, Let's turn to;*

**Matthew 10:32-39** (32) Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.
(33) But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
(34) Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.
(35) For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

(36) And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.
(37) He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
(38) And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.
(39) He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.
*This is strange. What does it mean? It means that the saved of Jesus are at variance against members of their own families that have been robbed of their souls. It means the "born again" are set at variance against those that have not been "born again" according to the word, altho they maintain that when they "believed" they were born again into the family of God. There is still hope, turn with me to;*
**2Timothy 4:2-4** (2) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
(3) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
(4) And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
*According to the word of Jesus, being born of the water and of the Spirit is a necessary accomplishment to complete the transaction required for salvation as proposed by the power of God.* For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (Romans 1:16).
*The design of water baptism in the New Testament is unquestionably a critical cog in the overall purpose of removing sins by the blood of Jesus. This purpose is described as; "shall be saved" (Mark 16:16),*
*“for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38),*
*"to put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27),*

*"enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5),*
*"to wash away your sins" (Acts 22:16),*
*"baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13)*
*"the faith of the operation of God" (Colossians 2:12)*
*"baptism doth also now save us" (1Peter 3:21)*
*"baptized into Christ" (Romans 6:3).*
*All these are parallel expressions that pinpoint the same design. This conclusion is reached because;*
*In the beginning our ancestors picked the tree of death over the tree of life. What is the tree of life? The tree of life is the cross of Jesus Christ. Listen, why would Jesus say;* I am the bread of life (John 6:32), *if He were not that which was to hang on the tree of life? His cross was stained with His blood, and when one by faith obeys the ordinance of baptism instituted by Christ, the old man of sin is crucified with Him and a new man is raised to walk in newness of life free from sin. But one must have faith (Heb 11:6). What is faith? Faith in Christ is the effect of belief in the word of God, and baptism is the effect of that faith; So I ask you today, do you believe? Have you acquired faith? Have you by faith repented of your sins? If so, will you by faith confess before men that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and be baptized into Him for remission of your sins? This is the gospel way of salvation. The result is, God will;* translate you out of darkness into the Kingdom of His dear Son (Col1:13).
*Listen, a life broken by sin is like a pencil with a broken lead, there's no point to it. God is not willing that any should be lost, isn't today the time to be 'born again'? Also from time to time the faithful need prayer, in either case, please come and state your desire while we gently persuade with song.*

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