*Inheritance**

1Peter 1:1-5 (1) Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
(2) Elect 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.
(3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
(4) **To an inheritance incorruptible**, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, **reserved in heaven for you**,
(5) Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
John 14:1-6 (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.
(5) Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
(6) Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
There is a present and consistent danger in the world that deny the only begotten Son of God. This danger comes in the form of atheist, doubters, Islam, and other false religions. How well it would be if all would believe in the words of God the Father concerning Jesus, Thou art my beloved Son; (Luke 3:22). *How well it would be if all would accept the teaching*

of the Holy Spirit through the voice of;
John 1:12-14 (12) But as many as received him, to them gave he **power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name:
(13) **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
(14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
John 3:1-5 (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.
To be born again according to His abundant mercy and receiving an inheritance, is an eternal decision that cannot be made by anyone but yourself. But how? Listen to this, God said This is my beloved Son hear Him (Mk 9:7). *Turn to;*
Mark 16:14-20 (14) Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
(15) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
(16) **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

(17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
(18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
(19) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
(20) And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.
What an event! The Lord instructed the eleven to preach the word with emphasis on salvation, "he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." *But which baptism? Let's begin with;*
Ephesians 4:4-6 (4) There is **one body**, and **one Spirit**, even as ye are called in **one hope** of your calling;
(5) **One Lord, one faith, one baptism**,
(6) **One God and Father** of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
What does it mean, one Baptism, when we read of more than one? The baptism under consideration is the last given by authority of Jesus, (Mark 16:16, Matt. 28:19) and the later command always takes precedence over the earlier commands. Let's study two earlier baptisms to see why they are not to be confused with the one baptism established by Christ.
John's baptism is to profess the doctrine which John preached and to be sealed with his baptism. John's baptism was unto repentance and to believe in Christ which would come after Him. Confirmed by John and Paul. Turn with me to;
Acts 19:3-5 (3) And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
(4) Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.
(5) When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of

the Lord Jesus.
John required those who professed repentance to submit to baptism, a precursor to the ordinance of Christian baptism for the remission of sins beginning at Jerusalem, as prophesied by Jesus, turn with me to;
Luke 24:46-47 (46) And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
(47) And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
After Jesus had risen from the dead and ascended back to the Father, the Apostles fulfilled these words of Jesus on Pentecost, at Jerusalem, and many were added to the Church. Of necessity for clarity we will read;
Acts 2:37-41 (37) Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
(38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
(39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord of God shall call.
(40) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.
(41) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.
The baptized into Christ for remission of sins are granted an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away reserved in heaven, provided one remain faithful unto death. John baptized unto repentance and preached the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire that was to come, John speaking in;
Matthew 3:11-12 (11) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I,

whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.
(12) Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.
The fulfillment of this prophecy is recorded in Acts chapters 1 and 2. Of necessity for clarity we will read;
Acts 2:1-5 (1) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
(2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
(3)And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
(4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
(5) And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
Not meant as a distraction, however, this was the second time fire is mentioned in scripture as God revealed Himself to man, first to Moses in Exodus 19, then the Apostles in Acts 1 and 2. Now our inheritance is dependent upon Jesus, He is the author of our faith for eternal salvation. While Jesus was on earth He personally established the ordinance of baptism for remission of sins, thereby giving people the power to become Sons of God, and as Sons receive the right to an inheritance reserved in heaven. This power to become Sons of God is a birthright to all people, nations and tongues by the free gift of grace. However, do not be as Esau who sold his birthright. The pleasures of earth will cease along with your birthright if you fail of the grace of God. Turn to;
Hebrews 12:14-16 (14) Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
(15) Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and

thereby many be defiled;
(16) Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.
Throughout the history of the Church there have been instigators speaking perverse things, seeking to draw away disciples after themselves.
Iranaeus 120-205 AD wrote; this class of men have been instigated by Satan to a denial of that baptism which is regeneration to God, and thus to a renunciation of the whole [Christian] faith.
Can men be instigated by Satan? How can we know? Turn to;
Matthew 7:15-16 (15) Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
(16) Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
Indeed we shall know them. A sampling of their fruits.
[WATER BAPTISM A PAGAN AND JEWISH RITE, BUT NOT CHRISTIAN By James H. Moon, 1902 Matthew's version is generally adduced to support water baptism. We cannot assume that in Matthew, our Saviour's words are quoted verbatim, while Mark, Luke, John and Peter are all in error or less reliable.**]** *Doesn't this answer that "instigated by satan" question? The fact that one would consider Matthew misquoted and Mark, Luke, John and Peter in error is enough evidence to conclude one has been "instigated by satan".*
[Tertullian [A.D. 145-220]: Is Baptism Necessary for Salvation? But the heretics provoke further questions. They say, "Baptism is not necessary for those to whom faith is sufficient. After all, Abraham pleased God by a sacrament of faith, not water." But in all cases it is the *later* things that have conclusive force. The later [revelation of God] prevails over the earlier. Granted, in former days there was salvation by bare faith, before the suffering and resurrection of the Lord. But now faith has been enlarged, and has become a faith that

believes in his birth, suffering, and resurrection. So the ordinance [of faith] has been amplified by the addition of the sealing act of baptism.**]** *Now let's turn to;*
Acts 20:29-32 (29) For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
(30) Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.
(31) Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.
(32) And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to **give you an inheritance** among all them which are sanctified.
Romans 8:14-17 (14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
(15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
(16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
(17) **And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.
How does one suffer with Christ? Well to begin with, by sharing in His crucifixion! The agony of the believer in admitting to repentance, confession before men the Lord Jesus Christ and baptism for remission of sins is heartfelt by oneself in letting go of their darling sins. But we must do as in;
Romans 6:4-6 (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.
Galatians 3:26-29 (26) For ye are all the **children of God by faith in Christ Jesus**.
(27) For as many of- you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.
(28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
(29) And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and **heirs according to the promise**.
Acts 2:36-38 (36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
(37) Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
(38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
1Peter 3:18-21 (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:
(19) By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;
(20) 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**.
(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:
The baptism established by Christ is not a pagan or Jewish rite, but is from God the Father. Jesus came to do the will of

the Father (John 5:30), and he was obedient even unto death. God's will is that believers are to be baptized into the death of His dear Son that the old man be ***crucified with him****, that the body of sin might be destroyed. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Peter are not misquoted or in error. I urge you to write down these scriptures and read the entire account of each. Yes, we encourage you to read the entire chapters pertaining to each scripture we will give, nothing will change, the meaning will only be enhanced.*

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

Mark 16:16 He that **believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Luke 24:47 And that **repentance and remission of sins** should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Fulfillment of these promises began in Jerusalem as predicted after the resurrection of Jesus and is recorded in;

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Should the analysis of Mr Moon be correct that Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Peter are misquoted or in error, then the comforter must be misquoting or in error also because he brought all things to remembrance. But listen, Jesus said; All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men (Matthew 12:31). *It is man that is misquoting or in error, not the Holy Ghost. Now let's turn to;*

Matthew 19:27-29 (27) Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

(28) And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye

which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
(29) And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall **inherit everlasting life**.
"The Jews believed most firmly that all that Moses had said was true, but yet they did not believe what Moses said; for he spoke of Christ whom they continued to reject thereby giving up their inheritance. So, most men in a Christian land believe that what the Bible says is true, but they do not believe the things which the Bible says, in the sense attached to them by the Spirit of God. They also have given up their inheritance. The Bible says, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. *How few believe it! However, faith is the effect of belief in the gospel, and submitting to baptism is the effect of faith. Do you have faith? Will you by faith repent of your sins, confess Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and be* 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 (Col 2:12-13). *Should you desire an inheritance in God's house, please come forward and make your request known, or if one needs prayer for other reasons, please come while we gently persuade with song.*

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