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John 10:22-30 (22) And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.
(23) And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.
(24) Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.
(25) Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.
(26) But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.
(27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
(28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
(29) My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.
(30) I and my Father are one.
The statement that Jesus made, I and my Father are one*, can be confusing because Jesus and His Father are distinct. The Lord is conscious of His own Personality, as being distinct from that of His Father, and yet He asserts a fundamental unity. But what kind of unity is it? It is a oneness of redemptive power, and perfectness in Him we read of in;*
John 17:20-23 (20) Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
(21) That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
(22) And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
(23) I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

The time had come for the Father's will to come forth in His Son. In the very first verse of Mark is an astonishing revelation. Are you listening? The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; (Mark 1:1). *Not the complete gospel, but it's beginning. Is this significant? Yes it is, and the climax of Mark is;* He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned (Mark 16:16).

***Quote*;** The plant that springs from the root is something distinct from that whence it grows up; and yet it is of one nature with it. And the river which flows from the fountain is something distinct from the fountain. For we cannot call either the river a fountain, or the fountain a river. Nevertheless we allow that they are both one according to nature, and also one in substance; and we admit that the fountain may be conceived of as father, and that the river is what is begotten of the fountain. ***Unquote*; Anti-Nicene Fathers.**

This is a good analogy of the Father and the Son. The fountain and the river are distinct yet are one by nature. Visualize the fountain as the Father, and the river as the only begotten Son, of which, believers when baptized into Him, put Him on and become one with the Father and the Son, as adopted sons and daughters (Eph 1:5).

The reasoning that "the plant is distinct from the root yet by nature is one with it", is a proposition explained in;

John 15:1-6 (1) I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

(2) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

(3) Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

(4) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

(5) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
(6) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
Romans 11:17-22 (17) And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;
(18) Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.
(19) Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in.
(20) Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:
(21) For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.
(22) Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.
Everything that the branch is expected to produce, will be fully supplied for it by the vine. Should the branch call upon the vine to furnish it with materials to produce a fruit foreign to it's nature, the vine will ignore such a request because the branch is not supposed to produce alien fruit. Likewise, if a branch of this spiritual vine should ask the vine (Christ) for ability to start a wild plant, that request would be denied because the branches (the disciples) are not supposed to produce plants that are foreign in nature to the vine as prophesied by Jesus, listen to this; Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up (Matt 15:13). *The importance of being one with Christ cannot be overstated. Every intelligent creature has by voluntary choice lined up on one side or the other. One's obedient faith is the*

measure of allegiance. Therefore as many as received Him, He has given them power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: and if that power is willingly committed to because of their faith and believing in the outcome that results in remission of sins, they will be added to the one plant that is planted by the Father, let's turn to;
1Corinthians 12:12-13 (12) For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.
(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.
After His death but before He ascended to Heaven, Jesus commanded His disciples to; Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matt 28:19). *Were his disciples aware of what He meant? Were the disciples capable of doing what He said? His command is perpetual until He comes again. Can the command be actuated today? Yes it can, a brother can baptize a believer in water for remission of sins, but cannot baptize a believer with the Holy Ghost, but in the name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. According to scripture, Philip baptized the Eunuch in water after he made the confession,* I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Acts:37-38), *thereby revealing the administration of the spirit.*
Peter said, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? (Acts 10:47). *Clearly these two statements show that baptizing believers in water is what Jesus commanded faithful men to do. What would be the point of a commandment that a man is unable to do? To suggest a man baptize another with the Holy Ghost would be nonsensical. To suggest baptism of the Holy Ghost only, will thwart the command of Jesus to faithful men to baptize believers in water, where faith,*

repentance, and confession is established. Let's turn to;
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.
My dear friends, by one spirit we are all baptized into one body. That body is the kingdom of which Jesus said, one cannot enter into it except by being born again of the water and of the spirit. Can one deny what Jesus has said? Do not be deceived, recorded in Mark 16:16 are the words of salvation spoken by the Saviour. To answer the question, can one deny Jesus? Yes one can, far to many are in unbelief concerning the necessity of baptism. They deny the commandment Jesus has spoken in Mark 16:16, Matthew 28:19 and the Holy Ghost revelations spoken of by the Apostles. They do not believe what Jesus says, that baptism in water is necessary to receive salvation. However, one must be born of water and of the spirit just as Jesus instructed Nicodemus. Not by water only, or spirit only, that would be futile. Believing the word of God is essential for whosoever cometh to Him must believe He is, and a rewarder of those who obey Him. Faith is the effect of belief, but because of unbelief, faith is rendered useless. Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works (James 2:18). *Not our own meritorious works, but obedience to the will of God. It is well to believe there is one*

God, at which the devils tremble, but their expressions of terror will not bring them any benefit, which shows that trembling or belief alone is not enough. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (James 2:20). *Vain means empty or useless, and James so considers a man who makes a statement of faith but does not back it up scripturally as empty or useless and of no help at all.*
So therefore Jesus was not speaking of one's birth in the flesh when He 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 (John3:5). *He was speaking about becoming a Christian;* And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one (1Jo 5:8). *When one is born of the water and of the Spirit, the old man of sin is crucified in that grave of baptism and a new man comes forth having been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. The Spirit and the water and the blood each have a distinct part in the salvation plan but all agree in one. The Church is composed of baptized believers, thereby exposed to all three, born of water and of the spirit, set free by His blood. Turn with me to;*
Galations 3:25-29 (25) But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.
(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.
All baptized believers are distinct, yet one in Christ. As it takes many drops of water to make a river, so are we in Christ. Each is a distinct personality yet is only a part of the one. Each being distinct, yet it takes each of our individual abilities

for the whole to function as one. Turn to;
Ephesians 4:4-7 (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.
(7) But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
Now if there be but one baptism, which is it? The baptism of fire? John's baptism? Holy Ghost baptism? The baptism of Moses? Is it one of these? No, it is the baptism established by Christ after He was risen, but while He was still on earth. In all cases the latter command prevails over the earlier. The baptism established by Christ is the latter command, Turn to;
Matthew 28:17-20 (17) And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted
(18) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power** is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
(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:
(20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
Note the difference in what Christ said compared to man. Christ said baptize them in the name of, not with the Holy Ghost. A man can baptize another in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, but he cannot baptize another in or with the Holy Ghost. I can believe that baptism about as easily as I can believe that Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water because Philip had dropped his pocket watch into the water and was fishing for it. A man's part concerning the holy spirit is directional only. A Christian can direct one to the spirit of truth, but that is where man's part ends. It's like the old saying, "you can lead a horse to water but cannot make him drink." When the Eunuch

said,"see here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?," that is evidence of the Holy Ghost at work. Philip did not baptize the Eunuch with the Holy Ghost, the Eunuch was baptized in water having received such direction from the spirit of truth that came by hearing the word of God that Philip preached unto him. He believed and by faith was lead to obedience where he came into contact with the blood of the Lamb thereby receiving remission of sins and raised in newness of life.

*There is one God, one Lord, one Body, one Faith, one Baptism. Where God builds a temple, says the old proverb, there the devil builds another in opposition. This has been apparent ever since the beginning of the world. For at the same time that Abel became a martyr of God, and, therefore, a good leader of the children of God, Cain made himself a murderer, and became a leader of the children of Satan, who belong to the ungodly and false body, as members of that one body. Tho God has spoken unto us in these last days by His Son, believing Him is an individual choice each must make. Living in God's family is not an option at death, it is an eternal decision now! It is made possible by the ordinance of salvation established by Jesus while He was still on earth. And by authority of this ordinance the old man of sin is crucified with Christ receiving remission of sin. Adhering to the strict observance of baptism, in 204 A.D. Tertullian wrote: '*The church of Christ composed of baptized believers, does meet each Lord's day to partake of the Lord's Supper."

The devil is a relentless adversary. He will use any means possible to deceive people, even adjustments to God's word. Consequently there has been ***no more error*** *taught in the supposed name of Christianity, than error concerning baptism. This is one subject that the Devil has adjusted to advance his own protocol more than any other, for it is through the ordinance of baptism that a person is saved and added to the Church of Christ. It has been said that "Baptism has become*

the Devil's workshop" and that saying is well justified! For if he can divert one to accept, "baptism is not necessary", the devil has won. Another tactic of satan is the use of antichrist. John said antichrist was prevalent when he wrote his First Epistle, and it is prevalent today. There is an antichrist in the world today that reject Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God, denies He was crucified and makes claim God does not have a Son. He is a relentless adversary, taking his cue from his father satan, serenading as an angel of light, and his purpose is to steal and to kill. He needs to be exposed, turn with me to;

Revelation 9:1-3 (1) And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

(2) And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

(3) And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

{These demon locusts are thought by many commentators, to be a predictive picture of the rise and spread of Mohammedanism.

In the seventh century A.D., Mohammedanism swept the Eastern world like a tidal wave, blotting out Christianity in southwest Asia and north Africa: the Euphrates and the Nile valleys; the eastern and southern borders of the Mediterranean: lands of the Bible story: lands in which the Bible originated and grew: lands in which God's revelation of Himself to mankind was nurtured and brought to completion: lands in which God formed and trained the nation Israel, for two thousand years, to pave the way for the coming of Christ; lands hallowed forever as the scene of Christ's life and death and resurrection and His redemptive work for mankind; lands which were the cradle of Christianity, and which were for 600

years Christian; the original Christian world. These lands by the blow of the Mohammedan sword, CHRISTIANITY WAS BLOTTED OUT, and Mohammedanism was established.
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Mohammedans say they are in the third Jihad, that would correspond to the third and last woe of Revelation 9:12, for your own spiritual and personal protection; receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed (2John:10):
Sadly the Trojan horse is here, even in our government; however Christians, maintain your Faith in Christ that is the effect of belief in His word. Is there someone you have met, who, for no reason you can explain, there is a connection on a deeper level than anyone else you've ever known? Not the kind of soul mate born from fiction and fairy tales, but that there is someone out there who is meant just for you. There are signs to tell if you're on the right track and if you've found the one who truly understands and knows you (and loves you still), don't let go – He only came to earth once to claim you! To the believing soul He is the means of receiving a formal, distinct, and specific absolution, or release from guilt. It is promised to those who first believe the testimony of God, by faith repent of their sins, confess Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and are baptized for remission of sins, thereby having the full and explicit testimony of God assuring them of pardon. It is hardly necessary here to remark, that as the disciples of Christ are declared to be in a pardoned, justified, sanctified, reconciled, adopted, and saved state, they are the only persons in such a state. Will you come repenting, confess Jesus Christ and be baptized for remission of sins? If there is one seeking prayer for other reasons, come as we sing.

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