

THE KING IN THE GALLERIES 38

MATTHEW 3:11

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:

BAPTIZE: baptizo {bap-tid'-zo}

to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to cleanse by dipping or submerging,

LUKE 22:31

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

LUKE 22:32

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

LUKE 24:49

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

JOHN 14:16

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

JOHN 14:17

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

JOHN 14:26

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and

bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

JOHN 15:26

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

JOHN 16:7

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

JOHN 16:13

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

JOHN 20:21

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

JOHN 20:22

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

ACTS 1:4

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

ACTS 1:5

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

ACTS 1:8

8 But ye shall receive *POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

POWER: dunamis {doo'-nam-is}

Might, virtue, strength, ability, inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth

ACTS 2:3

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

ACTS 2:4

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

I CORINTHIANS 6:19

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

I CORINTHIANS 12:12

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.

I CORINTHIANS 12:13

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.

BAPTIZED: baptizo {bap-tid'-zo}

to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water,

144-3 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

To begin with you will notice that in my meetings when I have finished preaching an evangelistic service, or some teaching message, I cast the net and invite a response from the people.

I ask them to come forward and receive the Holy Spirit. My Pentecostal friends, upon hearing me say this believe that I am inviting people to come forward to be baptized with the Holy Ghost because they are already born again.

So when I invite those who are Spirit-filled to come and deal with those who have answered the invitation to receive the Spirit,

these dear ones surge forward and deal with the people in such manner as to encourage them to yield to God and believe to speak in tongues. This has caused a great deal of confusion and I want to tell you exactly what I mean.

I mean for the sinner to come forward and be born again, which is to be baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Ghost which is exactly what took place at Pentecost when the church was launched.

In other words, to be born of the Spirit is to be truly baptized with the Holy Ghost. It is one and the same.

144-4 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

Now I realize that it is going to be confusing for a moment here, as most people know that I was ordained a Baptist preacher,

and I have steadfastly declared that the Baptists have missed it for saying you receive the Holy Ghost WHEN you believe, for that is not so. You receive Him "SINCE you believed. "

Acts 19:2-6.

"He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

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. When they heard this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them: and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.
"

There it is. Paul asked, "Have you received SINCE, NOT WHEN you believed. " And there is a great difference there, for it is AFTER we believe that we receive. Ephesians 1:13 is an exact word repeat of what happened in Ephesus according to Acts 19,

"In Whom ye also trusted, AFTER that ye heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation; in Whom also AFTER that ye believed (not when ye believed), ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. "

Now here is my point. Too many of our modernists and even our fundamentalists (so-called) believe unto salvation at a certain specific time which in many cases is called "making a decision,"

and that has been called receiving Christ or being born again. Now to receive Christ is to receive His Spirit. To receive His Spirit is to be born again. To receive His Spirit is to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Amen. These folks believe.

That is wonderful. But they stop there. You receive the Holy Ghost AFTER you believe. It has always been that way and always will be. The very first word of direction to the people was by Peter at Pentecost and he said,

"Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost,

For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. "

153-1 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

NOW COMES OUR TRIUMPHAL CAPSTONE on the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. Galatians 4:4-7, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. "

There it is. Jesus Christ came forth, died upon the cross, and accomplished Redemption (restoring to original owner by means of purchase, or paying the price) and thereby PLACED US AS SONS. He did not make us sons, for we were already His sons,

but He placed us as sons; for as long as we were in the world, in the flesh, we could not be recognized as His sons. We were held captive by the devil. But we were sons, nonetheless. And hear this:

AND BECAUSE YE ARE SONS, GOD HATH SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO YOUR HEARTS WHEREBY YOU CRY, FATHER, FATHER. " Upon whom did the Spirit fall at Pentecost? Sons. At Corinth? Upon Sons while they HEARD THE WORD.

154-1 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

What is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost? It is the Spirit Baptizing you into the body of Christ. It is the new birth.

It is the Spirit of God coming in and filling you after you have repented, (having heard His Word) and been baptized in water as an answer of a good conscience toward God.

154-2 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

What we have just set forth would be much easier for all to understand if all believed the doctrine of the oneness of the Godhead. For there are not three persons in that Godhead but ONE.

Thus we are NOT born again by the Spirit of Life of Jesus coming in, and then subsequent to that the Holy Spirit coming in to give us power. If that were true, why are we dishonoring the Father by not giving Him a part in our complete salvation,

for if salvation is of the Lord and there are three Lords, then HE (Father) must have something to do, too. But surely it can be seen that Jesus made this very clear that it was He and He alone Who is God and it is He and He alone Who is coming into the believer.

John 14:16 says that the Father will send another Comforter. But verse 17 says that He (Jesus) dwelleth with them and should be IN them later.

In verse 18 He says He will come to them.

In verse 23 in speaking to the disciples He said, "We (Father and Son) will come unto him. " Thus it is the Father, Son and Holy Ghost all coming in at the one time for IT IS ONE PERSON comprising the Godhead. That advent took place at Pentecost.

There aren't two comings of the Spirit, just one. The trouble is that people don't know the real truth, and they simply believe in Jesus for remission of sin but never go on to receive the Spirit.

154-3 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

Before I close this subject, I know there is a question in your minds. You will want to know if I believe in the doctrine of preexistence.

I don't believe in that Mormon doctrine of the preexistence of souls any more than I believe in reincarnation or the transmigration of souls. Be careful here and see this. It is not the person that comes predestinated eternally from God,

IT IS THE WORD, OR SEED. That is it. Way back there, too far back for the human mind to grasp, the Eternal God with eternal thoughts, thought and decreed,

"JACOB HAVE I LOVED, BUT ESAU HAVE I HATED,
(Romans 9:13)

AND NEITHER WAS BORN, AND NEITHER HAD DONE GOOD OR EVIL. "See, it was the THOUGHT, and then that thought became expressed, and God bought back Jacob,

because Jacob alone was SEED. Jacob, alone had the seed; that is why he had respect to the birthright and covenant of God.

If you are true seed, you will hear that Word; the Spirit will baptize you into the body of Christ, filling you and empowering you, and you will receive the Word for your day and age.

See how clear the true evidence becomes when the Word is revealed to you? Again, note, Jesus was the Royal Seed. He lived in a human body. When the Spirit called to Him (the Word-Manifested Thought), He went to Jordan and was there baptized in water.

Upon obeying the Word, the Holy Spirit came upon Him and the voice said, "This is My beloved Son, hear ye Him. " The voice did

not say, "This has become My Son," Jesus WAS the Son. The Holy Ghost positioned Him as that Son before them all.

Then having been filled thus (and the same pattern holds at Pentecost and ever after), He went in demonstrated power, receiving the full revelation of God and from God, for that day.

149-1 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

Ephesians 1:4-5,

"According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will. "

Now without getting too involved in the subject of the sovereignty of God (for that would take a book in itself) let me point out here that according to these verses, Jesus Christ is choosing His own bride just the same as men choose their brides today.

The bride today does not simply decide she is going to take a certain man for a husband. No sir. It is the groom who decides and chooses a certain woman for his bride.

Calvinism and Arminianism are two systems of theology that attempt to explain the relationship between God's sovereignty and man's responsibility in the matter of salvation.

Calvinism is named for John Calvin, a French theologian who lived from 1509-1564. Arminianism is named for Jacobus Arminius, a Dutch theologian who lived from 1560-1609.

The Calvinistic view is that God from all eternity, of the mere good pleasure of his will, selected certain persons out of mankind to be the heirs of glory;

The Arminian is that he foresaw from all eternity who would, in the exercise of their own free-will, respond to his purpose, and, in virtue of such foreknowledge, preordained them to glory.

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

Calvinism, God's sovereignty is unconditional, unlimited, and absolute. All things are predetermined by the good pleasure of God's will. God foreknew because of his own planning.

Arminianism, God has limited his control in correspondence with man's freedom and response. God's decrees are associated with his foreknowledge of man's response.

MAN'S DEPRAVITY

Calvinism, Because of the Fall, man is totally depraved and dead in his sin. Man is unable to save himself and, therefore, God must initiate salvation.

Arminianism, Because of the Fall, man has inherited a corrupted, depraved nature. Through "prevenient grace," God removed the guilt of Adam's sin.

Prevenient grace is defined as the preparatory work of the Holy Spirit, given to all, enabling a person to respond to God's call of salvation.

ELECTION

Calvinism, Before the foundation of the world, God unconditionally chose some to be saved. Election has nothing to do with man's future response.

Unconditional election is the view that God elects individuals to salvation based entirely on His will, not on anything inherently worthy in the individual.

Arminianism, Election is based on God's foreknowledge of those who would believe in him through faith. In other words, God elected those who would choose him of their own free will. Conditional election is based on man's response.

The majority Arminian view is that election is individual and based on God's foreknowledge of faith, but a second perspective deserves mention. These Arminians reject the concept of individual election entirely,

preferring to understand the doctrine in corporate terms. According to this corporate election, God never chose individuals to elect to salvation, but rather He chose to elect the believing church to salvation.

CHRIST'S ATONEMENT

Calvinism, Jesus Christ died to save only those who were given to him (elected) by the Father in eternity past. Since Christ did not die for everyone, but only for the elect, his atonement is wholly successful.

Christ's redeeming work was intended to save the elect only and actually secured salvation for them.

Arminianism, Christ died for everyone. The Savior's atoning death provided the means of salvation for the entire human race. Christ's atonement, however, is effective only for those who believe.

Christ's redeeming work made it possible for everyone to be saved but did not actually secure the salvation of anyone.

GRACE

Calvinism, While God extends his common grace to all mankind, it is not sufficient to save anyone. Only God's irresistible grace

can draw the elect to salvation and make a person willing to respond. This grace cannot be obstructed or resisted.

Arminianism, Through the preparatory (prevenient) grace given to all by the Holy Spirit, man is able to cooperate with God and respond in faith to salvation.

Through prevenient grace, God removed the effects of Adam's sin. Because of "free will" men are also able to resist God's grace.

MAN'S WILL

Calvinism, All men are totally depraved, and this depravity extends to the entire person, including the will. Except for God's irresistible grace, men are entirely incapable of responding to God on their own.

Arminianism, Because prevenient grace is given to all men by the Holy Spirit, and this grace extends to the entire person, all people have free will.

PERSEVERANCE

Calvinism, Believers will persevere in salvation because God will see to it that none will be lost. Believers are secure in the faith because God will finish the work he began.

Arminianism, By the exercise of free will, believers can turn away or fall away from grace and lose their salvation.

It's important to note that all of the doctrinal points in both theological positions have a biblical foundation, which is why the debate has been so divisive throughout church history.

Churches that lean at least in part in the Arminian direction, include Methodists, Free Will Baptists, Christian Churches and

Churches of Christ, General Baptists, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Church of the Nazarene, The Wesleyan Church,

The Salvation Army, Conservative Mennonites, Old Order Mennonites, Amish and Charismatics. AND OF COURSE SOME OF THE MESSAGE CHURCHES.

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E-22 But God was determined to save man, so He made the covenant with Abraham unconditionally. Not, "If you will," He said, "I have. " I like that. Not, "If you'll do this, if you'll do that.

" I know that has a little Calvinistic swing to it, and I am a Calvinist as long as Calvin stays in the Bible. But when he goes off on eternal security and them black sides over there, I'm an Arminian from then on.

I'm with any church as long as you stay in the Bible. When you get outside, that lets me out. But they both got a picture, but they both got Scripture, and they both went out on limbs and hung themselves.

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E-57 That's a big thing for a Calvinist to say, but I'm a Calvinist as long as Calvin stays in the Bible. When he gets out of the Bible, I'm an Arminian then. I believe in the real Truth of God's Word.

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354-4 {158} And when John Wesley come along, after Zwingli had come in, and Calvin, and he got the church to a place on security till they didn't want more revivals,

"Whatever is going to be is going to be," that was all. And they just lived any kind of lives. The Lutheran Church was so twisted and the Anglican church (Oh, my.) the whole country become corrupt just like it is now. The churches had twisted.

When King Henry the--the VIII come into England, and after bloody Mary, and all these things taken place. . . And then the church was so full of violence and corruption.

Men claiming Christianity and living with four, five wives or doing anything they wanted to do and carrying on in filth.

MALACHI 4:5

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

MALACHI 4:6

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

LUKE 1:16

16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

LUKE 1:17

17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

MATTHEW 17:10

10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

MATTHEW 17:11

11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and *RESTORE all things.

RESTORE: apokathistemi {ap-ok-ath-is'-tay-mee}
restore again, to restore to its former state, to be in its former state

MATTHEW 17:12

12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

CHURCH AGE BOOK

John 15:16,

"Ye have not chosen Me; but I have chosen you. ")

Now according to the Word of God, the bride was chosen before the foundation of the world. This choosing of the bride was purposed in Himself.