

C & C: Will you Ride with me?

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Jude 1:14-15

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,**

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Hebrews 3:15-19

15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, **harden not your hearts,** as in the provocation.
16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

If you want to ride with Jesus Christ harden not your hearts and believe the gospel so that you can enter into his rest!

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, **and I will give you rest.**

29 Take my yoke upon you, and **learn of me;** for I am meek and lowly in heart: **and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The rest Jesus is speaking of is the rest and the refreshing which is the Holy Ghost!

Isaiah 28:9-13

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, **This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.**

13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

The Prophet Isaiah speaks of the rest and the refreshing and prophesies of the Holy Ghost! “For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.”

The Apostle Paul confirms that the Prophet Isaiah was prophesying of the Holy Ghost which is the rest and the refreshing that Jesus was also speaking of when he said, “**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**”

1 Corinthians 14:21-22

21 In the law it is written, **With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.**

22 **Wherefore tongues are for a sign**, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

The Apostle Peter warns us that many people will wrestle with the Apostle Paul’s words unto their own destruction!

2 Peter 3:13-16

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, **which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.**

Will you Ride with me? If you want to ride with Jesus Christ you must enter his rest!

Hebrews 4:1-11

1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, **any of you should seem to come short of it.**

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, **as well as unto them:** but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**

3 **For we which have believed do enter into rest,** as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, **And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.**

5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, **To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, **as God did from his.**

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

This rest and refreshing that Jesus Christ will give unto you and the rest that we must **“labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief”** is speaking of the Holy Ghost that will come into you with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance, otherwise you do not have the Holy Ghost yet!

Acts 2:1-4

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.

Isaiah 28:11-132

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, **This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.**

Are you one that will not hear? God forbid! Will you Ride with me?

Acts 2:7-21

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, **Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?**

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, **we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.**

12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, **What meaneth this?**

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joel 2:28-32

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.**

32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Will you Ride with me? When the Prophet Joel prophesied of the Holy Ghost being poured out he also said “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.” The time that the Prophet Joel is referencing at this point of his prophecy is when Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives with his saints and the covenant promise of Israel will be fulfilled that their sins will be taken away!

Zechariah 14:1-5

1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and **the city shall be taken**, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; **and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.**

3 **Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations**, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: **and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.**

Will you Ride with me?

Romans 11:26-29

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

If you want to ride with Jesus Christ then you must be obedient to the gospel of Jesus Christ and be obedient to how we are to be born again as the Apostle Peter instructs us!

Acts 2:36-47

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.**

39 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.**

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.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

This plan of Salvation was to “even as many as the Lord our God shall call” even though the Apostles did not yet know that God was going to pour out his Spirit upon the Gentiles also!

Acts 8:5-24

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

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.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

24 Then answered Simon, and said, **Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.**

When the Samaritans received the gospel teaching of Jesus Christ they too repented and were baptized yet the Holy Ghost was not yet given to them. The Holy Ghost is not an automatic experience when you believe upon Jesus Christ, nor when you believe upon Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, nor when you believe upon Jesus Christ, accept him as your Lord and Savior, and repent of your sins, nor when you believe upon Jesus Christ, accept him as your Lord and Savior, and repent of your sins, and our baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus as we see written at verse 16 where we see that after the people had done all these things they still did not have the Holy Ghost and it was needed for salvation or the rest that was spoken of by Jesus and the Prophet Isaiah. So they called for the Apostle Peter and the Apostle John who prayed for them, then laid hands upon the believers, and then they received the Holy Ghost! We know that Simon the sorcerer saw something take place that he desired to purchase with money when the miracles that he had already saw he had not offered money so that he could perform them. We know that he saw them speak with tongues because we were told in prophecy of the coming of the Holy Ghost “For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: **yet they would not hear.**” (Isa 28:11-12) We also saw that this is how all the believers received the Holy Ghost when the day of Pentecost was fully come!

Acts 10:1-8

- 1 There was a certain man **in Caesarea** called Cornelius, **a centurion** of the band called the Italian band,
- 2 **A devout man**, and one that **feared God** with all his house, which gave **much alms** to the people, **and prayed** to God alway.
- 3 He saw **in a vision** evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.
- 4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, **Thy prayers and thine alms** are come up for **a memorial** before God.
- 5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname **is Peter**:
- 6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: **he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.**
- 7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;
- 8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, **he sent them to Joppa.**

The Apostle Peter **also has a vision.**

Acts 10:9-16

- 9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:
- 10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, **he fell into a trance,**
- 11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:
- 12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.
- 13 And there came a voice to him, **Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.**
- 14 But Peter said, **Not so, Lord;** for I have never eaten any thing **that is common or unclean.**
- 15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, **What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.**
- 16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

Acts 10:17-22

- 17 Now while **Peter doubted** in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,
- 18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.
- 19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.
- 20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, **doubting nothing: for I have sent them.**

The Lord sent these men on behalf of Cornelius and **the Lord** told Peter to go with them **doubting nothing.** Peter was going to tell them **all things commanded of him by God.**

21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, **I am he** whom ye seek: **what is the cause** wherefore ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, **a just man**, and **one that feareth God**, and **of good report** among all the nation of the Jews, **was warned** from God by an holy angel **to send for thee** into his house, and **to hear words of thee**.

Acts 10:25-28

25 And as Peter was coming in, **Cornelius** met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

26 But **Peter** took him up, saying, Stand up; **I myself also am a man**.

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and **found many** that were come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; **but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean**.

The understanding of the vision was revealed to the Apostle Peter. But God hath showed me that I should not call **any man common or unclean**.

Acts 10:29-48

29 Therefore came I unto you **without gainsaying**, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for **what intent** ye have sent for me?

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: **who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee**.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast **well done** that thou art come. Now therefore **are we all here present** before God, **to hear all things** that are **commanded thee of God**.

All things THAT ARE COMMANDED thee of God.

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, **Of a truth** I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons**:

So what he done for the Jews He will do for the Gentiles.

35 But in **every nation** he that **feareth him**, and **worketh righteousness**, is accepted with him.

36 **The word which God sent unto the children of Israel**, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 **That word**, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and **began** from Galilee, **after the baptism** which John preached;

38 How **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power**: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of **all things** which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; **whom they slew and hanged on a tree**:
40 Him **God raised up the third day**, and showed him openly;
41 Not to all the people, but unto **witnesses chosen before of God**, even to us, who did eat and drink with him **after he rose from the dead**.

The Apostle Peter preached **the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ** to Cornelius and to his company.

42 And **he commanded us to preach** unto the people, **and to testify** that it is he which was **ordained of God** to be the Judge of quick and dead.
43 To him give all the prophets witness, that **through his name** whosoever believeth in him **shall receive remission of sins**.

The Apostle Peter preached that they **were commanded to preach and to testify** that Jesus was **ordained of God** to be the Judge of quick and dead, and **Jesus was He** whom the prophets gave witness, that **through his name** whosoever believeth in him **shall receive remission of sins**.

Cornelius and his company were believers.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, **the Holy Ghost fell on all them** which heard the word.
45 And they of the circumcision which believed **were astonished**, as many as came with Peter, because that **on the Gentiles** also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.
46 **For they heard them speak with tongues**, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
47 **Can any man forbid water**, that these should not be **baptized**, which **have received** the Holy Ghost as well as we?
48 **And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord**. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

This is so very important to understand.

Remember, an **Angel of the Lord** appeared before Cornelius and told him, “And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: **he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.**” Then God showed the Apostle Peter a vision. “While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, **doubting nothing: for I have sent them.**”

Cornelius then tells Peter what the Angel told him and then says to the Apostle Peter, “Now therefore **are we all here present** before God, to hear all things **that are commanded thee of God.**” When Peter heard these words he said, “**Of a truth** I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons:**”

So the Apostle Peter was telling Cornelius and all **present what they must do as commanded by God**. While they heard the Word of God from the Apostle Peter **the Holy Ghost** fell upon all of them, “**For they heard them speak with tongues**, and magnify God.”

“Then answered Peter, **Can any man forbid water**, that these should not be **baptized**, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?”

Baptism was not an option but clearly **a commandment**. Even as it was **for the Jews** when the day of Pentecost had fully come. The people present asked Peter and the rest of the Apostles **what they must do**, even as Cornelius has asked the Apostle Peter **what they must do**.

And what they **MUST DO WAS THE SAME THING**:

Acts 2:38-39

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 our God shall call**.

This included **the Gentiles**, though it was not yet known. For God is **no respecter of persons**.

Acts 10:34-35

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, **Of a truth** I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons**:

35 But in **every nation** he that **feareth him**, and **worketh righteousness**, is accepted with him.

“**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**.”

Remember God gave to Peter the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven!!

Matthew 16:18-19

18 **And I say also unto thee**, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 **And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven**: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Acts 19:1-7

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, **Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus**: and **finding certain disciples**,

2 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**.

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.**

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

7 And all the men were about twelve.

Here the Apostle Paul preaches Jesus to about twelve men who were disciples of John the Baptist and when they heard “they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” yet the Holy Ghost had not yet fallen upon them. Only after the Apostle Paul lays his hands on them do they receive the Holy Ghost which was evidenced was again with speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance which is the same experience which took place as with the Apostle Peter preaching Jesus Christ. These men also prophesied. We can also see that the receiving of the Holy Ghost was not meant to be for an interpretation because when a person receives the Holy Ghost they will always speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

Is Baptism Essential to Salvation?

According to the Apostle Peter, who had the keys of the kingdom of heaven, who spoke all that was commanded of God to Cornelius and to his household, which was the same message that was preached to the Jews on the day of Pentecost, for God is no respecter of persons!!

And Jesus also told us, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mk 16:16)

What Method do we use When we get Baptized?

John 3:1-7

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.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Several things to discuss here. First off this born again process is not a fleshly birth but a spiritual birth as stated in verse 6. Also it is very important to remember that these instructions that were given here are instructions that were given just 7 verses prior to this scripture: 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Yet people will cling to verse 16 and claim to be born again while ignoring everything else Jesus spoke on. For instance: Did Jesus not just tell Nicodemus, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God? Did Jesus not also tell us except ye

repent, **ye shall all likewise perish.** Did Jesus not also tell us He that **believeth and is baptized** shall be saved.

God did so love the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. That is why we need to follow after the instructions that Jesus gave to us. **Not just some of it.** All scripture is given by inspiration of God. (2 Tim 3:16)

To fulfill being born of water **you must be baptized** as Jesus said, **he that believeth and is baptized** shall be saved.

Matthew 28:18-20

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 always, **even unto the end of the world.** Amen.

Notice Jesus said, teach all nations, **baptizing them,** and teaching them to observe **all things** whatsoever I have **commanded** you. Not just some things. **But all things.** For all scripture is given by inspiration of God. (2 Tim 3:16)

So here Jesus tells us to **baptize them in the name of** the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. So what is the name?

Jesus tells us the name.

John 5:43a

43 **I am come in my Father's name,** and ye receive me not:

John 17:6, 26

6 **I have manifested thy name** unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

26 And **I have declared unto them thy name,** and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

John 14:16-18, 26

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

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.**

18 **I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.**

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.

Luke 24:45-49

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

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.**

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

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.**

Jesus opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **and told them what to speak.** He told them to preach repentance and remission of sins in His name. **And they did!!!** He also told them to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Holy Ghost. **They did!!!!**

So when the Holy Ghost was poured out as the Lord had promised, the Apostles told everyone, **including you and me**, what they **needed to do in order to obtain salvation.**

Notice that the Apostle Peter, preached to them exactly what the Lord told them.

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.

(Lk 24:47 **repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**)

(Jn 14:26 **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.**)

The Apostle Peter continues.....

39 **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.

The Plan of Salvation **for every** generation! **Remember:** The Holy Ghost will come into you with the evidence of speaking in another tongue as the Spirit gives the utterance. (Acts 2:4)

That is enough to tell you that the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost **was Jesus.** The **Apostles did exactly what the Lord told them** to do. They preached repentance and remission of sins in His name, with the understanding that the Lord had just given to them, **thus fulfilling baptizing everyone in the name of** the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 1:10-12

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, **by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, **that there are contentions among you.**

12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

The topic identified here is contentions of which are causing division. The Apostle Paul states, “that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment”. The Apostle Paul continues and says, “Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?” (1 Cor 1:13)

You can see from this line of reasoning that the name of Jesus was what was inferred when asking the question of is Christ divided? And asking was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? Obviously Paul was not asking if Christ was divided or if Paul was crucified for you if the name he was trying to reveal here was the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Even if Father, Son, and Holy Ghost was really the singular name of God revealed to us in the New Testament as claimed by the Trinitarian doctrine from Matthew 28:19 this would not fit the Apostle Paul’s line of questions. Is Christ divided would not render from the people the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost because the Father and the Holy Ghost are not the Christ. The Christ is the anointed one of God and this is the man Christ Jesus. The next question he asked was Paul crucified for you? Again, even if the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost was really the singular name as claimed by the Trinitarian from Matthew 28:19 this would not fit the Apostle Paul’s question here either because this would not render from the people the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost because the Father and the Holy Ghost are not who was crucified for you, but rather it was the Christ of whom we know is the name of Jesus that was crucified for you and Christ is not divided (referring to the Spiritual body of which there are many members) which is why the Apostle Paul then asks them or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? The questions were designed only to show that Christ is not divided and it was he who was crucified for you and this is the name of which you were baptized in. So he then continues on in the next couple of verses saying:

1 Corinthians 1:14-16

14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

15 **Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.**

16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

So does it matter to God in what name your were baptized in or are both methods of baptism accepted by God? According to all the examples given to us it does. If you receive the wrong baptism then your inherited sins from birth will not be remitted.

Romans 6:3-7

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.**

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Sounds very much like the name that you receive in the baptism matters as we learn here that when we are baptized into Jesus Christ we are baptized into his death. And the Apostle Paul goes on to tell us “For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection”. **It was the Christ who died for our sins and his name is Jesus. It only makes sense then that when we are being baptized that we are baptized into the only saving name given among men whereby we must be saved.** (Acts 4:12)

So is the baptism really that important anyway? “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. For he that is dead is freed from sin.” Again, “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?” How are you taking on the name of Jesus Christ at baptism, being crucified with him, so that the body of sin might be destroyed, if you are being baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost? Again the Father and the Holy Ghost were not crucified for you, seeing how God is a Spirit, it was Jesus Christ who died for you and thus the reason you invoke his name in the baptism. (Acts 22:16)

What does the Apostle Paul mean when he says, “that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed”? Answer:

Colossians 2:9-14

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

12 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.

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, **having forgiven you all trespasses;**

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

We learn here that it is in the baptism that we are putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ being buried with him in baptism. No mentioning of being buried with the Father and the Holy Ghost here, just Jesus Christ of whom was crucified for you.

Romans 1:5-6

5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, **for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:**

6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

Romans 16:25-27

25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, **made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:**

27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

Will you Ride with me?