

C & C: Your Reasonable Service

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.

Matthew 25:14-19, 24-30

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Question. Are you the profitable servant doing the will of our Father in heaven? Or are you the unprofitable servant who went and hid the truth in unrighteousness? “**For many are called, but few are chosen.**” (Matthew 22:14)

You must be born again to inherit the kingdom of God it is your reasonable service!

John 3:1-6

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:14-17

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

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.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” However, this did not negate the fact that you were told in the beginning of the chapter “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” It is your reasonable service to find out what this means!

2 Timothy 2:15

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Are you the profitable servant or are you the unprofitable servant who went and hid the truth in unrighteousness?

Luke 13:1-5

1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

It is your reasonable service to repent of your sins!

Luke 9:23-25

23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

It is your reasonable service to take up your cross daily and follow after Jesus the Christ!

Mark 16:15-18

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.**

It is your reasonable service to go and share the gospel with everybody! It is your reasonable service to be baptized as a believer in Jesus the Christ!

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.**

Are you the profitable servant or are you the unprofitable servant who went and hid the truth in unrighteousness? It is your reasonable service to be baptized correctly and to teach everybody else to do the same!

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.**

It is your reasonable service to understand what the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is! Jesus just said that “that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem”.

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.

It is your reasonable service to understand that the Holy Ghost was the promise of the Father that the disciples were waiting for in the city of Jerusalem!

Acts 2:36-39

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.

It is your reasonable service to understand that the correct way to be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost was revealed both by Jesus saying, “that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem” and the Apostle Peter and the rest of the Apostles being present understood the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is Jesus the Christ! It is your reasonable service to “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”!

Are you the profitable servant who will keep the commandments of his Lord or the unprofitable servant who went and hid the truth in unrighteousness?

John 17:19-20

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

It is your reasonable service to follow after the teaching of Jesus the Christ and that of those “which shall believe on me through their word”!

Ephesians 2:18-22

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

It is your reasonable service to understand that the Holy Spirit is not automatically received just because you believe in Jesus, have faith in Jesus, repented of your sins, and even were baptized in Jesus name for the remission of your sins!

Acts 8:12-17

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.

Are you the profitable servant or are you the unprofitable servant who went and hid the truth in unrighteousness? It is your reasonable service to understand the Holy Ghost was not yet given even after the believers with faith in Jesus Christ who “were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” had not yet received the Holy Spirit “For as yet he was fallen upon none of them”! What makes you any different than these believers in Jesus Christ that you are convinced you have received the Holy Spirit some other way? “And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Acts 19:1-6

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.

It is your reasonable service to understand that the receiving of the Holy Spirit came after the Apostle Paul laid his hands upon them just like the receiving of the Holy Spirit came after the Apostle Peter and Apostle John laid hands upon the believers “and they received the Holy Ghost”!

Romans 8:9

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

It is your reasonable service to understand that “if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his”! Are you the profitable servant doing the will of our Father in heaven? Or are you the unprofitable servant who went and hid the truth in unrighteousness? “**For many are called, but few are chosen.**” (Matthew 22:14)