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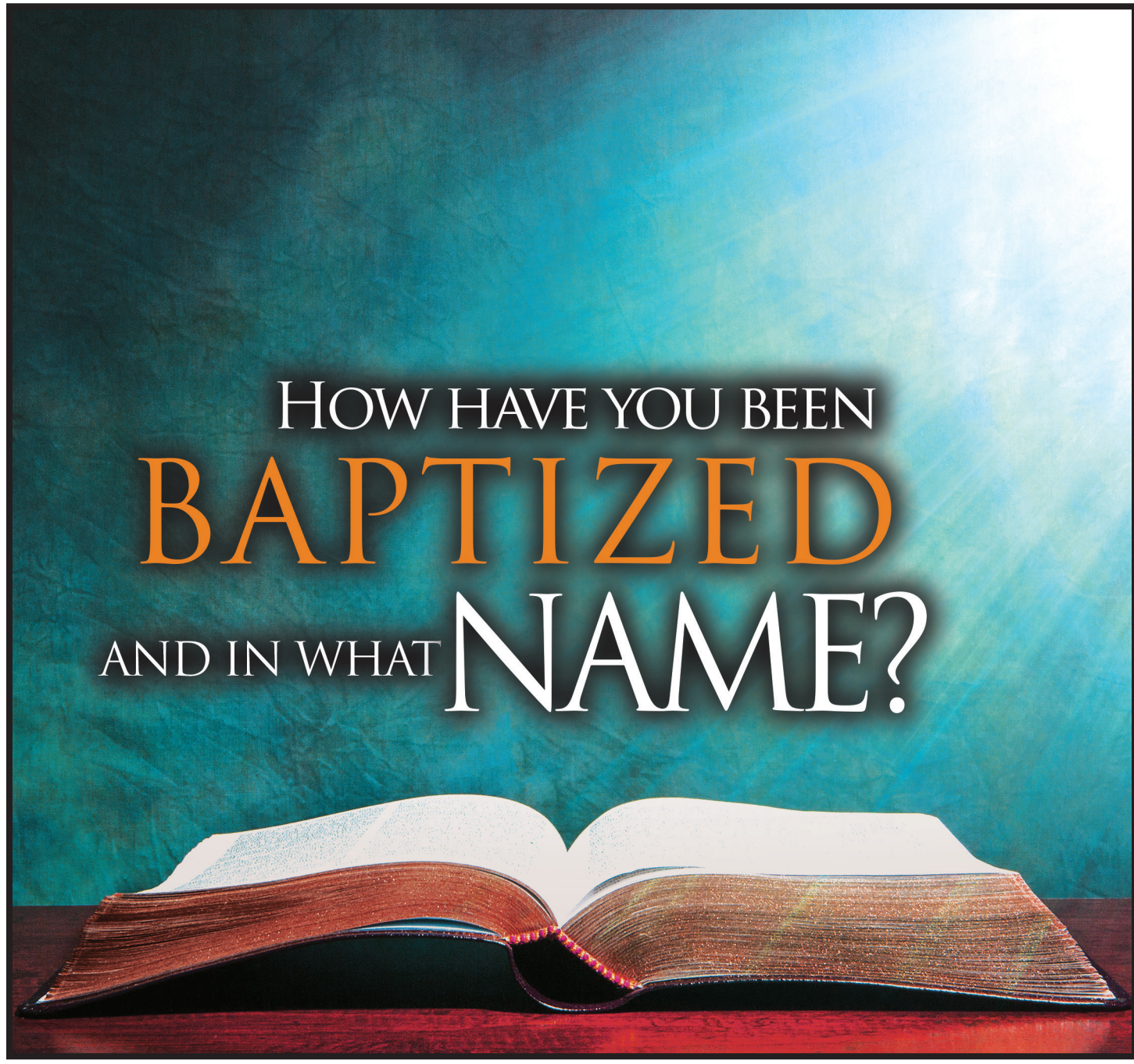
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EDITORIAL

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I greet you in the marvelous Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, desiring that each one of you remain steadfast until the Second Coming of our Lord which is at the doors. More than ever before, we must be awake and to not allow ourselves to be seduced by our own flesh and by the unclean spirits of the *“god of this world”* (2 Cor. 4:4).

One of the situations that the children of God struggle with is slothfulness. When slothfulness takes a person captive, it hinders them from moving forward and induces them to spiritual inactivity due to the lack of motivation (fire, passion) or interest. Allowing oneself to be overcome by slothfulness is spiritually fatal to the child of God. LET US SAY NO TO SLOTHFULNESS!

In the following passage, we can see the danger caused by slothfulness (slothfulness leads to idleness): *“And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried (slothfulness) still at Jerusalem. And it came to pass in an evening tide, that David arose from off his bed (slothfulness), and walked upon the roof of the king’s house (idleness): and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon”* (2 Sam. 11:1-2).

During the time that it was necessary for David to be fully clothed with his battle armor and to go forth to engage in warfare, David sent others to

fight the war. Instead of girding himself to go out and fight as he had previously done, this time he chose to remain in Jerusalem without realizing what was about to happen to him. David lost the fire (motivation or interest) to fight and slothfulness took control of him, thus preventing him from striving forward into the battle. He entered into a state of inactivity and stopped seeking God in the morning and meditating on His Word.

How was it that David began to lose his fire and his passion (motivation or interest) and began giving place to slothfulness? We find the answer in two parts of the aforementioned Scripture. The first reason can be found in the statement that *“David arose from off his bed...”* After all, the Scripture warns us about those *“that lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David; That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph”* (Amos 6:4-6). If we are careless, then the comforts and successes in our life induce us to lie down on the “ivory beds” of slothfulness and can lead us to inactivity in the Lord and in the

ever-present spiritual warfare.

The second part of the answer can be found in the time of day that David arose from his bed, was *“eventide”*. The fact that he rose up late tells us that he had already lost the drive and interest (fire, passion) and had become lazy in seeking God in the morning. In **Proverbs 19:15** we are told that *“Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep...”* Due to slothfulness David fell into a deep spiritual sleep. This didn’t happen overnight, we can understand that good amount of time had passed since he last made the effort to arise in the morning to seek the face of the Lord. What happened to the man of God who exclaimed: *“My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up”* (Ps. 5:3), and who also declared: *“Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice* (Ps. 55:17)?

When we allow slothfulness to enter our lives and do not battle against it, without a doubt we will become careless and inactive. If we have been in a state of neglect concerning the fire and passion (motivation) to *“work out our own salvation”* (Phil. 2:12), then we need to shake ourselves up in the Name of the Lord Jesus and fight! We are in a time of spiritual war! *“Woe to*

them that are at ease (which are comfortable and feel secure) *in Zion and trust in the mountain of Samaria”* (Amos 6:1). We need to be alert and must take action, *“not slothful in business* (in the Lord, with the Lord and in the things that pertain to the Lord); *fervent in spirit; serving the Lord”* (Rom. 12:11). We must be careful to be ardent in the spirit, *“working out our own salvation with fear and trembling”* (Phil. 2:12). Slothfulness will lead us to be neglectful of the passion (motivation and interest) in seeking and serving the Lord. David became careless in taking care of being on fire and he was overcome by laziness in seeking the Lord in the morning. *“By much slothfulness the building decayeth...”* (Eccl. 10:18). Because of slothfulness the roof of spiritual protection which was over his life decayed and collapsed.

We can also see that slothfulness leads to idleness which means being in a condition of not being occupied and inactive. After *“David arose from off his bed in the eventide”*, since he was not involved in the war and was not occupied in prayer and meditation of the Word of God, we find him *“walking on the roof of the king’s house”*. This gives us a terrible image of boredom and idleness.

We also read in the Word of the Lord where the apostle Paul declares: *“For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies”* (2 Thess. 3:11).

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“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people (The Jewish People) and upon thy holy city” (The Old City of Jerusalem) (Dan. 9:24).

Shalom to all who are keeping themselves in the “blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13). In the words of Professor Dr. Meron Medzini, who was with us in Salinas, CA, on September 3 of this year, when he said the following: “The things that are taking place in Israel today are without comparison in the history of Israel.” Certainly, we are in critical times, but at the same time, this is a time of great opportunity to bless and comfort our older brother, Israel, in times when the world is turning more and more against the nation of Israel, and its leadership, just as prophesied in **Zechariah 12 and 14**.

Presented now are the most outstanding news that has occurred during the last three months, which has to do with the Jewish people, the nation of Israel and Jerusalem, which are all pointing and leading to the of the day of the King Kings and LORD of lords who is the God of Israel is that is “at the doors” (Mt. 24:33).

July 27, 2023. “Israel National News” reported the following: Israel’s ambassador to the UN tells the Security Council that the Palestinian Authority does not seek to create a Palestinian state but rather to destroy the Jewish State.

August 1, 2023. “Israel National News” published the following: Shooting attack in Ma’ale Adumim, six Israelis injured, one seriously. A terrorist was neutralized after committing a shooting.

GOD'S PROPHETIC CLOCK

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August 6, 2023. “The Times of Israel news” announced: A senior Palestinian official called on the world to designate the far-right party of the Israeli government, Otzma Yehudit, as a “terrorist party.”

August 7, 2023. “Israel National News” reported: European Jewish Congress condemns politically motivated anti-Semitic tropes in Poland and denounces lies by government officials.

August 8, 2023. “The Times of Israel” published: The year 2023 has set an all-time record for settlement construction in Judea and Samaria, and for the legitimization of illegal outposts, according to settlement watchdog Peace Now.

August 10, 2023. “Israel National News” reported the following: Miracles are happening in Judea and Samaria. Yesha Council official Yigal Dilmoni says the Jewish population has increased from 0 in 1967 to half a million today in Judea and Samaria.

August 11, 2023. “The Jerusalem Post” announced that the Islamic Republic of Iran is about to test a nuclear weapons device and has sought to obtain illicit technology for its active atomic weapons program, according to a series of shocking European intelligence reports published in 2023.

August 15, 2023. “Israel National News” reported the following: At

least two synagogues in California were evacuated during Shabbat services this weekend after receiving bomb threats and at least 26 congregations in 12 states have received threats, according to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

August 25, 2023. “The Times of Israel” reported: U.S. officials emphasized to Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer during a recent visit that Israel will have to make far-reaching concessions to the Palestinians to secure a normalization deal with Saudi Arabia, according to a report on Friday.

August 31, 2023. “Israel National News” published the following: Minister Yoav Gallant said this past Thursday: The State of Israel is under a terrorist attack against civilians.

September 5, 2023. The “Orlando Sentinel” news program announced that members of neo-Nazi groups, flaunting swastikas and other symbols of hate while shouting anti-Semitic slogans in the United States, marched near Disney Springs and in a park in Altamonte Springs over the Labor Day weekend, drawing widespread condemnation.

September 13, 2023. “Israel National News” reports: The Israeli population increases to 9.795 million on the eve of Rosh Hashanah (the new year). 73% of the population is Jewish (of which more than 44% are classified as

secular), 21% are Arab and 6% belong to other minority communities.

September 14, 2023. “The Jerusalem Post” reported the following, for the first time, an armed guard will be installed outside each synagogue in Jerusalem, as part of preparations for the upcoming High Holidays and amid concerns about the recent increase of terrorist attacks.

September 14, 2023. “The Jerusalem Post” published that anti-Israel incidents on US university campuses have almost doubled since the 2021-2022 academic year.

September 14, 2023. “Israel National News” announced the following: Two containers of gypsum traveling from Turkey to the Gaza Strip were found to contain 16 tons of ammonium chloride. The material is for manufacturing rockets and was discovered in the port of Ashdod.

September 17, 2023. “Israel National News” reports: UNESCO classifies ancient Jericho as “Palestinian heritage.”

September 18, 2023. “The Jerusalem Post” reported that recently discovered correspondence between Pope Pius XII, who served as Pope during World War II, and a German Jesuit, revealed that Pius knew of atrocities committed by the Nazis during the Holocaust, according to an article in the Italian newspaper Corriere Della Sera, published earlier this week. The letter confirmed that Pius had been informed of the 6,000 Jews and Poles who were gassed in Poland daily during the Holocaust.

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According to this Scripture, when someone is a “busybody”, (wasting time, instead of doing what we need to be doing) and is avoiding striving in the Lord and instead is inactive, then we are being “*disorderly*”. David had neglected the order of God in his life, and putting himself in that situation caused him to do things that were out of order. This happened because he was “sightseeing”, being a “busybody” on his rooftop.

When we allow ourselves to be captured by slothfulness and become careless, we become negligent in striving to seek the face of our Lord. As a result of this slothfulness we neglect to do all that we can to read, study, hear and to put into practice the Word of God. Because of this slothfulness, we can lose the battle against the filth of our own flesh and against the evil that surrounds us which can take us captive. Let us not forget that we are in the time of war! We must press forward in the Lord!

“I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down” (Prov. 24:30-31). If we do not rise up in the morning to seek God and if we do not gird ourselves for the spiritual warfare, then we will lose our spiritual vision. We won’t even be aware that in the vineyard of our spiritual life there are thorns and nettles growing

and are covering the “*face*” of our home and that our spiritual wall of protection is being decayed and destroyed. David did not reach this level of carelessness in one day. Throughout the year that passed he had been slowly losing his motivation and his desire to fight, to seek the Lord and to meditate on His Word. As a result slothfulness began increasing and overcoming him little by little. *“The thorns and nettles had covered the face thereof”*. As we previously mentioned *“by much slothfulness, the building decayeth and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through” (Eccl. 10:18)*. If we do not fight and resist, then slothfulness will cause us to become idle.

Is our vineyard (spiritual life) marked by slothfulness as it was during this period of time in David’s life? We must rise up and motivate ourselves to strive to be actively involved in this spiritual warfare and seeking the Lord through His Word and through His Presence. We must be actively walking in His ways. If we want to defeat slothfulness and idleness, then we must be *“working out our own salvation (in the Lord and what pertains to the Lord) with fear and trembling” (Phil. 2:12)*. Be encouraged and

God bless you!

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September 18, 2023. *“The Jerusalem Post”* reported the following; Hamas issues terror threat to Israel: “We will return to the Intifada Palestinian” officials from Hamas and the Popular Front called to escalate terrorist activities against Israel.

September 21, 2023. *“Israel National News”* published that, for the first time since the creation of the State of Israel, an ultra-Orthodox minister spoke at the UN General Assembly: the Minister of Interior and Health, Moshe Arbel (Shas), gave a speech to the Assembly on Wednesday night.

September 24, 2023. *“The Times of Israel”* announced: The Saudi foreign minister addressed the UN General Assembly on Saturday in a speech that warned that regional security in the Middle East hinged on a “just, comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue” and appeared to criticize Israel for “unilateral measures that are a flagrant violation of international law”

September 26, 2023. *“The Times of Israel”* reported: The newly appointed Saudi ambassador to the Palestinians, Nayef al-Sudairi, arrived in Ramallah on Tuesday to present his credentials to the Palestinian Authority, saying that Riyadh was “working to establish a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital.”

September 27, 2023. *“Israel National News”* reported the following: Shin Bet thwarts Iranian attempt to harm Security

Minister Itamar Ben Gvir and Rabbi Yehuda Glick.

The internal situation of protests in Israel, carried out for 38 weeks against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu due to judicial reform, has put much strain on his government. The president of the United States is trying to put Netanyahu against the wall these days by giving him an ultimatum: choose to dissolve his government or have peace with Saudi Arabia and the Arab world.

The situation with Iran is intensifying, with the United States having negotiated to unfreeze more than \$6 billion for Iran. Iran is now using this money to finance terrorism and wage war on Israel. This has given Iran more freedom for its development of uranium to make nuclear weapons. The situation with Russia grows worse as Russia’s relations with Israel grow colder every day.

When will that which is described in **Zechariah 12:2** and **14:2** be completely unleashed? We don’t know exactly. However, we are seeing with our eyes and hearing with our ears that which the God of Israel declared is rapidly approaching. What we do know exactly is that we must live in a daily spiritual readiness, so that when those days arrive, and the Coming of the Lord, that He finds us prepared to receive Him and be received by Him.

God bless you.

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HOW HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED AND IN WHAT NAME?

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I know that the majority, if not all, of the people that I am reaching through this writing in some way or another understand the importance of baptism because the majority of those who read these writings have been baptized. This is precisely the question of this present article. Many believers have been baptized because they know that baptism is important and they understand that it is necessary because this is what their religious leaders have taught them, and this is correct. Now, going back to my original question: How were you baptized, and in what name were you baptized? Let's go to God's Word to see if your baptism aligns with His Word.

My purpose in calling the attention of those who read this article is so you can meditate on how correct your baptism was in light of Scripture. It is not my intention to hurt someone's feelings or judge anyone directly or indirectly by what I write, but I believe we have an obligation before the Lord (that's how I feel) to speak the truths in His Word. Thank God we have been able to rightly divide the Truth in His Word throughout the course of a good number of years, and with His help we will continue this.

Now, if someone is offended by the truth that is expressed here, that is not my objective. The truth is the truth, and when we communicate, it's not our truth but the truth in God's Word. It is not the Spirit of God but the spirit of the enemy that will

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attempt to perturb the feelings of the believer to feel offended at the truth in God's Word, and because of this operation, will not receive the truth by closing his heart and rejecting that which is being pointed out to him by God and not from man. The Lord Himself emphatically commanded, as expressed in our initial verse, *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not*

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The Lord said to His disciples in the gospel of Mathew: *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost 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". (Math 28:19-20)*

Here we see the COMMANDMENT given by the Lord to His disciples as they were gathered together. He commanded them to preach the gospel and baptize. We now enter the book of The Acts of the Apostles, where we can apply this old adage, which says "actions speak louder than words". Actions are demonstrations of words, sayings, or teachings that were spoken and heard. The disciples heard the sayings of the Lord, which were reinforced by His deeds. The Lord wanted their minds to be greatly impacted through His Words of instruction so that when they began to implement those instructions, they would do so as they received and understood from the Lord. In Acts chapter 2, we read how the Holy Spirit was poured out the first time upon around one hundred and twenty believers. To this day, God has continued to pour out His Spirit

around the world in different places and different groups, and we have also been privileged to receive this. The continued fulfillment of Joel's prophecy is clearly visible these days: *"I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh" (Joel 2:28).*

In the last part of Acts chapter 2, the apostle Peter finished preaching his first sermon. As he finished his message, a great number of jews from Jerusalem and other countries gathered in the city to celebrate Pentecost. They heard the message, and believed it, and received it in their hearts. All of them were religious Jews. They were not atheists or unbelievers, much less people who didn't know or serve God. They were orthodox Jews, keepers of the law. In spite of that, they listened to the message the Apostle Peter preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit (that he and his companions had just received), and hearts were pricked. They felt a deep recognition of their need for God's forgiveness, and they asked the apostle Peter and the other apostles: *"Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37).* The apostles remembered what the Lord said to them: *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Math 28:19).* Here was the opportunity for them to fulfill the teaching they had received from the Lord, and what did they do? *"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. 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". (Acts 2:38-39).

The Biblical Text is clear and definitively destroys the argument of those who have said and taught that baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ "is for the Jews only", since the Scripture does not state this, but on the contrary, it tells us that it is for everyone, "as many as the Lord our God shall call". I believe, as I said at the beginning, that those who know the Word of God and those who sincerely desire to serve God will not reject the written truth any more than I could reject it in my time when I saw and understood it in my own Bible that THIS SCRIPTURE IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE COMMANDMENT GIVEN BY THE LORD.

All the other apostles were there and supported Peter's words. Many have said and taught that the apostle Peter erred, but he was not mistaken because the Lord was speaking in him through the Holy Spirit. We also have to take into consideration the other ten who were there standing with him, and they exclaimed, Amen! When Peter gave the commandment and ordinance to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. Why was all this done this way? Because of God's anointing, they were able to understand the commandment of the Lord when He said baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, because the Name of the Father is Jesus Christ, the Name of the Son is Jesus Christ, and the Name of the Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ. God is not three persons;

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there are not three Gods, far from it. The "Trinity" does not exist, nor is there a "Triune God." GOD IS ONE, and although He has manifested Himself in different forms, HE IS ONE, not two or three.

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I want to bring other Scriptures and reasonings into the equation because, as I said at the beginning, I am aware that the majority of those who read this are baptized, but how correct is their baptism? One of the biggest errors is baptizing children who are neither conscious of sin in them or around them nor can they believe, and there are thousands upon

thousands in this error because the Lord said: *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned". (Mark 16:16)*. It's obvious that an innocent child is not able to believe when his parents take him to have water sprinkled on his head. Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins and must be administered to those who believe and, of their own will, ask to be baptized, and for this one should be in control of his own decisions, not an innocent child. Furthermore, baptism must be by immersion, not by sprinkling (sprinkling only a little water on the head or forehead); the penitent must be completely submerged in the water to symbolize death, burial, and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:3-4). Our Lord didn't go down into the Jordan River for John to take a gourd and sprinkle water on his head, but to be immersed, thereby giving us an example that we ought to follow (Math. 3:13-16). God has established that this is the correct way to fulfill this very important sacrament that has to do with the salvation of the soul. The verse is very clear: *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16)*. With all due respect, I ask my esteemed reader again: How correct is the baptism in which you have been baptized?

I quote, below, other Biblical Portions to reconfirm what I have written so far. *"Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen*



upon none of them: only they were BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS)". (Acts 8:14-16).

The Jews were the ones who were baptized on the day of Pentecost *"in the name of Jesus Christ"* (Acts 2:37-39). In the subsequent Scripture cited in the paragraph above (Acts 8:14-16), It was the Samaritans (who were a mix of Jews and gentiles) who were baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Now let us turn our attention to what occurred at Conelius's House. He was a Roman centurion and a gentile who had nothing to do with the Jewish race or the law of Moses. The Gentiles were gathered there together with Peter, and the Holy Spirit fell on them, and Peter marveled at the sight, understanding the vision God had shown him before he traveled to Cornelius's house (Acts 10:9-16), and said: *"Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord"* (Acts 10:47-48). In the book of Acts, we see Jews, Samaritans, and gentiles all being baptized in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

When the apostle Paul was at Ephesus, he found a group of believers who were baptized in John's baptism and he said to them: *"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."* (Acts 19:2-5).

The apostle Paul also tells us: *"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 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"* (Rom. 6:3-4).

Paul writes to the Galatians also: *"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."* (Gal. 3:27).

These Scriptures, along with many others, which we are gladly willing to present to our readers, are to verify and point out to the believer who is serious about his salvation and wants to do what is right before the Lord. I reiterate that true baptism implies the following, as contained in the Scriptures cited: the person needs to believe

(for this to take place, they have to be of age of awareness of sin in them), repent of their sinful life, and be SUBMERGED IN THE WATERS and that the NAME OF JESUS CHRIST BE CALLED UPON for the forgiveness of their sins and by the power of God's Holy Spirit stop living in sin to live in a new way of living for Christ.

If you are already a Christian, my brother or my sister, and you believe in Christ the Lord and in His Word and recognize the apostles as anointed by the Lord Jesus, then you are going to consider the reasonings presented here and will accept them. After this brief explanation, if someone is in contradiction, our desire is that the Lord bless you. We are doing our part, fulfilling our duty and responsibility, and hoping and praying that our Lord will illuminate the understanding and give revelation to each and every one of our esteemed readers whom we consider to be our brethren. Those who have not been able to understand may now believe through this explanation, respond to the message of the Truth, and accept baptism in the way that the apostles and the thousands of Christians of the Church believed and taught it back in the beginning. If any of our brethren or esteemed readers desire to obtain more information about this topic, reach out to us, and we will gladly assist you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless you. ■



WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE REVELATIONS?

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“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; 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” (II Peter 3:15-16)

Testament related to Grace, would not be understood by anyone of us. And we would also have great complications with many of the declarations and teachings given by the Lord Jesus.

The apostle Peter when recognizing the special vocation of his companion, tells us the following:

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It is certain that throughout the centuries, what the apostle Peter said, has been fulfilled and continues to be fulfilled until this day, especially when we see the numerous twisted doctrines and interpretations that prevail within Christianity. But those of us who have received the guidance from the same Spirit, can understand today what the apostles understood in the beginning.

SOME OF THE PROFOUND REVELATIONS

Next, I will innumerate some of the profound truths that we have understood in the Word of God, which are none other than THE SAME MESSAGES of *“the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3)* by instrumentality of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ in the time of the early church.

The marvelous revelations, which the nominal Christians have tried and are trying to explain, (though in a twisted or superficial way) with

interpretations in the literal sense, don't declare the profoundness, (though controversial for many) of the truths that are hidden in the pages of the Holy Book, whether it be for fear or ignorance, no one knows.

It has been with God's help and guidance that your brother and servant has spoken and written about these controversial truths during the years in the Marantha Newspaper, in small books and in different tracts. You can obtain this literature for your information by directing yourself to our department of “Maranaha Publications”.

I conclude by asking my brothers and my companions in the ministry, who are also current recipients of these divine truths once again, WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE RECEIVED REVELATIONS? Are we willing to make a sacrifice to share these truths with all those that we know? Or are we only going keep them for ourselves as the one who received *“one talent” (Matthew 25:14-30)*, who certainly kept the talent, but he didn't work it.

There are many means of communication that we can use to do the job, but there are relatively few pastors and congregations who have felt the desire to put this sacred entrusted commission: *“...freely ye have received, freely give” (Math. 10:8)*.

My plea before the Lord has been and continues to be, that He open new doors to be able to do the work that He has commanded us to do. My brother, *“...come over into Macedonia (Salinas) and help us” (Acts 16:9)*.

God bless you. ■

This question is particularly directed to the saints that have revelation in the Word of God, to understand that the truths that we have preached and taught are universal and of supreme prominence.

The apostle Paul, when speaking of *“...the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory” (I Cor. 2:7)*, declared and wrote about the profound and highly controversial messages that had much repercussion, first within Judaism, in the infancy of the church and then within Christianity throughout the centuries, until today.

Among the many Old Testament Scriptures that the apostle Paul cites to confirm his declarations in the time of Grace, is the following: *“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God” (I Cor. 2:9-10)*.

The Spirit of the Lord illuminated the apostle of the gentiles to understand and write with divine authority concerning these marvelous, profound truths and mysteries of God which were hidden in times past, to be revealed in the advent of the time of Grace, primarily to Israel and then to the gentiles.

Therefore, we Christians amongst the gentiles, should recognize that if the Lord had not used the apostle Paul to help us understand the declarations that we have in our hands today in the Holy Bible, many of the writings in the Old



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May the Grace of my Lord Jesus Christ be with each of my brothers and sisters.

It is a privilege for me to write in this periodical. I bless the Lord who allowed me to be in the International Fellowship here in Tijuana, B.C., led by Pastor Efraim Valverde III. We began with prayer and singing to our Lord Jesus with great joy. My brother, Néstor Quintanar, ministered “know what we are supporting,” which was a great blessing. In the afternoon, our Pastor Efraim III, ministered unto us that it’s time to return to the Lord with all our heart. We ended this service with prayer, and God manifested His glorious presence.

On Saturday, the Lord used our Pastor Efraim III to teach us about the “Mystery of Israel”. During this time, the children were ministered

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Pastor José Covarrubias



to in a separate class. Afterwards, we had a very special pastor’s meeting, where the pastor shared with us all the work that is already being done and what lies ahead. In the afternoon, we returned to praise the Lord, and once again, our pastor ministered to us, this time about marriage. This was very special and vital to all who attended!

Thus, we ended this beautiful fellowship by having dinner and fellowshiping together. I Thank my Lord Jesus for His great love! Thanks to our brother pastor, Efraim Valverde III, for holding this meeting. Thanks also to everyone who served.

God bless you, beloved brothers, let us remain faithful to the end.

Pastor José Covarrubias.
Tijuana, B.C., México. ■



“Let brotherly love continue” (Heb. 13:1).

Shalom to all my brethren! I praise my God for allowing us to be with our brothers at the Confraternity in Basúchil, Chihuahua, Mexico. Many congregations from different parts of Mexico and the United States attended.

The presence of God and His Word was very special through the vessels

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Pastor Jaime Vidal

that God used to minister on this occasion. We were nurtured through in messages that we heard, and in turn, we need to confirm them to all the congregations, such as: Who is God? Who is Israel? Who is the

church? We were reminded how important it is to walk humbly before God so that the anointing of these messages is manifested in our lives.

To God be the glory and honor for the opportunity to be with our brothers! Let us continue to pray that we be spiritually awake. God bless you, and continue to pray for Pastor Jose Estrada and the congregation in Basuchil, Chihuahua.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Jaime Vidal. ■



Beloved brothers and sisters in the faith, I greet you in the Name of the Almighty, our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless all the readers of this Maranatha periodical.

On Friday we started at 5:00 pm, praising the Lord with great joy and gladness. Then our pastor Efraim Valverde III ministered to us about “the work of a pastor” (Jer 3:15).

On Saturday, Pastor Fred Griffith spoke to us about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 4:14-18). Then our pastor, Efraim Valverde III, spoke to us about marriage and the premarital biblical foundation of building a home. That same day in the afternoon Pastor Jaime Vidal, gave us a brief

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explanation about his trip to Central America and also ministered to us about Israel.

On Sunday, Pastor Efraim Valverde III gave us the opportunity to ask questions, of the which he responded Biblically. Then we prayed for those who have not yet been baptized, and God touched the hearts of 13 brave young people who were baptized that day.

God bless Pastor Efraim Valverde III and all our brothers who attended this activity.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Lazaro Pascual. ■

Dear brethren, I greet you in the wonderful Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our brothers in Othello, Washington, programmed a service for the days of August 10 and 11 of this present year.

The pastor of this congregation is Bro. Régulo Suárez. Othello’s congregation is relatively “young,” but the brethren have shown faithful fellowship and support for Salinas and the other congregations in Washington and Oregon.

Pastor Efraim Valverde III ministered to us on different subjects that are all connected, such as reminding us of the very difficult times we live in and the necessity of strengthening our families and teaching us the Biblical place of the

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father, the mother, and children. We were witnesses to the benefit we received from God’s Word as it moved upon our hearts and minds, helping us to grasp a deeper understanding of our responsibility as fathers (guiding and directing our homes as men of God), mothers, and children and the importance of impacting the family.

We also had a meeting of pastors and ministers where the pastor touched on several points of great importance. I thank the Lord very much for Pastor Ephraim III, who has been continually instructing us on knowing and understanding our responsibilities as children of God to our families.

God bless you.
Brother Job Valverde. ■

FELLOWSHIP REPORT VICENTE GUERRERO, BAJA CALIFORNIA

Bro Jonathan Larrañaga

My beloved brothers, first I want to thank God for allowing me to write these brief words. I bless the Lord for allowing us to attend yet another year the yearly fellowship gathering in Vicente Guerrero, BC.

Friday, the Lord used different pastor to share the council from the Word of God. And Saturday our pastor, brother Efraim Valverde III, among all the messages that he spoke to us about, he touched on the topic of "Sons of God", in which we were exhorted to give appreciation to our identity and to truly live as sons of God (**I John 3:2**), being diligent in all the areas of our life and without confusion, without fear and shame (**Rom. 1:16**). Another area that he spoke about was on the tremendous

weapons that we have at our disposal. We have the Lord's name, we have His Word, we have His Holy Spirit and His blood and the anointing oil. On Sunday the council from the Word of God continued and the invitation to those who haven't given their lives to the Lord to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is fitting for us to say that we enjoyed the warmth of the brethren and their companionship and to break bread together in harmony. We thank God that He continues to keep our minds in the understanding we have received and understood.

May the Lord bless you greatly.
Your brother Jonathan Larrañaga.

Shalom. ■



THE PASTOR

To be a pastor is to be called
With a Divine vocation;
And to receive a holy anointing
From the Sacred Spirit.
It is to live consecrated
To the things of the Lord;
It means practicing love,
Patience and humility.
It means preaching the truth
With joy, enthusiasm and valor.

Those who think that being a pastor
Is something easy to bear,
Do not know how to observe
The things that require care.
Only he who is called
To serve as a pastor,
Knows what it means to suffer heartbreak,
To suffer sleeplessness,
To suffer sadness and pain.

Thank you, God, for our pastor
And for his faithful wife,
Who with tenacity
And noble hearts.
Alleviate many sorrows
Spreading all around them
The Gospel of light,
The message of the cross
And the fragrance of the Lord.



WOMEN OF GOD

Sister Martha Pavia

the Word of God. May we be women that keep and live the principles of a Christian family, always instructing and being an example to our children in our daily lives and thereby giving a living testimony of who our God is through our lives.

God continues to call His daughters to the Old Paths: *“...Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls...”* (Jer. 6:16). These “old paths” are not

antiquity, they are timeless principles and teachings to live by which have been proven to keep the children of God faithful.

As women of God, we need to examine our hearts and ask ourselves: Are we seeking to please God with our walk (life) or are we seeking to please others? The apostle Paul tells us this: *“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth”* (Col. 3:2). Let’s not allow the world to confuse us and change our way of thinking. I want to encourage my

sisters to focus our sight on our Lord Jesus, so that He may be the One who guides our lives and not the world or its trends. (Rom. 12:2)

Sisters, let us remain committed to the Lord, let us never lose our hope and faith in our God. Let us surround ourselves with people that can help us to stay motivated in the Lord, asking God to make our cup run over (Psalm 23:5).

Let us pray one for another to be and stay motivated to live our lives for His glory, so that we serve God with fervency and surrendered to the glory of His name.

God bless you.
Your sister in Christ,
Martha Pavia. ■

May the Lord bless you my sisters, I thank God for this opportunity to direct some words to you.

In this day and age, it is necessary for us to continue to be women of faith, women of God. We need to live out



YOUTH SECTION

Brother David Valverde

placed on his heart for HIS people and then come home to make it on time for service and preach here to our brothers in Salinas. I’ve been able to see the importance he’s placed on serving God’s people.

I’ve also see the way my mom stays up late preparing for events, so many times working behind the scenes, for weeks, even months in advance. She always does it with a willing heart and not out of obligation or expecting something in return. Not only for the church but also for her family.

Something that my Great Grandfather, Pastor Efraim Sr, said once was “One of the things that has kept me in my walk with God is Serving.” This is also true for me. Having had the privilege to serve in different aspects of the ministry, I know that this has played such a huge part in keeping me in the ways of the Lord.

Having said that, I would like to encourage you, young people, to seek

out ways to serve by cleaning, picking up chairs, visiting the sick and elderly, helping with worship, serving food, evangelism, and in any other way in your local church and wherever else you may find yourself. Even in tasks that seem to be insignificant, like serving tables, we see in Acts 6:2-4. The disciples were looking for 7 young men who were *“of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom”*.

I know many times we can feel like we aren’t doing enough or we are not doing “important things”, but even the little that we can do, do it with all our heart as to the Lord. When we do with all our heart, then those “little things” will become great in the eyes of the Lord.

Here we also see how important it is to be walking in the Spirit when we are in the service of the Lord, because then and only then will they be acceptable and pleasing before the Lord. *“In everything we do, do it as unto the Lord”* (Colossians 3:23),

no matter what it is. Our Lord is the ultimate example, as declares in Mark 10:45, *“For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister(serve), and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

God himself being manifested in flesh (1 Timothy 3:16) came to serve, not seeking anything in return. If we look closely at the example the Lord set in His word, we will see the majority of times He served the poor, the needy, the blind, the sick, and those that He knew didn’t have the means to pay or give something in return other than gratitude and themselves.

We must also have the same mindset that Christ had, to serve purely out of love. What a privilege we have to serve the Lord as we serve our brothers and sisters and those who are in need in this world, just as our Lord Jesus Christ

Please pray for me that I may have the same mind as our Lord and serve HIM with all my heart until HE returns.

Your brother in Christ,
David Valverde. ■

God bless you brothers and sisters,

I would like to thank God for this opportunity and blessing to be able to write for the Maranatha.

This youth section on the Maranatha has been a great blessing to me and I pray these few paragraphs will be a blessing as well.

Serving is such a foundational and important part of who we are as children of God.

Growing up in a Godly home I’ve been able to see firsthand the example of service through the lives of my Dad and Mom. Seeing the manner in which they serve the people of God has and continues to impact my life. I see the countless hours my Dad would preach and teach on countless trips all over because of the burden God has



BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Pastor Efraim Valverde, Sr.

The doctrine of baptism is a subject of supreme importance, and has been considered to be so throughout the centuries which have passed since the Church was founded by our Lord Jesus Christ. He himself demonstrated the prominence of this sacrament when he issued the following command: *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”* (Mark 16:16). He also commanded His apostles 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”* (Matthew 28:19). He also emphasized the importance of being baptized, when He traveled to the Jordan River where John was baptizing, and asked John to be baptize Him, saying: *“Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness”* (Matthew 3:15).

Many present-day religious leaders teach that baptism is not truly important; thereby contradicting the same Lord they claim to obey and serve. They are following the example of the Pharisees and lawyers who *“rejected the counsel of God against themselves”* by refusing to be baptized by John (Luke 7:30). Nevertheless, this tract is not directed to those who oppose the Word of God, but to the sincere Christians, who, having a pure and sincere heart, want to obey the Word of God. These Christians are willing to obey God’s commandments, whether they come directly from the Lord or through His apostles, since the Lord bestowed upon them His authority when He declared: *“He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me”* (Matthew 10:40). I must clarify here, that I am not

discussing the subject of water baptism with the purpose of obtaining members for a certain religious denomination or organization. Rather, my goal is that the obedient Christian, whoever and wherever he is, will receive from God the fullness of His salvation. Now that we are aware of these basic truths, let us now continue in our discussion by considering the following questions.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF WATER BAPTISM?

The Lord stated that *“he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”* (Mark 16:16). On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, through Peter’s lips, declared: *“Repent and be baptized, every one of you...for the remission of your sins...”* (Acts 2:38). Paul, referring to the Lord’s sacrifice, declares that the Lord gave Himself for His Church *“that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water (baptism) by the Word”* (Eph. 5:26). Peter, referencing the fact that Noah was saved by water in the ark, states: *“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us...”* (1 Peter 3:21).

HOW SHOULD WATER BAPTISM BE ADMINISTERED?

Paul explains to us that baptism is a symbol of the burial of one who has died. For this reason he poses the following question: *“Know ye not, that so many of us as were*

baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death” (Rom. 6:3). On another occasion he explains to us that we are *“BURIED with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him”* (Col. 2:12). According to these Scriptures, baptism is a symbolic burial through which the believer, now dead to the world (repented) is buried in the waters of baptism and emerges from them, ready to live a new life in Christ. For this reason, baptism should be administered through immersion, submerging the body of the penitent completely in water, according to the example given by the Lord Himself when He entered into the Jordan River to be baptized: *“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water”* (Matt. 3:16). Likewise, when Phillip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch, the Scriptures tell us that *“they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water...”* (Acts 8:38-39).

WHAT NAME SHOULD BE INVOKED DURING BAPTISM?

The Lord commanded His disciples to baptize the Gentiles *“in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”* (Matt. 28:19), and when the apostles carried out the Master’s commandment, they baptized thousands upon thousands of believers in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. They did

not disobey the Lord, as some have had the audacity to say. On the contrary, they faithfully executed His commandment, because they had understood that the “Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” is JESUS the Lord, and that He is ONE. They understood when the Lord told them: *“He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father”* (John 14:9). They understood that *“God was manifest in the flesh”* (1 Tim. 3:16). They understood that the Lord Jesus was Israel’s Messiah, and that He could be none other than God Himself, because there is only one God (Deut. 6:4, Isa. 44:6). They understood that only the God, YHWH, can save, and they were given revelation to understand that the Lord Jesus is that same God, because the Name of God given to men that they might be saved is JESUS the Lord (Acts 4:12). This is the Name “which is above every other name” that Joel mentioned when he prophesied: *“That whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered (saved)”* (Phil. 2:9, Joel 2:32). The following Scripture verses bear witness that the original believers in the Church were all baptized calling upon the Name of Jesus Christ, and never with the titles Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Acts 2:38, Acts 8:16, Acts 10:48, Acts 19:5, Acts 22:16, Rom. 6:3, Gal. 3:27, 1 Pet. 3:21. The baptism invoking the titles of Father, Son and Holy Spirit was not utilized in the apostolic era or in the first centuries of the Church. It was an interpretation which came later as part of the package of many other false doctrines, fruit of the apostasy, which were accepted and confirmed by the Council of Nicea in the year 325 A.D.



TO WHOM DOES THE BAPTISM BY IMMERSION, INVOKING THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, APPLY?

You, the reader, can find the answer in the Word of God. It is for the Jews (**Acts 2:36-38**). It is for the Samaritans (**Acts 8:14-16**). It is for the Gentiles (**Acts 10:45-48**). It is for believers who have already been baptized with other baptisms (**Acts 19:1-5**). *“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”* (**Acts 2:39**).

In conclusion: My beloved brethren and friends, if you love the Lord and are one of those who are interested in being sure of the salvation of your soul, we sincerely invite you in the love of Christ to meditate on this important doctrinal subject. The message contained within this tract is not merely a denominational point of view, but is a very specific commandment given by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, who declared: *“He who believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”*

Note: If you were enlightened by reading this brief tract or if it awakened an interest in you to know more about this fundamental doctrine in the process of salvation, we invite you to visit your brethren at the address listed on this tract or write to the editor of Publicaciones “Maranatha.” ■

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Pastor Efraim Valverde, Sr.

“Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house” (**Acts 16:29-31**).

I must inform you that this message is not for everyone. It is only for those who are convinced of the fact that none of the many things that this world has to offer can give the peace that their soul desires.

Neither is it written with the intent of obtaining followers by attempting to convince someone to leave their religion to accept a different one. On the contrary, it is for those who have already experienced the fact that no religion can change their lives. This message is intended to help those who, because of the miserable circumstances in which they presently live, whether it is a sickness, marital or family problems, addictions, traumas, prisons or similar situations, have arrived at the conclusion that only God can deliver them.

It is for those who have come to the point in their lives in which they are compelled to ask the same question that the jailer at Philippi asked Paul and Silas: *“What must I do to be saved?”* If you find yourself in this category, through the love of Christ the Lord, I will explain to you God’s plan of salvation precisely as it is described in the Holy Bible.

FIRST STEP: You must acknowledge and confess your misery and need before God, and you must sincerely repent from your sins. Without this fundamental step, everything else you do will be in vain (**Acts 3:19**).

SECOND STEP: You must now accept the Lord Jesus as the Savior of your soul. You must believe that by His Grace and His Blood that He shed on the cross, He is able to cleanse all your sins, no matter how filthy they might be (**Isaiah 1:18**).

THIRD STEP: You must believe that by doing the previous step, this is proof that you have become a partaker of the miracle of having been *“born again”* (John 3:3), which is the same miracle as having been *“born of God”* or *“begotten of God”* (**1 John 5:18**).

FOURTH STEP: It is now imperative for you to be immersed in the waters of baptism just as the Lord was, making certain that when you do so, the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ is invoked upon you (**Acts 2:28 and 4:12**).

FIFTH STEP: Being now a *“child of God”* (**1 John 1:12**), a *“new creature in Christ”* (**2 Corinthians 5:17**), allow the Lord—who now lives within you—to direct you in how you must live, what you must do and what things are not beneficial to you.

SIXTH STEP: The Lord has promised to give each of His

children the power of His Holy Spirit to help us to overcome and to give forth the *“fruit of the Spirit”* (**Galatians 5:22**). Ask the Lord to give you this gift together with the evidence of *“speaking with other tongues”* (**Acts 2:4**).

SEVENTH STEP: Exercise yourself in reading the Word of God so that you might grow spiritually and become grounded in your faith. Occupy yourself as much as possible in serving others, thereby doing God’s work.

FINAL STEP: now try to live the rest of your life in peace and in holiness, loving everyone, and being in communion with those who love the Lord as you love Him now. Seek out as much as you can the fellowship of those who live *“looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ”* (**Titus 2:13**).

CONCLUSION: Even though we may not know you, the Lord knows who you are, and our prayer is that He will bless you. We also ask our Lord Jesus that He will work in your life, praying that the plan described in this tract will bring the change in your life that you greatly desire. If the Lord places in your heart the desire to receive help from us in any way that we can, please contact us. We are here to serve you. ■

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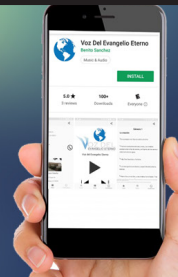
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The LORD our God is one
LORD (Dt.6:4)

God is not a Trinity
(John 1:1, Col. 1:15)

The Supreme Name of our
God
Is the LORD Jesus Christ
(Phil. 2:9)

Baptism is by immersion
(Rom. 6:4)

In the name of the LORD
Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38)

The Holy Spirit of God
manifests itself by means of
the fruits (Gal. 5:22-26)
The gift of the Holy Ghost by
the evidence of speaking in
tongues.

Seeking to live a sanctified life
is an imperative requirement
(Heb. 12:14)

The Church is ONE and it
belongs to the LORD
(Matthew 16:18, Acts 20:28)

The Church of the LORD is
not a religious organization,
It is the body of Christ
(1 Cor. 12:27, 2 Tim. 2:19)

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