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**Baptism**

Ephesians 4:4-5 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, (KJV)

The goal of any teacher or preacher of the Word is to point people to our Lord who, as we see clearly stated above, operates in one realm, the realm of the Spirit. The one baptism our Lord gives credence to is no longer limited by a carnal washing which is outdated; you are now baptized and immersed in living spiritual water.

Romans 6:3-5 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: (KJV)

Here is what it is to be truly baptized or born again in Christ. The reality of baptism is actually a new way of life and no longer some old outdated carnal ritual. This is what truly separates the children from the adults spiritually. In order to live in Christ, you have to die to self which is what truly narrows the path of life. You won’t walk into a newness of life and be resurrected, until you walk away from the old.

Romans 6:6-8 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. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: (KJV)

Crucifixion is not a popular topic, however, it’s the only way to subdue and kill the old man and his lusts. It’s only when you are dead to self that you can experience the true freedom and liberty that we have in Christ. Now faith is real and alive when you immerse more in the Spirit than you do in yourself.

Luke 9:22-25 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. 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 gains the whole world, and loses himself, or be cast away? (KJV)

The Lord describes in verse 22 what was going to happen in the outward realm; that being the cross He would bear for mankind. In the following verses He describes another cross that we would have to bear, that being spiritual, along with the one baptism that He would give credence to. Are you one of His today?

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (KJV)

God bless dearly loved and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.