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Beloved of God, these teachings are written to reveal Jesus Christ and His heart of love for all who call upon His name to save them.

God has sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save all who would believe in Him and His Word.

God desires to reveal Himself and to give us His divine nature in Christ Jesus our Lord through the power of His Holy Spirit.

God is Jealous. He wants us to encounter His presence daily and walk with Him in glory – intimate communion - today, while it is called today, and forever.

It is my prayer that this teaching would so impact the readers that all would come to know and believe JESUS, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our Great God and Savior, and receive the PERFECT LOVE He has for us all as we grow up into Him and mature as true sons and daughters of God.

May you grow in faith and knowledge of your God and Savior and come to know the love that He has for you. I pray for you the Apostle Paul's prayer for spiritual growth:

Ephesians 3:14-21 The Living Bible (TLB)

"14-15 When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth— 16 that out of his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit. 17 And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; 18-19 and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

20 Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. 21 May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the Church through Jesus Christ."

In Christ our Lord,
Brandy Helton
A child of God

God's Love

God's love is good news! Don't believe the lie that God is distant, unapproachable, and angry!

God is love. He is the only true, eternal God. He is perfect and holy, and He is truth. God is One. He has revealed Himself in three distinct, individual, equal persons: God the Father, God the Son – Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Bible tells the story of God's perfect love. In that love, God created the first family to live on the earth with Him. Through their deep intimate relationship with the Father, Adam and Eve were meant to fulfill all that was in God's heart on Earth just like it is in Heaven, for God's glory and purposes. Adam and Eve were chosen to walk with God, clothed in His glory presence and were perfect, as He is perfect, and they lived in His beautiful garden, the secret place called Eden. He gave them His breath, life and power to have dominion over all He created and wanted them to reproduce that LIFE replenishing the earth with it, until all the earth is filled with His glory.

Genesis 1:26-28

"26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our

image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

God created His children in His likeness. He made them spirit beings, with a soul – mind, will and emotions – and placed them in a physical body. He gave His children the choice to love Him and to walk with Him in obedience to His every word. He gave the first family the power to overcome any temptation offered to them through God’s adversary, the devil, who had rebelled against the Most High God in Heaven’s glory and was cast down to the earth. The devil, Satan, brought great darkness and chaos prior to Adam and Eve’s existence.

Adam and Eve were deceived into thinking that God was not perfect in love as Satan, the adversary, tempted them to believe that God would not keep His word to them. Through their own will, Adam and Eve disobeyed the Father by eating from a tree that had the power to open their eyes to both good and evil. Through their choice of disobedience, they willfully gave their inheritance and authority over to the devil and his kingdom. Sin entered mankind, which produced death, eternal separation from a Holy God. Adam and Eve were banished from the dwelling and intima-

cy of perfection in the garden and were sent into the world as a fallen creation.

Father God knew He had to come Himself and save His family, and in His wisdom, He chose to send His Son, Jesus Christ into the world to save us and restore fallen mankind back to relationship with Him. Through His Son, He destroyed all the works of the devil and the curse of death. Hebrews 9:22 says, *“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”* Remission means to cancel the penalty, so according to the law there must be shedding of blood to cancel the penalty for sin. The Father cancelled the penalty for the sins of His children through the shedding of the blood of His innocent, holy Son Jesus, who was the Sent One, called and chosen to die for all, so all could live.

John 3:16-21 NKJV

“16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may

be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

Jesus was conceived by God’s Holy Spirit in the womb of a young virgin named Mary. He appeared as the second Adam, in the flesh, with the choice to walk in perfect love and obedience, full of God’s Spirit, as a man to do the will of His Father.

Jesus grew up as any male child did in the flesh but He had divine fellowship with His Father and Holy Spirit. At the appointed time, He was revealed as being sent from God to save. Jesus went around doing good and healed all who were oppressed by the devil spiritually and physically. He revealed His Father’s heart and perfect love to all who believed through His teachings, grace and miraculous power.

Salvation means eternal life, healing, deliverance, protection, peace, wholeness, and forgiveness. Salvation came to all men through the cross, where the Son of God, the perfect One, was slaughtered as a lamb, bearing all sin for all times from a fallen people. Jesus bore the wrath of God against the darkness that separated God’s family from Him. Jesus was punished for our sin and died to cleanse us from the guilt, shame and condemnation sin produces. Sin separates. Love restores.

Jesus was crucified, dead and buried, spending three days and nights in the depths of Hades, the realm of the dead fallen race. Jesus took back the keys of death and hell from that old serpent the devil, Satan, and therefore, all authority was restored back to Jesus.

Great Holy Spirit breathed LIFE into Jesus and raised Him from the dead. He appeared to His disciples, those who followed Him and obeyed His teachings. He showed them that He conquered sin, death and the grave and now, had the keys of hell and death, and would give ETERNAL LIFE to ALL who chose to believe in Him. King Jesus ascended back to the Father of glory where He ever lives to make intercession for us all, and He is coming again to the earth in power to establish His Father's Kingdom on Earth.

Jesus Christ is the head and Lord over His church, those who have made Him Lord and Savior, by believing He is the Son of the Living God and God in the flesh, who finished the work the Father gave Him to do. He not only died for our sins to save and heal us, He chose to give His authority to those He called and chose to follow Him as His disciples, His family.

Jesus has commissioned His followers to do the same works that He did while He lived on the earth.

John 14:12-14

"12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

God loves us and desires that none should perish. He desires for His family to be with Him where He

is. These books are written to inspire all who read them and to reveal the heart of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and Holy Spirit in order that we might RECEIVE THE LOVE HE HAS FOR US and be CHANGED INTO HIS VERY LIKENESS. God desires to dwell with His family forever and ever just as He did in the beginning. How glorious it is to live in His presence and dominion, beholding His goodness, forever and ever, amen.

The book of Revelation describes the time that is coming when all things are made new according to God's heart of love:

Revelation 21:1-7

"1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he

shall be My son.”

To understand what is presented in the Bible, you must start by understanding God’s love. The good news is that God loves you!

The Heart of It

There is a difference between the good news (Gospel) of the Kingdom and the good news (Gospel) of salvation. Both are good news, but there is a difference. The good news about salvation is that Jesus came to save you from your sins so you can spend eternity with Him in Heaven. But there is more! God is not mad at you and He wants to not only spend eternity with you, but He is the King and wants to give you His Kingdom, now, so you can partner with Him to spread it over the whole earth. You can have both salvation and participate with God in His Kingdom. That's good news!

The Gospel of The Kingdom

Gospel means good news. The Gospel of the Kingdom is the good news that God created His domain and wants to share His Kingdom with His children. Let's look at how God's Love and the Gospel of the Kingdom is revealed through the Scriptures.

Matthew 6:9-10

“Pray, then, in this way; Our Father who is in heaven, Holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

There is only one true, eternal God. He is love, perfect, holy, and truth. God is One. He has revealed Himself in three distinct, individual, equal persons: **God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**

Philippians 2:5-11 New Living Translation (NLT)

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had Though he was God, he did not think

of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

God the Father is the Creator and author of all life.

2 Timothy 3:16 New Living Translation (NLT)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."

Matthew 6:9 New Living Translation (NLT)

"Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy."

God the Son, Jesus Christ, Creator of all things with the Father, was manifest in the flesh, fully God, yet fully man, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, anointed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's Kingdom to Earth. He was crucified, dead, and buried, resurrected bodily on the third day according to the Scriptures, and appeared to His disciples. He ascended to Heaven, where He sits at the right hand

of God the Father, and continually intercedes for His people. Jesus will return for His pure, spotless, glorious church and will execute judgment upon the wicked.

John 1:14 New Living Translation (NLT)

“So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.”

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, Comforter, Promise of the Father and the One who reveals Christ and His work on the cross. The Holy Spirit dwells within every believer, sanctifying the believer and enabling them to live holy, supernatural lives.

Acts 2:33 New Living Translation (NLT)

“Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today.”

The Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God. Both Old and New Testaments are fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, without error and an infallible guide in matters pertaining to life and godliness. It reveals God’s complete will for the salvation of mankind. His Word is trustworthy, and the supreme authority in all points of doctrine, life and godliness.

2 Timothy 3:16 New Living Translation (NLT)

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful

to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.”

The Love of God

Often people think God is just a being who created everything. But, He is so much more. He has emotions and has invited us to know Him intimately and to be in a relationship with Him. He has always existed and always will. He doesn't need us, but He does want us.

God does not simply have love, He is love. He is the origin of any form of true love you have ever experienced. True love is more than emotional attachment. Love is also a choice followed by action. Jesus came to us in the physical realm and took part in humanity to put action to love. His love is tangible and the greatest force in all eternity.

I John 4:19

“We love Him because He first loved us.”

I John 4:16

“And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in Him.”

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have always existed. They are perfect in every way. They chose to create a planet with living things on it. So, they agreed together to create a planet and furnish it for their children. The first family was a perfect creation in the image of God. Father, Son, and Spirit delighted in perfect relationship with the first humans

created, Adam and Eve. He breathed His life into them through His Spirit.

The Blessing - Empowerment for Good

Genesis 1:26-28

“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

As you well know, every family has rules. This family only had two rules. The first was to be totally obedient to God as they spread the garden, which was a lot like Heaven, over the whole earth. The second was that Adam and Eve were not supposed to eat the fruit of one particular tree because it would kill them if they did. God gave them a choice to demonstrate that He had created humanity with a free will to choose.

Sin Entered Mankind.

Sometime before time on Earth began, Lucifer, whose name means “light bringer,” was one of God’s angels. The Bible says he used to be beautiful, and his whole body was designed to worship God. But because he thought so much of himself, Lucifer decided he would be the king of Heaven

and rule it instead of God. Lucifer and one third of the angels joined him and waged war against God for control of everything. Of course they lost and were removed from Heaven by God.

Adam and Eve were supposed to make something like God's home on Earth like it is in Heaven. Satan wanted Heaven, but would settle for the copy. You have to realize that God and Satan aren't equals, so there was no way for Satan to compete with God's power. That's why Satan had to come up with a scheme to gain control of Earth.

Satan knew if he could get Adam and Eve on his side, he could take control of what their Father had given them. Satan deceived Eve. He told her she could be like God and know about good and evil if she only ate fruit from the one tree on the planet Father God had forbidden them to eat. Well, she listened to Satan and ate the fruit. The sad part of the story is that Adam, who was right beside Eve the whole time, also ate the forbidden fruit. A word for disobedience or when you and I miss the mark is "sin."

Remember, God had told Adam that if he ate of the fruit he would die. When Adam believed Satan over God and ate the fruit, his spirit died. I always picture it as just going out like a flame. Suddenly, Adam no longer had his connection to Father. Adam lost the presence of the Holy Spirit within him.

God is a three part being in a way. We too are made in three parts according to the Bible. We have a body. We have a soul. We have a spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.”

You have a body, which is all the parts of you that you can see and touch. Your soul is your mind, will, and emotions. In other words, your soul is how you think, act, and feel. And your spirit is where the Spirit of God dwelt in humanity before Adam lost his connection with God. Because you are a descendent of Adam, you are reproduced as he and Eve were after their rebellion...without a spirit connection to God. Your Spirit is the part of you where you must be born again of the spirit after you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth the truth about God. It is where the Spirit of Jesus or Holy Spirit makes the connection with you and lives. Only spirit can understand things of the spirit. There is an invisible spirit world going on right now at the same time as the physical world you can see. The spirit world is what you were made for and will outlast this present form of the world you now see. So, it is good to understand spiritual things.

God’s Reconciliation - Jesus

From the very moment Adam and Eve sinned, Father God announced that He would bring One to restore all that had been lost. The prophets in the Bible spoke of the one who was to come and rule and reign over Jews and Gentiles. He would be empowered from Heaven and called the Messiah.

The very word “Messiah” basically means “The

Anointed One.” To be anointed means to be set apart for a task and empowered to do it. “Christ” also means “Messiah” or “Anointed One.”

Jesus was born of the Holy Spirit and a human (Mary) to do what Adam was supposed to do. He’s even called the second Adam in the Bible. His father had to be Holy Spirit so that Jesus was born with His connection to God intact. He never fell for Satan’s lies or temptations. He was the only one who could win the right to take the keys to the planet back from Satan. In order for that to happen, though, somebody had to pay for all the wrong done all the way back to Adam. Jesus had the right to pay for all those mistakes, including ours, because He didn’t make any. Jesus was a perfect sacrifice because He never sinned. He perfectly obeyed Father God. Jesus was so obedient that He even obeyed Death.

Romans 3:23

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...”

2 Corinthians 5: 18-21

“Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteous-

ness of God in Him.”

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Romans 10:10-12

“For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

When Jesus obediently went to the cross carrying the entire world’s brokenness, Death and Satan thought they’d beaten the second Adam too. That is, they thought they had defeated Him until God raised Jesus from the dead to show that all the wrongs were now completely paid for, and we could live again connected to our Father God or born again just like in the garden.

Our God is the one and only true God. He is the Creator and Sustainer of our lives. His love is real and passionate. Not only does He love us as a Father, but He is also the lover of our soul. He has given us every good thing and deserves our devotion to Him and Him alone. He is not jealous of us, but for us. He knows any other love in our life is a lesser thing and will not bring true satisfaction.

Exodus 34:6-7

“Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood

with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Luke 12:32

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Matthew 6:33 New Living Translation (NLT)

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD..."

Call to Repentance

When an arrow misses the mark it is called "sin." That is also what God calls it when we miss the mark He had for our lives. Most people think of lying, cheating, stealing and murder when they think of sin. However, if you know something is wrong and you do it, it is called sin. When you know the right thing to do and don't do it, that is also a sin. Sin is what separated Adam and Eve from God to begin with and we as humans in their family line have done the same thing. They chose to sin with their will as do we until we repent.

To repent means to change how you think and behave differently. When you come to a place that you realize what you believed was not right and change your mind to agree with the truth, you repent. Your actions will flow out of the change of thinking and freedom you receive with the truth.

Acts 2:36-38 36

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

When we believe Father God loves us and sent His Son to pay for our wrongdoings, we gain the authority over Satan that Adam lost. God has not changed His mind about what He wanted to do with the planet! He still wants us to bring His Kingdom to the earth. So, when we're born again in the spirit, we get to do what Adam and Eve were supposed to do. Jesus got the keys and authority back and gave them to us. Jesus also gave us His Holy Spirit to live inside of us and empower us to do what He created us to do. He created us to make wrong things right and extend His Kingdom.

When you are born again in your spirit, there is

so much more than what most people have been taught. “Sozo” is the Hebrew word for salvation. It not only means to be forgiven for your sins and live with God forever in Heaven, but a few other things as well. Jesus paid for sickness, lack, emotional and physical pain, and a lack of peace in our lives. If you need any of those things, ask for them. Those things are already paid for, you just need to receive them.

When we talk about the Gospel of Salvation, being saved or becoming a Christian, we are talking about all of those things happening within us and for us. The Gospel of the Kingdom is basically extending what’s happening within us to the territory around us through the empowerment and leadership of Holy Spirit. That’s why Jesus taught us to pray, “*Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven*” in Matthew Chapter 6. We bring one kingdom to take the place of another. A transfer from Earth’s Kingdom to Heaven’s Kingdom.

I John 3:8 8

“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

There are at least 3 baptisms identified in Scripture. The first is when you are born again and Holy Spirit baptizes you into the Body of Christ. Another baptism (these next two do not have a particular order) is when you are immersed in water as a witness to people publicly of your having been born again. Another baptism is to be baptized in Holy Spirit by Jesus Himself for empow-

erment.

When we surrender to Holy Spirit speaking to us or moving us to be born again, it is He who baptizes us into Christ's body. We are born again and become a part of the Kingdom of Light. This is the initial baptism and must be first, although you can receive all 3 baptisms at once! This is the baptism by which you receive salvation.

As a born-again believer in Jesus Christ, you are born into His body. There are many meanings to that. One is that as He, our Head, is in Heaven, we are His body on the earth. He speaks to us and leads and we obey and act on His behalf with Him.

1 Corinthians 12:13

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”

Water baptism is an act of obedience to what Jesus told us to do. He gave the example by being immersed in water Himself. We are commanded to do it ourselves and to others as they are born again. Water baptism alone does not save you, but is an outward picture of what has happened within you. You are showing the world that you were only alive physically before, dead in your spirit (when you are immersed in water) and have come alive again in your spirit just like Jesus did by the power of God.

Matthew 28:19

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the na-

tions, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

John the Baptist or Baptizer told the listeners that he only baptized with water, but Jesus would baptize them with fire and power. We must have the empowerment from Heaven to accomplish what Jesus commissioned us to do. There's no way we can do it on our own. That's why He instructed the disciples to go and wait for "The Helper."

The Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost and is a gift from God to empower all believers as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ and is received by faith as a separate work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to believers for empowerment to be a witness.

Acts 1:8 New Living Translation (NLT)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Matthew 3:11

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Mark 1:8

"I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

If you haven't come to the time in your life where

Jesus Christ has not only saved you, but is your Lord and Master, you can do that right now. Jesus is the only way to get back what was stolen – your rightful family. If you want to be rescued out of the Kingdom of Darkness and Hell and be born again into the Kingdom of Light and Jesus, today is your day. Pray this or something like it:

“Father, I admit I’ve done just what Adam and Eve did. I’ve chosen to listen to the enemy and chosen my own way instead of Yours. I was born dead in my spirit and I want to be born again by Your Holy Spirit. I want to give You my entire life. I will serve You and love You forever. Please rescue me, forgive me, heal me and bring me peace. I believe Jesus was Your Son and He died so I didn’t have to. Please take care of me and love me forever. Jesus, I ask You to baptize me in Your Holy Spirit. Immerse me in You and empower me to do all that You did and more. Open my eyes, ears and heart to hear and receive all You have for me. Thank You and I want to have everything You have for me in Jesus’ Name.”

Now, if you were just born again by the Spirit find someone else who knows Him and tell them. It is time for you to be taught how this new Kingdom works. Ask your Heavenly Father to help you find someone to grow you up into a mighty vicious warrior for His glory. We are not meant to be alone or separate from the rest of His body. He created all of us to work together with different gifts and callings to accomplish all He has in mind. Jesus is the only one who can do it all. Father created us in such a way as to learn to love and be dependent on one another, just like a family.

You are now born again and are called to make disciples and do as Jesus did!

Matthew 28:18-20

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

John 20-21

“So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

Conclusion

There is more to the story told in the Bible than Jesus coming to save you from your sins. It is a beautiful story of a magnificent, loving God who created the world, put man in charge of that world, and gave man a choice to love Him back and participate with Him in setting up His Kingdom on Earth just like it is in Heaven.

When man disobeyed and died in spirit, God did not give up. He loved His creation so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice to restore man's spirit back to life so man could participate with God in running His Kingdom on Earth and live with God in eternity.

God wants all of His precious children that He created to love, obey, and participate with His plans, but He gives every person the choice. God is not mad at you and furthermore, He has great plans for you and wants to give you His Kingdom. You have a choice to believe the Bible and make it your final authority. If you believe the Bible and in Jesus described in it, you can have both eternal life with a loving God and you can participate with Him now in extending His Kingdom on Earth.

Prayer for Salvation

If you have not made Jesus Christ your personal Lord and Savior, and you desire this with all your heart, then please, join me in prayer:

“Heavenly Father, I choose to believe with all my heart, Your love for me. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, the Son of God, and that He is God in the flesh. I believe that You sent Him to this earth to save me. Thank You. I believe He died on the cross for my sins and He was dead and buried three days, and then rose again from the dead and that He ascended to Heaven and is now seated at Your right hand and is returning again.

Father, please forgive me for all my sin and iniquity and I choose to forgive others who have sinned against me. I give You all my heart and choose to live with You forever. I believe I have been born again according to Your Word and that I have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light. I declare I am forgiven and healed! Now, I ask for Holy Spirit to fill me. Jesus, baptize me in Holy Spirit and fullness in order that I may know You intimately and serve You all my days.

Thank You, Lord, for loving me. Amen.”

Scriptures:

John 14:6

“6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Romans 10:8-13

“8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

John 3:3-7, 16-18

“3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born [a] again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter 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 Do not marvel that

I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

II Corinthians 5:17

"17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

I Corinthians 15:3-5

"3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve."

II Corinthians 5:21

"21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Colossians 1:13-14

"13 He has delivered us from the power of dark-

ness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

Luke 11:9-13

“9 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Acts 1:8

“8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

I Timothy 3:16

“6 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

*God was manifested in the flesh,
Justified in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Preached among the Gentiles,
Believed on in the world,
Received up in glory.”*

Fresh Infilling of Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8

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If you have been born again and filled with Holy Spirit and you desire MORE and want to encounter the Lord’s presence afresh and anew, please join me in prayer:

“Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for loving me and I ask according to Ephesians 1:17-19, that You would give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, Jesus, and the eyes of my understanding would be enlightened; that I may know what is the hope of His calling and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places. Amen.

Father, according to Colossians 3:9-12, I ask in Jesus name, that I would be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that I would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power. Amen.

I surrender and yield my life to the fullness of Holy Spirit; His power and anointing; the spirit of wisdom and revelation; counsel and might; the spirit of the fear of the Lord and knowledge according to Isaiah 11:2, in Jesus name. Amen.”

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-Brandy Helton

