

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD

PART 2

John 3:1-21

Verses 3-8: A person must be born again of water and of the Spirit in order to be saved. Some teach this water is natural birth and others teach it means water baptism, but the scriptures will teach us which is correct as we go on.

- (COMMENT: “YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) seldom taught in detail, but He left most of the detailed explanations to His apostles. (Example: He just said you must be born again of water and of Spirit.” To know what this means you have to go to the book of Acts and see how the apostles fulfilled this.)
- Verse 8: There will be a sound when everyone is born of the Spirit. Once again, YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) didn’t reveal what the sound was, so we will have to wait until we get to the book of Acts and learn what sound was heard.
- Verse 16: If we believe on YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) we can be saved. But the question is, “‘what is believing’ according to the Word of YHWH?” Unless “believing” mentioned here somehow includes a birth of water and of Spirit; then we would have a direct contradiction in the Word, and the Scriptures does not contradict itself. YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) made many such statements in His teachings that were truths within themselves but were not the entirety of truth.
- Sometimes the Scriptures makes two statements that seem to contradict each other, but somewhere in the Scriptures is a third scripture that will give the proper interpretation of the two and make all three agree together.
- He that does evil won’t come to the light or his deeds would be made manifest (known).
- (COMMENT: “To get a better understanding about what YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) meant by believing on Him, let’s study some more scriptures on this same subject.”)

John 7:38-39

- Scripture Setting: This is the same YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) speaking in the same book of John.
- We must believe in Him “as the scripture says.” There he added some more conditions on how to believe on Him.
- When we believe like the scriptures teach us to believe on Him, then we will receive the Holy Spirit. So here he does let us know that at least a birth of the Spirit will be experienced when we believe as He intended us to believe.

- This Spirit will not be given until after YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) dies and is glorified. This is why no one received it until the Day of Pentecost.

Romans 10:8-18

- Here Paul quotes a portion of scripture out of the Old Testament pertaining to the “word, heart, and mouth”; then he says that that is speaking of the word of faith, which we (the apostles) preach. He then spends the rest of the chapter explaining how this pertains to the grace dispensation.
- Verses 10-11: He explains that you believe with your heart and confess with your mouth and that you shall be saved by this (when you fulfill it as Paul further explains in Verses 14-17), but it does not say you are saved instantly, at that moment, without anything else involved, as many would want to interpret it.
- Verses 11-13: More quotations out of the Old Testament to further prove his point.
- Verses 14-16: This says you can’t call or believe on YHWH until you hear the gospel preached by a man sent of YHWH and that’s what you’ve got to believe in order to be saved. Since the apostles are the only ones we know who are sent of YHWH, according to the Scriptures, here he took the fact of believing on Him and said what you must believe is the gospel the apostles preached and not just that YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) existed. So this confirms all the scriptures we read in the first Scriptures study about having to obey what the apostles preached.
- Verse 17: Here he sums it all up by saying, “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of YHWH.” Remember, Paul started this off in Verse 8 by saying he was speaking of the word of faith, which we (the apostles) preach.

Romans 1:16

- Gospel is the “power of YHWH unto salvation” to everyone that believes it. Believes what? The Gospel.

John 17:20

- YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) prayed for those that would believe on Him by the words of the apostles.
- This is the same book of John where YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) first mentioned we had to believe on Him, and now He is showing that the way you believe on Him is by believing what the apostles preached.

Mark 1:15

- Believe what? The Gospel. Not just believe YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) existed.

2 Corinthians 4:1-5

- If the gospel is hid to you, you are lost. What gospel? The one Paul preached, because he said “our gospel.”
- Verse 4: “Believe not.” Believe not what? The gospel.

Ephesians 1:13

- Church at Ephesus was saved after they had heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel, and had believed it.
- Must preach gospel so we won’t be chargeable unto men.
- Verse 13: They received and believed the Word of YHWH.
- Verse 16: They forbade Paul to speak to the Gentiles so they could be saved. Why? Because they had to hear the gospel the apostles preached in order to be saved.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

- YHWH will appear from heaven “in flaming fire taking vengeance on them “that don’t obey the gospel.
- Verse 10: Paul said, “Because our testimony among you was believed,” lets us know he was speaking of the gospel the apostles preached.

What is the “Gospel?”

Let’s Cover the Great Commission in Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Matthew 28:18-20

- “All power is given unto me,” YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) said.
- Notice He said name (singular) not names.
- What is the name of the Son? YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah). He said, “I come in my Father’s name” and “I’ll send the Holy Spirit in my name.”
- A man could say, “I’m a father, son, and husband but I’m not three people and that isn’t my name.” These are offices or titles of YHWH but not separate persons of YHWH.
- Teach them to observe all things He has commanded.

Mark 16:15-20

- “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” NOT he that believeth and is saved should be baptized.
- Briefly explain signs and how they apply.
- Signs were not used to prove they were of YHWH. The signs are to follow the believer, not the believer follows the signs.
- Verse 19: “Right hand of YHWH” refers to being in a place of acceptance and authority with YHWH, just as the left hand refers to a place of rejection with YHWH (goats on the left, sheep on right) rather than a geographical location.

Luke 24:44-53

- He opened “their understanding that they could understand the scriptures.”
- YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) spent 40 days with the apostles teaching them the meaning of the scriptures and explaining what they should preach.
- (COMMENT: “Do you feel that if you spent 40 days with YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) teaching you the scriptures that you would know what you were supposed to preach? I’ve never spent 40 days with YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah), but I have the words of the men who did [the apostles]. No wonder He placed so much authority in their words.”)
- “Remission of sins should be preached in His name... beginning at Jerusalem.” We will have to go to the book of Acts to see how it was preached.

Acts 1:1-8, 15

- Verses 1-4: “The former treatise” refers to the book of Luke.
- This proves He spent 40 days giving commandments to His apostles whom He had chosen.
- Verses 5-8: You shall be baptized before too many days.
- They will receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon them.
- Verse 15: Tells the number of people (about 120) waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit. (You may read Verses 13-15, if you wish, because Verse 13 names the twelve apostles and Verse 14 proves Mary was there because she had to have the Holy Spirit too. That’s why we shouldn’t pray to Mary. She was just a human being even though she was the mother of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah).)

Acts 2:1-21

- All received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance
- Verses 6-8: They heard them in their own tongue wherein they were born. In other words, YHWH made sure someone in the 120 was speaking in the language of each

of the 16 different countries represented there. (Example: The Cretes could understand the one speaking in the Cretian language and the Medes understood the one speaking the Medean language, etc.)

- Verses 9-10: More than just 12 received it because they were speaking about 16 or more different languages.
- Verse 13: The people were reacting to the Spirit in such a way that many mocked them and thought they were drunk.
- Verse 14: Peter stood up and began to tell them (probably in the Greek language, which was common to all), “This is that spoken by the prophet Joel” and explained that this is the Spirit of YHWH being poured out.
- Verses 17-21 are a quotation of Joel’s prophecy.
- According to what Paul wrote in Romans 10, they couldn’t call on YHWH until they hear the gospel preached by a man sent of YHWH, so notice that Peter starts preaching to them about YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah). We’ll pick up his message in Verse 36.

Acts 2:36-42

- YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) has been made Adoni and YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah).
- When asked, “what shall we do?” the answer Peter gave in Verses 38-39 is what we’ve been waiting to hear.
- “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) for the remission of sins” (remember Luke 24:47)” and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- (COMMENT: “Was there a birth of water and Spirit involved? Yes.”)
- Promise is to everyone YHWH calls. Why? Must be born of the Spirit.
- Baptism is called a birth of water because it removes the record of sin from a person’s life and their judgment starts over at the house of YHWH; so, they are “born again.”
- *1 Peter 3:20-21
- Baptism in water saves us just like the water saved Noah’s family. It doesn’t literally remove sin but it removes it from YHWH’s record book and your conscience.
- *Acts 22:16
- This tells us of the conversion of Paul, “be baptized and wash away thy sins calling on the name of YHWH.” (The same thing Peter preached saved Paul.)
- *Acts 9:5, 17-18

- This further tells us about the conversion of Paul.
- Verse 5: YHWH himself said His name was YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah).
- Verse 17-18: He received the Holy Spirit as well as being baptized to wash away his sins. It didn't say he spoke in tongues, but it doesn't say he didn't either. However, he did write in 1 Corinthians that he spoke in tongues more than any of them, so he had to start sometime.
- (COMMENT: "Some people say it doesn't matter what name you baptize in since they are all one anyhow. If the Scriptures says it doesn't matter, then it doesn't matter; but if the Scriptures says it matters, then it does make a difference. Let's read our next scripture and see what it says.")

Acts 4:10-12

- "Name of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah)" - "none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."
- Where was the name given to men in the plan of salvation? In baptism. As many as have been baptized into YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) have put on YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah).
- It is the only name that will save us and remember, Peter said, "Baptism does now save us."

Colossians 3:17

- Do all in YHWH the YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah)' name—this includes baptism.

Colossians 2:8-12

- Beware of philosophy and traditions of men.
- "Ye are complete in Him" (not them), "which is the head of all principality and power."
- Verse 11: The New Testament Assembly is "circumcised with the circumcision made without hands" (spiritual circumcision not physical), which the Old Testament physical circumcision was a type and a shadow of the spiritual circumcision in the New Testament. That involved "putting off the body the sins of the flesh" (not the literal cutting away of the flesh itself).
- Verse 12: Our circumcision is being baptized in the name of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) to remove the sins of the flesh.
- Explain: Israel (type of Assembly) coming out of Egypt (type of sin) through the Red Sea (type of baptism) and drowning all of Pharaoh's army (type of sin) and

washing them away, because sin can go no further than the water. It is washed away in water in the name of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah).

Acts 8:5-24

- People were healed, received joy, and had demons cast out, but the question is, “Did they have the Holy Spirit yet?” Many people say, “I know I have the Holy Spirit because I got joy when I got it.” If joy were a definite sign that a person has the Holy Spirit, then they would have to have it. The same would apply to the other two signs, but let’s read on and see if they had it.
- Verse 12: They believed and were baptized. Some teach, “the moment you believe, the Holy Spirit automatically comes in” while others teach, “the moment you are baptized, the Holy Spirit automatically comes in.” If either of these teachings were true, then they would have the Holy Spirit at this point.
- Verses 13-17: They had been baptized in the name of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) but they still didn’t have the Holy Spirit until Peter and John came over and prayed for them. This proves the Holy Spirit is a separate experience from believing and baptism.
- It didn’t say they spoke in tongues as on the day of Pentecost, but it does say Simon offered them money for that power, so there must have been something outward and miraculous that happened.

Acts 8:35-39

- Scriptures don’t say what Phillip preached, but he must have preached baptism or the eunuch wouldn’t have asked to be baptized.
- Phillip had to make sure the eunuch believed in YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) or there would have been no need to baptize him in the name of someone he didn’t even believe in.
- Believing is the foundation that the gospel (birth of water and Spirit) sits upon. Because if you don’t believe in Him, why would you want His spirit?

Acts 10:1-6, 33, 43-48

- He was a devout man, feared YHWH, prayed always, but was he saved (born of water and Spirit)?
- Prayed an angel down and he told Cornelius to go get Peter and he would tell him “what thou oughtest to do.”
- (COMMENT: “You mean there was something else this good man had to do? Right! Goodness will not save a person; he must be born again.”)

- Why didn't the angel tell him? Because the Scriptures says you must hear it from a man sent of YHWH.
- Verse 33: We want to hear all the things commanded you of YHWH (refer back to Matthew 28:20).

Let's see how He commands them to get baptized.

- Verse 43: We can receive remission of sins through His name. (They preached this by baptism, which proves the power of the name.)
- Verses 44-47: The Jews knew they received the Holy Spirit "for they heard them speak with tongues." (This must be the sound YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) said you would hear when anyone receives the Spirit, John 3:8)
- Verse 48: He "commanded them to be baptized in the name of YHWH."

Acts 16:30-34

- Jailer asks Paul and Silas what he must do to be saved. Here is a person that knows nothing about YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah), so the first thing he has to do is believe on YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah). They told him to believe in YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) and "thou shalt be saved."
- (COMMENT: Notice he said, "shalt be" not that "you are automatically saved" at that moment without anything else being done.)
- Remember that Paul wrote in Romans that what you have to believe is the gospel preached by a man of YHWH.
- Verse 32: He preached unto him "the word of YHWH."
- Verse 33: He baptized them "the same hour of the night."
- If baptism were not essential, why would they risk having to evade the Roman army in the middle of the night just to find water in which to baptize them?

Acts 19:1-6

- They had believed on YHWH and had been baptized in water.
- Paul asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit since they believed; so he definitely believed that receiving the Spirit and believing were two separate experiences.
- When they said they had never heard of it, he questioned them concerning their water baptism.
- John just preached repentance and believing (which is what most denominations preach today).
- Paul re-baptized them in YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah)' name and they received the Holy Spirit and spoke with tongues (birth of water and Spirit).

- It is very evident that the gospel all the apostles preached was: repentance, baptism in the name of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) for the remission of sins, the infilling of the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in other tongues.
- Does the Assembly you have been or now attending preach this same message today, along with the other teachings of the apostles?

1 Corinthians 12:1

- Proves that he is talking of the gifts of the Spirit to the Assembly and he continues through Chapter 14.

1 Corinthians 14:19, 23

- Proves He is speaking of a time when the whole Assembly comes together in one place; and, if the gift of tongues is in operation, it should be done for the edifying of the body.

1 Corinthians 14:27-32

- Proves the difference in the two operations of tongues, especially Verse 27, because he said let it be done by two, or the most three, and that by course, let another interpret.
- (COMMENT: It never happened that way in the book of Acts; 12 at one time in Acts 19, all of Cornelius' household, 120 on the day of Pentecost, etc.)

1 Corinthians 13:8-12

- Many teach "that which is perfect" refers to the writing of the New Testament and say tongues ceased with that. But Verse 12 proves it is speaking of YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) because when "that which is perfect" comes, we'll see Him "face to face" not "face to book." When YHWH Ha-Mashiach (the Messiah) comes, tongues and knowledge will cease because it won't be needed any longer.

1 Corinthians 12:30

- "Do all speak with tongues?" Once again, this is speaking of the gift of tongues and everyone does not have the gift of tongues in the Assembly, but all speak with tongues when born of the Spirit.