

notes on baptism

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"I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance: but he who comes after me is mightier than I am, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear, he will baptize you in the holy Spirit and in fire..." (Matthew 3:11) :

Then came Yahshua from Galilee to the Jordan, to John, to be baptized by him. (3:13); but John stopped him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?" (3:14); But Yahshua, answering, said to him, "Suffer this now, for thus it becomes us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he suffereth him. (3:15);

Yahshua, when he was baptized, went straight up from the water: and lo!, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of El descending as a dove, coming upon him (3:16); and lo!, a voice from out of the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!" (3:17); (asv)

Get it, why we are called "Christians" in the first place, thus named by the Greeks who dubbed us "Christians," from "kristos", "immersed" or "anointed" in water (dunked) because of our steadfast observance amongst ourselves of dunking each other in water upon our embracing our new found faith in the Nazarene, our glorious Prince of Life: this is the highest honor, invited to enter through Eternity's Gate! If Yahshua had submitted graciously to John's immersion, "to fulfill all righteousness," then it is thus "fulfilling all righteousness" to become immersed by another of our Faith, even as Yahshua was; even as was the Ethiopian by Philip, or Paul by Peter. Yahshua is the Gateway to Eternity, to Eternal Beingness, I wouldn't miss baptism for the world! It is significant of when we are Born into Eternal Life, into Yahweh's Reality, our Born Again Birthday! We are not being baptized into any worldly and temporal corporate church, but into Eternity's Promise! HalleluYah! We, being ushered into Yahshua's glorious presence, happily to do the will of Him who sent him!

Baptism is significant of our being Born anew unto Life Eternal in the holy presence of the Almighty Yahweh Himself, and of receiving the baptism of fire; and by His will, it is for us to have this sublime initiation, and thus the holy Spirit graciously comes to rest upon us, to make His Will quite evident in His written and Living Word, even in the above scripture of Matthew's trustworthy testimony.

It seems obvious to me, we who have fully enjoyed the fruit of our own baptism, even thus anointed by the Spirit, ought to fulfill this excellent and venerable application of duty, to those happy young Seekers whom Yahshua has sent to us!

I am of the unique sacred names Messianic and Christian sects of Yahweh and His Son Yahshua of Nazareth who is the *LIVING WORD* of El, (both, "Elohim"). Claiming the innocent "**blood of the lamb**" before all by the rite of water baptism into this Faith, I became a born again water/fire baptized "Christian" and I am thus received by Elohim and **forgiven** for all my sins, before all men and angels, by the Highest Powers of Cosmos, and happily have been recruited into their Holy Alliance on your behalf. Later on I inclined to the sects of Yahwism *after the fact* of my immersion before all. We Christians are *always* happy about Baptism. And we Saved Christians are typically comfortable with "*dying in glory*" (as have our predecessors who gave up the World to enter Yah's Service to see to it we have this information and joy), which gives me courage to be what I am and do what I am called and chosen to do: this is no new phenomenon for Christians but our duty to Yahshua of Nazareth who is our Savior and Master (teacher = "Rabbi").

I was baptized into the Faith of our unique Nazarene Prince by faithful Christians and lovely spirit filled pastor in Marin County, in 1977. Then, filled with the Holy Spirit and thus inoculated against Satan, and recruited into the Ranks of the Holy Alliance of the Cosmic Freeborn (which the Bible calls "*The Way*"), I gave up my worldly mentality and set out to do Yahshua's Work in the Earth, in California and wherever else Yah's Spirit inclines, and by whatever means and gifts They give me, even to excell in this peculiar Faith and to vindicate Yahshua as we enjoy doing, even by means of Elohim's gifts to us. So I have thus excelled in Spirit and in Truth. And no man is my judge.

This is my Job and my Inclination, and thus in the last 38 years I have been made by the Spirit *and not my any lesser authority*, a teacher, a preacher, a writer, songwriter, and now an elder in this faith. Yah's blessing in me has born fruit of the Spirit about which I am happy in spite of worldly temporal afflictions.

Now the Bible (*Two Witnesses=the Olive Trees & the Lampstand/zech.*), even the New Testament (*the Second Witness – the Written Word*), warns us to not **fellowship** for any length of time, with any man or woman who are not likewise of this particular and peculiar Faith and Purpose (*except for the purpose of our testimony of the Word*); neither are we to do likewise with any *faux-Christian* or "*idolator*" who insists on "*blasphemy*," flatly denying Yah's Holy Spirit and Word, to the death. Any, not idolators, we are charged to testify to, if possible! It is not difficult to identify another fellow born-again Christian. For whosoever is of the Spirit is comforted by and respectful of it, why it's called the "Comforter".

Nevertheless who is not "*born again*" of this "*peculiar Spirit*" is not comforted by nor respectful of it, but hates to hear it, even though they love to soak up the Love and Forgiveness of El in us, which they may sometimes confuse to be acceptance of their sinful state, which it most certainly is not and we are all compelled by the Spirit to help lead them out of this "temporal" state. I would expect this is typical of all true Christians and the Unbaptized.

This hatred to hear the WORD is of the ENMITY spoken of in the OT in Genesis 3:15; "**I will put enmity between thy seed and the seed of the woman...**" which "**thy seed**" is the serpent's; and the "**seed of the woman...**" is referring to Yahshua and all his true born again witnesses, as we all know.

This NATURAL "**enmity**" of the Flesh for the Spirit of El, even for the WORD & Witness of Elohim, is because these are not humbly "**CONVINCED of SIN**" in themselves, **remaining in their Pride**: thus as Genesis forwarns, all Worldlings have enmity for our NT Christian Faith: it is that Enmity which gets us Christians designated as victims and even murdered. This Enmity for the Spirit is why some hate our beautiful songs, hate our sound teaching and inspired preaching. Enmity breeds envy and resentment and is the reason worldly Cain slew spiritual Abel in the first place. And this Enmity exhibits that a man has not the Spirit of Eloah in himself. This man is a danger not just to us Christians, but to himself first and foremost. Consider Ananias and Sapphira.*

Some may imagine they can convince us Christians that they are of our Faith when they are obviously not, and have **not** been baptized nor will be, and do obviously resent the Spirit's inspirations. Considering the plight of Ananias and Sapphira* this is a very dangerous position to adopt for those thus attempting to fool the Spirit.

*NT. kjv, ACTS of the Apostles, "Chapter 5:1-10: **But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession...**" (and lied about it, and so forth...). They both lied to the holy Spirit of El, to the entire early Congregation of Christian Jews, even to Peter, and both fell down dead. I guess the moral of this story is nobody can pretend to be a Christian and not eventually be discovered, *at least*.

Holy Writ saith, "Mark 16:16; **He that believeth and is BAPTIZED shall be saved.**" Baptism: soul cleansing initiation rite into the Nazarene Faith, by immersion in water (even by fellow Nazarene Christians), hence the Greeks

called us "*Christians*" from their word "*Kristos*" for *immersion* in water. Thus if a man is not water baptized, he cannot be a Christian, period, *because that is what the word means*. Anyone unbaptized who pretends to the holy Spirit, is in for a sorry surprise, like ignorant Ananais and Sapphira. The sins of envy and resentment are born of one's Enmity for the holy Spirit which is disallowed by our flesh to humbly "*CONVINCE US of SIN*" abandoning us to our ego-fed Pride.

Those who put on a pretense as if they believe in Yahshua yet exhibit no use for him, and disdain his advice and wisdom but pretend to have the holy Spirit on top of it all, not repenting of their many sins including envy and resentments, any of our rigorous testimonies to these shall have been in vain, unfortunately an exercise in total thoughtlessness, they really don't want to hear it, give them a break. Some of these types call themselves Gnostics or Johnites and may be somewhat familiar with the Old Testament, but that does not mean it's open season on these poor souls, we must turn away from these and just give them their space, before we have wasted our time as well as their's; it is really not worth the effort, nothing good will come of it. Just send them on their way with some sort of special gift of Yah's Grace, they can use in their travels, which they cannot forget.

We all need to repent, or nobody can help us ever anywhere. Satan is sifting us like wheat. We must Repent and be Baptized in Yahshua's great and Saving name, by some inspired Christians, or there is no place for us to hide, no Goshen for the Unwilling, no safety in insulting Yahweh. But we deceive our own selves and rob our own selves of Goshen now, and Eternity's Promise of Life forever in our beautiful Earth, rejecting the WORD of El and the Wisdom of Elohim.

It is a terrible thing to be alone in the World, stripped of all things. But since I have Yahshua in my Life, the suffering torments of the flesh may remain even as the baptism of fire that they are, purging my soul, but the dreadful loneliness is gone forever and that is Goshen Land, not one of El's elect being plucked from Yahshua's powerful hands, our being inoculated from Satan's Scams by the indwelling holy Spirit of Elohim.



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