Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

An evangelist is a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ, called of God, and part of the five-fold ministry.

# **Ephesians 4:11-16**

- 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, **evangelists**; and some, pastors and teachers;
- 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive:
- 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
- 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

However, if you are going to evangelize you must first have a revival on the inside! A revival of truth on the inside! It isn't enough to be a good speaker or to be a **so called** preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ if you yourself do not even understand what truth is! Don't understand how a person becomes born again! Not actually called of God!

### Galatians 1:6-9

- 6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:
- **7 Which is not another;** but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.
- 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
- 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

If you are not preaching and teaching the truth of Jesus Christ and the gospel message of how to be born again of God then the scriptures say "let him be accursed"!! You are perverting the gospel message of Jesus Christ and drowning souls in destruction!! You are leading those of whom you are instructing to hell!

### **2 Corinthians 11:14-15**

14 And **no marvel**; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing **if his ministers** also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." (Heb 10:31) No marvel concerning these ministers. **They are actually still servants of sin!** Proclaiming to be the ministers of righteousness while they themselves preach to you the ways of death!

### **Proverbs 14:11-12**

11 The house of the wicked **shall be overthrown**: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

### Matthew 15:13-14

13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

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#### 2 Peter 2:1-3

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

False preachers and teachers instructing you incorrectly on how to be born again of water and of the Spirit. Teaching you that unrighteousness is acceptable before God! Preaching to you that immorality is acceptable before the Lord God! Refusing to preach and teach Holiness without which **no man** will see God!

## Philippians 3:17-18

17 Brethren, be followers together of me, **and mark them which walk so** as ye have us for an ensample.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

## Hebrews 12:14-17

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, **he was rejected:** for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

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## Hebrews 11:6

6 But without faith **it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

## 1 John 5:9-12

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Do you have the Son of God and eternal life or have you been led astray by false teachings and preachings and are yet still in your sins?

#### 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
- 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered unto you first of all **that which I also received**, how 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:

Have you correctly partook of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ according to the Word of God? It's time for A revival of truth on the inside! From Revival on the Inside; to Evangelism on the Outside!

## Hebrews 10:16-17

16 **This is the covenant** that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

It is important to understand that when the Lord writes His laws into your hearts and into your minds, it comes by the receiving of the Holy Ghost which is the Holy Spirit.

17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

To enter into this New Testament Covenant with God you must be born again of water and of the Spirit! (Jn 3:1-7)

## The fulfillment:

### Acts 2:38-39

38 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.

39 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.

If you have not repented of your sins and have not been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, then you have not entered into the New Testament Covenant and you are still yet in your sins! It is a promise that if you "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" that "ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

# Thus the New Testament Covenant:

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## **Romans 6:3-8**

- 3 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:
- 6 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:

If you have not been "baptized into Jesus Christ" "buried with him by baptism into death" "planted together in the likeness of his death" then you are not yet born again and are still in your sins! "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." You must "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" "that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

## See it again!

### **Colossians 2:11-14**

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

- 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.
- 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;
- 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

**Again,** "Buried with him in baptism" "circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ". **It is then a promise** that you will receive the Holy Ghost which is the Holy Spirit. However, it is not an automatic process which is clearly seen in scripture.

### Acts 8:14-17

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost was not automatically received upon being "baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." The Apostles "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.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

## See it again!

## Acts 19:1-6

- 1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,
- 2 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.
- 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
- 4 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.
- 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

"We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." The Apostle Paul then asks them "Unto what then were ye baptized?" He then tells them of Jesus Christ and "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." They still did not have the Holy Ghost which is the Holy Spirit. "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

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### 1 John 5:20

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

However, you are not "in his Son Jesus Christ" Which "is the true God, and eternal life" if you have not yet been born again as commanded! "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (Jn 3:5)

## Acts 2:38-39 brackets inserted by me

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized **every one** of you **in the name of Jesus**Christ for the remission of sins {born of water}, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. {born of the Spirit}

39 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.

The promise was to "even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Has God called you? **Then what are you waiting for?** 

### Acts 22:16

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

### John 8:23-24

- 23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.
- 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

### Hebrews 10:24-29

- 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
- 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
- 26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,
- 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.
- 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:
- 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

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