

C & C: Consuming Fire of Living Waters

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.

John 4:24

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Hebrews 12:29

29 For our God is a consuming fire.

John 3:34

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

John 7:38-39

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 14:16-18

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Acts 2:29-33

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Colossians 2:9

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

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Salvation is of our God and of our God alone who is the only God thus the God of gods.

Isaiah 43:10-13

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.

13 Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

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.

Acts 4:10-12

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Jeremiah 10:10-12

10 But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

Our God who was known to us in the Old Testament as Jehovah the true God as stated in Jeremiah verse 10 is God alone. One must remember that in our Old Testament that when you see the word Lord in all capital letters like this, LORD, that the Hebrew word that is in use behind our English translation is Jehovah. This was done because our translators followed Jewish tradition of not speaking the name of the Lord, because the Jews feared taking the Lord's name in vain and quit speaking it, so instead of using the translation of Jehovah, over 6,000 times they substituted the word lord in all capital letters which the reader is supposed to understand that this is a substitution for Jehovah.

This same God who was known to us in the Old Testament as Jehovah the true God spoke and said, "I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour." Then we learn in the New Testament that this same God has revealed his name to us as Jesus. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." "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." This is the true God and the only God even as was stated in Jeremiah 10:10 above "But the

LORD is the true God, he is the living God". This is the mystery of God manifest in the flesh yet still one God. God is a spirit and Jesus is the express image of his person for our God is one alone.

Hebrews 1:1-3

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

It was necessary for God to take upon him the seed of Abraham to destroy him that had the power of death, **that is, the devil**. So that you and I could become born again **of water and of the Spirit** to escape sin through partaking of **the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ** "the true God, and eternal life" **for our God is one alone.**

1 John 3:8

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**

Hebrews 2:14-17

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, **he also himself likewise took part of the same;** **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; **but he took on him the seed of Abraham.**

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

1 John 5:8

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

These three agree in one. This being salvation. This can be seen in the Old Testament types and shadows to prepare us for the New Testament of how we partake of "the Spirit, and the water, and the blood".

The children of Israel upon their Exodus was told by God to **prepare a lamb without blemish**, a male of the first year **and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the**

houses where ye are: and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you**, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, **when I smite the land of Egypt**. (Exodus 12:1-28)

1 Corinthians 10:1-2

1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, **how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;**

2 **And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;**

Here we have a shadow of the New Testament Covenant of salvation of the killing of a lamb without blemish, the shedding of blood, the parting of the water of the Red Sea, and being under the cloud of which was the Spirit of the Lord. This we are told that we should not be ignorant of that they were all baptized unto Moses in **the cloud and in the sea!** We see here that water baptism and Spiritual baptism took place!! Just like Jesus told Nicodemus **“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)

We also see the **washing away of blood** in the Old Testament Tabernacle when the Levitical priesthood performed animal sacrifices **on the Brazen Altar which blood was then washed in the Brazen Laver. Thus the water and blood mingled together.**

The Brazen Altar, where the sacrifices were done, was a shadow of Jesus Christ, the sacrificial lamb of God, which was sacrificed as our atonement, to reconcile, which is to restore friendly relations, between us and God. **“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”** (1 Tim 2:5)

The Brazen Laver, was a shadow of the water baptism in Jesus name, where our old man is buried with Christ, and **His blood remits or washes away our sins.**

The Mercy seat, where the Spirit of God met with the high priest once yearly now we have full access by a new and living way. **“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;”** (Heb 10:19-20) **“The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:”** (Heb 9:8)

The blood, the water, and the Spirit which agree in one which is salvation.

1 John 5: 6

This is he that came by **water and blood**, even Jesus Christ; **not by water only, but by water and blood.** And it is the **Spirit** that beareth witness, because **the Spirit is truth.**

John 19:34-35

34 But one of the soldiers **with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.**

35 And he that saw it **bare record**, and **his record is true**: and he knoweth that he saith true, **that ye might believe.**

It was the Spirit that bare this record as we just read in 1 John 5:6 **“And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.”**

1 John 5: 8

8 And there are three that **bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood:** and **these three agree in one.**

Now we are told that there are three that bear witness in Earth. The Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. These three agree in how we are born again of water and of the Spirit. We know that the Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Ghost; and that when the soldier pierced Jesus' side, there came out blood and water **and the blood of Jesus is applied to us when we are baptized in Jesus name with full water submersion.**

Blood, water, and Spirit = Death (repentance), burial (water baptism in Jesus name), and resurrection (being filled with the Holy Ghost.)

Even as the Apostle Peter tells us.

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.

The Apostle Peter expressly tells us that it is in water baptism where we are saved!

1 Peter 3:20-21

20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited **in the days of Noah**, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls **were saved by water.**

21 **The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

This particular passage many times is used to try to justify that baptism is nothing more than the answer of a good conscience toward God. The Apostle Peter is the very one that told us, 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. 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.** Here, the Apostle Peter has again stressed, that just as Noah was saved by water, we also **by like figure** are saved by water **through baptism in Jesus name.** Then stating, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh. Meaning, we aren't getting into the water to be baptized for the flesh but for our souls. It is the answer of a good conscience toward God, because of our faith of the operation of God, which was the **circumcision of Christ**, the circumcision made without hands. **The cutting away or washing away of our sins!!!!**

Colossians 2:10-14

10 And ye are **complete in him**, which is **the head** of all principality and power:

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 **quicken**
ed 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;

This is how you are made **free from sin**. You are **baptized in Jesus name** that the **body of sin**
may be destroyed by the **circumcision of Christ**.

Jesus told us we must repent.

Luke 13:3,5

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

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Jesus told us we must believe and be baptized.

Mark 16:16

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Matthew 28:19

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Jesus told his disciples what to do and revealed the name to them.

Luke 24:47

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations,
beginning at Jerusalem.

The disciples were obedient and fulfilled both Matthew 28:19 and Luke 24:47.

Acts 2:38-39

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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.

Colossians 3:17

17 **And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks**
to God and the Father by him.

This would include the baptism. Consuming Fire of Living Waters!!!