



## Genesis Chapter 2 Who Makes Things Holy?

As we move into our study into the second chapter of the book of Genesis we are going to see several things that should stand out, even to a modern-day Christian. As we read through the book of Genesis will notice things like the seventh day Sabbath, and the meaning of Shabbat. We'll begin to understand why the seventh day Sabbath of our father is holy. And we'll take a look at what makes something holy, and not only what makes something holy... But who has the authority to make something holy. We'll also see when the true seventh day Sabbath of our father in heaven is, and when it is not. Another very interesting event that we'll make note of is when our Father in Heaven reestablished his 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath. And we'll also see who it was that our father first gave the seventh day Sabbath to.

We'll also be talking about the "Origin of Life", and how our father in heaven created everything to reproduce itself. We'll be talking about man's soul, and some other things that are very important for us to understand as Christians today... But before we get into all of these things let's turn to the book of Genesis chapter 2 and let's read through the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Genesis so that we can get a good handle on the context of what it is that we find in Genesis chapter 2. Genesis chapter 2:1:

*Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*

*Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.*

*Gen 2:3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.*

*Gen 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.*

*Gen 2:5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,*

*Gen 2:6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—*

*Gen 2:7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*

*Gen 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.*

*Gen 2:9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to*

*the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

*Gen 2:10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.*

*Gen 2:11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.*

*Gen 2:12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.*

*Gen 2:13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush.*

*Gen 2:14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.*

*Gen 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.*

*Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,*

*Gen 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

*Gen 2:18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."*

*Gen 2:19 Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.*

*Gen 2:20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.*

*Gen 2:21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.*

*Gen 2:22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.*

*Gen 2:23 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."*

*Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

*Gen 2:25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

As we can see in verses one through three, the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And were told in verse two that God rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. And were also told in verse three, that God blessed the seventh day and made it holy... And the reason that he made it holy, was because he rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Now I would submit to you my friends that these first three verses are really pretty easy to understand. There's nothing really tricky in these verses. There is no Morris code, and you don't need your secret decoder ring from out of your box of cracker Jack. You don't have to read

between the lines, and there's really no guesswork to what these verses say. But I would submit to you my friends that very few Christians even come close to understanding what we're told in these first three verses. One of the most obvious things that we see in these first three verses is that God finished his work. And because he finished his work he rested. I would submit to you my friends that for many Christians this is tectonically difficult to understand. And the reason it's so tectonically difficult to understand... Is because we've been programmed not to understand.

One of the things that really makes me angry as a Christian... Is how man has decided that he himself can make something holy. What's important for today's modern-day Christian to understand, is that there is only one person who can declare anything as holy. The one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob is the only one who can decide and declare what is holy, and what is unholy. For mankind to think, that he can just slap a sticker on something and call it holy... Is nothing more than a product of man's self-righteous vanity.

You know I've often times heard Christians proudly proclaim that every day is a Sabbath day. And they will tell you that you should keep every day holy, and that you should not only keep one day out of the week holy if you're a true Christian. And I would be inclined to agree with that hypothesis if that was all there was to keeping our father seventh day Sabbath. But it's not.

You see the Scripture tells us that our father in heaven sanctified the seventh day. The Hebrew word for sanctified is "qadash" and it means that he consecrated it. He sanctified it. He dedicated it. He devoted it. And he hollowed it. This one day above all others is a sign between the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and his people. Let's turn to Ezekiel 20:12-14:

*Eze 20:12 Moreover, I gave them my Sabbaths, as a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.*

*Eze 20:13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness. They did not walk in my statutes but rejected my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live; and my Sabbaths they greatly profaned. "Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them in the wilderness, to make a full end of them.*

*Eze 20:14 But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out.*

Notice in verse 12 that God says that he gave us his sabbaths, as a sign between him and us. And the reason that he gave us these sabbaths as a sign between him and us, was so that we might know that he is the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob who sanctifies us. And it's important to make note of what were told in verse 13. The house of Israel rebelled against our father in the wilderness. They did not walk in his statutes, they rejected his rules, and they profaned his sabbaths. And because they had done these things... Our father told them that he would pour out his wrath upon them in the wilderness and make a full end of them. The only reason that he did not pour out his wrath upon them and make a full end of them, was for his namesake. He tells us very clearly in verse 14 he says "but I acted for the sake of my name that

it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations in who sight I had brought them out". Our Father did not want the nations to look at the Israelite people and think that God was not able to bring them into the promised land as he promised. So, for his own name sake he chose not to put an end to them for profaning his Sabbaths.

Another point to be made here is exactly how our Fathers name is profaned. The Rabbi's and the Jewish Sages covered up our Fathers name in the scriptures because they were afraid that someone would profane his name by misspelling it or mispronouncing his name. And so, they took it upon themselves to cover up the name of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob even though our Father wrote his name in his God breathed scriptures well over six thousand times. They covered up his name with things like Hashem, and Adonai, and El Shediah, and Elohim, and because the gentile Christian churches didn't know any better... they too covered up our Fathers name with things like "Lord". A Lord my friends is a 16<sup>th</sup> century British land barren. And so, in most cases through-out our modern-day Bibles where we see the word "Lord" ... that word "Lord" is nothing more than a cover up for the Tetragrammaton.... The actual name of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who wrote his name in his Scriptures well over six thousand times.

My point in all of this is that we do not profane the name of God by mispronouncing, his name, or misspelling his name. We profane his name when we disobey him. We profane his name when we profane his Sabbaths by not keeping them, and ignoring his appointments, his precepts, and his commandments. This is how we profane the name of God. And this is still to this day not understood by far too many of today's modern-day Rabbi's, Jewish leadership and their so called "Sanhedrin".

So, it should be extremely important for us to understand that our father's seventh day Sabbath is a sign between him and us. Do we think that might be important in these end days that we are now living in? Do we think that during the greater exodus... when our father calls all of the house of Judah, and all of the house of Ephraim back into his holy land as he promised... is this sign between him and us going to be important to you suppose?

Our father in heaven said that he was ready to wipe the house of Israel off the map because they profaned his sabbaths. So, do we suppose that our fathers sabbaths are important to him? Do we suppose that this sign between him and us should be important to us? You bet it is. Let's turn to Revelation 9:1-6:

**Rev 9:1** *And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.*

**Rev 9:2** *He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft.*

**Rev 9:3** *Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth.*

**Rev 9:4** *They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but*

only those people **who do not have the seal of God** on their foreheads.

*Rev 9:5 They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone.*

*Rev 9:6 And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.*

Now this my friends is one of the most frightening Scriptures in all of the book of Revelation. And were told about these locusts that come from the bottomless pit that were given power like the power of scorpions to sting man and to torment men for five months, but these things were told not to kill these men. We're told in those days people will seek death because of the pain, and the frightening things that will be coming upon them. And we're told that they will cry out for death... but death will not come to them, and they will not be able to die. But notice what were told in verse four "they were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

Do you suppose that our father seventh day Sabbath could have anything to do with this seal that is found on the heads of his people? What will the people of God be doing when he returns? Let's turn to first John 5:3:

*1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.*

*1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*

You see God knows who his children are. Our father in heaven has already told us that his sabbaths are assigned between him and us. And his angels whom he sends out to mark his children with the seal... Also know who God's children are. God's children are those of us who will be keeping his commandments, because his commandments will not be burdensome to us. Is keeping Gods seventh day Sabbath a commandment of God? You bet it is. Did our Messiah always keep the seventh day Sabbath of his father? You bet he did. And are we supposed to walk is our Messiah walked? You bet we are.

You see today's modern-day professing Christian will wrongly proclaim that it was Moses who gave the Israelites the commandment to keep the seventh day Sabbath at Mount Sinai. But the commandment to keep God seventh day Sabbath was given clear back at the beginning of creation. Clear back in the days of Adam and Eve, we can see that our father sanctified, and made holy, his seventh day Sabbath, and made it a day of rest, and a sign between him and his people. And speaking of the commandment that Moses brought down from Mount Sinai... Let's see exactly what it was that Moses commanded the Israelite people according to our father in heaven. Let's turn to Exodus chapter 31:13-18:

*Exo 31:13 "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may*

know that I, the LORD, sanctify you.

Exo 31:14 **You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you.** Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

Exo 31:15 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, **holy to the LORD.** Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death.

Exo 31:16 Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath **throughout their generations, as a covenant forever.**

Exo 31:17 **It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel** that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed."

Exo 31:18 And he gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

What does Moses tell us in verse 13? He says and I quote "above all, you shall keep my sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations". And what does he say in verse 16? He says and I quote "therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant until my son comes." Is that what it says? Does it say that the people of Israel shall keep Gods Sabbath until further notice? And what are we told in verse 17? He says and I quote "it is a sign forever, between me and the people of Israel that in six days Yahovah made heaven and earth and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed."

Now my friends I would submit to you that if our father only wanted us to keep his seventh day Sabbath for a section of time, or a period of time, or a specific length of time, he would've told us so. But that's not what he said is it? He did not say "keep my Sabbath until further notice", or "keep my Sabbaths until my Son comes" did he? And yet people will argue until they're blue in the face, that Jesus is their Sabbath, and so they don't have to be bothered with the seventh day Sabbath of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And yet whose word was at that our Messiah came to proclaim? Was it his own word?... Or the word of his father? Did Yeshua come to preach his own word, and his own rules, and his own sabbaths, and his own laws? Or did he come to preach his father's laws, commandments, Sabbaths and appointments? Did Yeshua do his own thing? Did he keep his own rules? Did he keep his own sabbaths? Did he keep his own laws? Or did he keep his father's word, his father's rules, his father sabbaths, and his father's laws? Let's turn to John 7:16-18:

Joh 7:16 So Jesus answered them, **"My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.**

Joh 7:17 If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

Joh 7:18 **The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own** glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.

And so once again we see our Messiah clearly telling us that his teaching is not his own. He says, "the one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory, but the one who seeks the

glory of him who sent him is true and in him there is no falsehood.” And what else did our Messiah tell us about his father’s law? Let’s turn to Matthew chapter 5:17-20:

*Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

*Mat 5:18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*

*Mat 5:19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

*Mat 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Let there be no doubt in anyone’s mind my friends... Our Messiah did not come to abolish the law or the prophets. He came to do them. In verse 18 he tells us that until heaven and earth pass away not an iota not a dot will pass from the law until all is accomplished. And we all know that that does not happen until Revelation chapter 21 clear at the end of book, after his second coming.

The very idea that our father’s seventh day Sabbath has been done away with, or moved to the first day of the week, is blasphemous on its face. The truth of the matter is my friends that around the late second century A.D.... The now Gentile dominated church decided to abandon anything that seem to apply to the Jewish people, including but not limited to... The seventh day Sabbath of our father in heaven. Early in the fourth century the church officially abolished the Sabbath. And the historical record shows that through the documents of several of the ecumenical councils governed by the Emperor Constantine the seventh day Sabbath of God was sinfully, and wrongly abolished. Here is what the Council of Laodicea Canon #29 commanded:

### **Canon 29**

*Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord's Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ.*

Clearly here for all the world to see in our history books... we find this Council of Laodicea proudly proclaiming the seventh day Sabbath of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob to be a Jewish holy day. And because it was considered a Jewish holy day... This blasphemous Council of men... Through the wisdom of men... Had taken it upon themselves to do away with, and to trash the seventh day Sabbath of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And the reason that they did it was because of their hatred for God’s chosen Jewish people. There was no other reason given my friends, other than the fact that they hated the Jewish people so much... that they removed themselves, and alienated themselves from God because of the hatred in their own hearts. And the world has followed right along after this Council of Laodicea since the middle part of the fourth century A.D. And this I might add my friends is

only the beginning of their hypocrisy. And with that being said, it is also only the beginning of our foolishness, that we have chosen to follow after the wisdom of these men for so many generations.

And so, this newfound Council of Laodicea then took it upon themselves to create a new day called “the Lord’s day”. And they began to command that on the first day of the week, this new “Lord’s Day” was to be kept instead of the seventh day Sabbath of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. After all this new first day of the week called “Sunday” ... was already the standard day of meeting to worship the politically correct God of the Roman Empire... The sun God. And this is exactly why we call the first day of the week “Sunday”. So, what today’s modern day denominational institutions have been practicing for the last 1700 years is not a Sabbath day at all. It’s an entirely different celebration established by the Roman Catholic Church at the Council of Laodicea in A.D. 364 at the direction of the Emperor of Rome, who was Constantine. And I might add that anyone with the education of a first grader, can verify this information very easily with a couple strokes of the keyboard. This information is not hidden, it’s not a secret, it’s not written in code, it has not been redacted by the United States government, it is right out in the open and easy to find by anyone who truly cares to know the truth. And what’s even more damning, is the fact that the Catholics, the Protestants, the Greek Orthodox Church and all of these modern day denominational charters know the truth, but refuse to teach it. And we wonder why it is written that this people honors him with their lips but their hearts are far from him.

And as we read about the seventh day Sabbath in the second chapter of the book of Genesis, it’s also important to know that our father in heaven reestablished his seventh day Sabbath after the great flood of Noah. It’s important to remember that what we read and exit is chapter 31 was written after the great flood. And once again our father in heaven commanded Moses to tell the people of Israel that above all... Above everything else... They were to keep his sabbaths, and that his sabbaths would be assigned between our father in heaven and his people. And so, I ask you again my friends... Do you suppose that the seventh day Sabbath of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob is important to him? And just as importantly... Do we suppose that the seventh day Sabbath of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob is important to us and to our children? I would submit to you my friends that far above and beyond what we are told through the wisdom of men... is what we are told by our father in heaven. Just as it is written... Let the word of God be true and every man a liar.

As we move forward in Genesis chapter 2 verse eight, we find that God planted a garden in the East part of Eden. And in this garden God placed Adam. So, God creates this wonderful garden full of everything that humankind would ever need to thrive, and to reproduce... and he called it the garden of Eden, and he then placed the first man in the garden that he had created, and he called him Adam.

Adam is a Hebrew word that means “man”. It’s also the root for the color word “red”, and for the word earth or soil. In Hebrew, the word for earth is “*Adam-ah*”. Red is a very important

color in Scripture. Red represents Majesty, royalty, and blood, and later on in our study will learn a lot more about the red heifer, which was a very special animal sacrifice that was used to ordain priests and to purify those who had been made impure by touching a dead body. And so later on in our study we'll take a closer look at the connection between Adam, the color red, the red heifer, and the shedding of our Messiah's blood.

Moving forward into Genesis chapter 2 verses seven and eight we see that God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living creature. What's important to see here, is that God formed man from the dust of the ground. At this point in time, man was lifeless, and void of any spirit, or soul. It wasn't until God breathed into the man's nostrils that he was given life. Once God had given this body, this inanimate object, a spirit, then and only then did the man, come alive. Ecclesiastes chapter 12 verse seven tells us that the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

According to the Scripture our father in heaven made man to reproduce. Even the plants and the trees were created to reproduce. And all of the animals from the beasts of the ground, to the birds of the air, were created to reproduce on their own because that is the way that our father in heaven created them. And of course we already know from Genesis chapter 1 verse 28 man was told to be fruitful and to multiply and to fill the earth and subdue it. But even this my friends, cannot be left alone when it comes to the wisdom of men.

Today we have Darwinism and other scientific theories that try to teach our children that man does not need the breath of God in order to exist. I would suggest to you my friends that the evolutionary thinking of Plato, Aristotle, or Charles Darwin is no better than the worship of Tammuz, or Moloch, or Baal when you get right down to it. Man, always loves to think that his own wisdom is more precious than the wisdom that we find in our fathers God breathed Scriptures. And nothing much has really changed at all concerning the pagan gods of yesterday, and the pagan gods of today. Yesterday they had Tammuz, Moloch, and Baal, and today we have evolution, transgenderism, and transhumanism. The wisdom of men through the helping hand of our adversary, seems to be an endless pit when it comes to creating new things for man to worship.

Life itself my friends is an attribute of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And this life that God breathes through the nostrils of man is what gives a man his spirit. And when a man believes on the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, he then becomes a new creature that no longer only has one spirit dwelling within him. A second spirit is given to a man who has been baptized in both the spirit and the water, and who has faith in, and believes in the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. This Holy Spirit, this Ruach Hakodesh of God also dwells with the spirit of man, and becomes one with man, just as the spirit of God was one with our Messiah. Let's turn to John chapter 14:15-21:

*Joh 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*

*Joh 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,*

*Joh 14:17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

*Joh 14:18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*

*Joh 14:19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.*

*Joh 14:20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.*

*Joh 14:21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."*

This direct connection that man now has with the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob is a connection that can only be made through the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And this is why it is written in Timothy chapter 3 verse 16 that there is one mediator between God and man, the man, Yeshua Hamashiach. And this is exactly why we're told in John chapter 3 verse five that we must be born of both the water, "and" the spirit, or we cannot enter the kingdom of God. Once again we see this duality between physical water, and the spirit. And this duality can help us to understand why the laws commandments and precepts of our father in heaven have not been done away with as so many love to wrongly proclaim.

We are commanded through the Scripture to be baptized in the water. Let's turn to Acts 2:38-40:

*Act 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and **be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*Act 2:39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."*

*Act 2:40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."*

Clearly Peter tells us to repent and to be baptized. And we also see record of this in Acts chapter 8 when Philip tells the eunuch that he needs to be baptized in water in order to be saved. And we see this exact same commandment again in John chapter 3:1-7:

***Joh 3:1*** *Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.*

*Joh 3:2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."*

*Joh 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

*Joh 3:4 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?"*

*Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."*

*Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

*Joh 3:7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'*

The physical water that we are baptized in represents the spirit. The physical water represents a watery grave that we are buried in when we follow our Messiah into the grave, and then are resurrected from death to life. Anyone who does not accept the only begotten son of God does not have life. You see there is a difference between perishable seed, and imperishable seed. Those who have not accepted the only begotten son of God are of perishable seed, and they will indeed perish. But those who have accepted the only begotten son of God are of imperishable seed, which means that we will not see death. Let's turn to first Peter chapter 1:22-25:

*1Pe 1:22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,*

*1Pe 1:23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;*

*1Pe 1:24 for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls,*

*1Pe 1:25 but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.*

And so the water that we are baptized in represents the perishable seed being transformed into the imperishable seed. And the seed represents the spirit. And so, when our Messiah tells us that we must be born of both the water and the spirit... What he's telling us is that we must do what he commands here on earth if we truly love him, which means being baptized in the water here on earth just as he commands us to, so that he knows that we have truly chosen to pick up our cross and follow him. We must once again remember first John 5:3 which tells us what the definition of the love of God is. The biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments, and this is why we must be baptized in the physical water. Not to be saved... But to show our love for the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten son. And when we are baptized in the physical water... Our Messiah then knows that we do not worship him only with our lips. We have to remember that it was written that these people worshiped him with their lips but their hearts were far from him because they spoke of him but they did not obey him. They were full of pious words. They were eloquent speakers and wonderful orators who could captivate audiences, but their hearts were so far away from him that they would never even consider picking up their crosses and walking in the same way in which he walked.

You must be born of both the water and the spirit, is just another way of saying if you love me keep my commandments. You can't say that you love me and not obey me. You can't tell me how full of my Holy Spirit that you are, and then turn around and ignore my commandments, precepts, appointments, and sabbaths. You must be born of both the water and the spirit. You must pick up your cross, "and" follow me. Not the crossing of the "T" or the dotting of an "I" will pass from my father's law until heaven and earth pass away and all things are accomplished.

And so, it is, as we see the creation of the first man, "Adam" ... Who fell in the garden by eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and who thereby brought sin into the world... We see a second man who comes to remove sin from the world. Let's turn to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:21-23:

*1Co 15:21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.*

*1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*1Co 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.*

And we'll see more of this connection as we continue into our study of Genesis chapter 2, and on into Genesis chapter 3 next Wednesday at 7 PM Eastern standard Time.

