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*“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without
which no man shall see the Lord” Heb 12:14*

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THINGS WE ARE OBLIGED TO HAVE

Sinequanon is not an English word; but you may consider it so even now as it will be put in Webster's next edition, as it is the great compendium of our wonderful Anglo Saxon language which is spreading all over the world. It only has twenty three thousand original words, but now it all contains two hundred thousand; thus five sixths of all our language, has been brought in from all other languages throughout the whole world; more from the Latin, the grand old Roman language than any other; the Greek standing second in the column of foreign auxiliaries.

When I first traveled in the old world, more than eighteen years ago, I would go through countries and sail on seas finding no body that could speak English. Now I go over the same track on land and sea, and hear it spoken all around me. God's hand is in it just as He used Alexander the Great, to put the Greek language in every country under Heaven; which He did in a very simple way, just letting him conquer all the world and take possession of every nation; well, of course, he would put his own people in every government under Heaven.

The normal effect of government in all ages, transmitting the language of the rulers to their subjects. Therefore in this way God spread the Greek language over the whole world preparatory to the ministry of His Son who with His apostles preached in that language. In a similar manner God is now spreading the English language over the whole world. . .

This word, sinequanon, is from three Latin words, triple compound; *Sin*, with *quo*, which, *non*, not. Therefore it simply means things we are all obliged to have or be forever lost; therefore you will find this book of great importance because it tells you how to get the things that are necessary, and to do without them is to be ruined forever. The churches far and wide over the country are divided on credencias, i.e., Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, etc. Whereas they are all divided and all different each with the other on their creeds which have nothing to do with salvation, they are divided and fighting over things that are of no value; like dogs fighting over dry bones which have no juice or vitality. Hence, this credential fight, is a stratagem of Satan, who gets them to waste their time and ammunition fighting one another. All the above great Protestant churches believe in preaching the sinequanons, which are the supernatural birth and entire sanctification, consequently they should all unite their forces for the salvation of the world utterly ignoring their differences with one another which are in no way essential to salvation. The Campbellites, Mormons, Seven Day Adventists, and other heretical organizations are exceptions to the rule.

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Chapter 1

"YOU MUST BE BORN FROM ABOVE"

— John 1:7 —

Our Savior settled the matter forever and says that if you do not have this supernatural birth you cannot see the kingdom of God, as the kingdom of God is an invisible spirituality like God. No one can see it without spiritual light as the Word says, "The soul that sinneth it shall die," Ezek. 18:4 and 20, a dead man has eyes, but does not see anything. Therefore he must be raised from the dead (Eph. 2:1.)

"You hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins." i.e. He has created the divine life in you. Quickened, a compound Greek word, "*Swoo*," "life" and "*Payo*" "to create;" therefore, it means to create the Divine life in a soul. In that Scripture "*palin*" "again" is a wrong translation. *Palin* means again, but "*anohen*" is the word used and does not mean "again" but "above." Again would send millions of infants to hell; i.e, every one dying before the physical birth because, again means a repetition and it would put it after the physical birth consequently everyone that ever died before the physical birth would necessarily be lost as without this birth no one can be saved. This absolutely necessary spiritual birth actually takes place in the prenatal state five or six months before the physical birth.

In all this sermon of our Saviour to Nicodemus, there is no allusion whatever to the physical birth, but only to the spiritual. Nicodemus leaped to the conclusion, that our Savior was talking about a physical birth. Observing, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born;" Showing clearly and unmistakably that he thought He meant a physical birth; whereas our Savior most unequivocally corrected him responding, "That which is generated of the flesh is flesh and that which is generated of the Spirit is Spirit." Then He says, "Do not be astonished that I said unto you, "Ye must be born from Above." i.e., ye must absolutely have the supernatural birth.

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, thou hearest the sound thereof; but canst not tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth: even so is everyone who is born of the spirit." The word in that verse (John 3:8) is not "*Anemous*," "wind," but "*pneuma*," which has no meaning but "spirit." The correct translation of that beautiful verse is charmingly edifying. There is nothing in it said about the wind or blowing of the wind as *pneuma* begins the verse it also ends it, therefore if you translate it wind at the beginning you must also translate it wind at the other end and read it; "born of the wind" which is not intelligible. Now let us have it just as the Lord said it: "The Spirit breathes on whom He will, thou hearest His voice, but canst not tell whence He cometh, or whither He goeth: even so is every one who is born of the Spirit." No one knows the movements of the Spirit. The wind is one of the symbols of the Holy Ghost, five in all, the other four, water, fire, wine, and oil. While all of these typify the Spirit, the wind in regeneration and the great important work of sanctification; water in regeneration and the grand positive side (Ezek. 47: 1-12); fire, especially in sanctification, including

the negative side which destroys the sin personality and the positive side which runs the potent machinery of the Lord's kingdom girdling the globe with salvation and Holiness to the Lord; oil which is the lubricator of machinery and also a medicine and symbolizes the Holy Ghost as the Healer of the body and also in all activities of life; wine which symbolizes the Holy Ghost as the energizer and illuminator and vitalizer, in the grand enterprises of God's kingdom.

Satan stirs earth and hell, to vitiate, counterfeit, neutralize and nullify, these grand sinequanons of God's kingdom.

Therefore He makes a wonderful rally and has his false prophets, Catholic Priests, Campbellite preachers, Mormons prophets and others (for he will use anybody that will let him) going to the ends of the earth, peddling out his counterfeits. If he can get you to take a counterfeit instead of a genuine, he already has his lasso around your neck, and will speedily drag you into hell.

The water god is the greatest rival Jesus has on the globe today. In bygone ages, the Chaldeans, Persians, Greeks and Romans, who in turn ruled the world, made gods of gold, silver, copper, brass, iron, stone and wood, all much more substantial than water, which verifies the maximum, "weak as water." Yet the water god today, has more votaries than any other. George Fox, the founder of Quakerism, was not opposed to the ordinances of the church; but he recognized as God gave him wonderful light from heaven, that the people in Europe had actually gone into idolatry on the ordinances of the church and were depending on them to save their souls, which is downright idolatry, to depend on anything but Jesus, who is omnipotent and needs no help. And the trouble is as he needs no partner in his work he will not take in any. Acts. 4:13 "No other name given under Heaven or among men by which we can be saved." Therefore God in mercy to the savable souls, used George Fox, to repudiate the ordinances, in order to get the people to take Jesus. Without the Baptism that Jesus gives with the Holy Ghost and Fire, no soul is saved. The people had gotten to where, water baptism, actually eclipsed and superseded the baptism with the Saviour gives with the Holy Ghost and Fire, which is absolutely essential to salvation.

We have a parallel case, in the reign of Hezekiah at Jerusalem, who became in the providence of God, the great leader of the Holiness movement in his day, immortalizing his name as iconoclast, because he traveled not only throughout Judah and Benjamin, his own kingdom, but through all the northern tribes; destroying idols. Among them he destroyed the brazen serpent, which was an interesting souvenir of a great deliverance, from the awful scourge of the fiery serpents. But the trouble was people would burn incense to it, which was idolatry. Therefore he had it ground to powder and thrown into the water, so they could not recover it.

God permitted the Babylonians to carry Israel into captivity, not because they did not worship Him, for they always did, especially in their great festivals; Passover in the spring. Pentecost in the summer, and Tabernacles in the fall; symbolizing the three great works of the Holy Ghost i.e. Regeneration for the Sinner, Sanctification for the Christian and Glorification for the Pilgrim when this mortal, shall put on immortality, and the same time memorializing, their emancipation out of Egyptian bondage, the giving of the law on Sinai and their peregrinations forty years in the wilderness. While they worshiped Jehovah, at the same time they would worship other gods, belonging to the great catalogue of polytheistical divinities, the sun god, "Baal," the moon goddess,

"Ashtaroth." and others in the starry firmament and the material world. God let the Babylonians carry them away, because they would worship other gods beside Himself, even Moloch, the god of the Ammonites, none other than Satan himself, represented by an image in the shape of man, with the arms reached out in a receptive attitude, but with the head of an ox.

After Solomon, through the influence of his heathen wives, became an idolater; to please his Ammonitish wife had the image of Moloch set up in the Valley of Hinnom, where the people worshiped him, offering human sacrifices, i.e. heating the image red hot; they would place a child in its arms, and make music so loudly, that they could not hear its cries, until it would burn up. It remained until the reign of Josiah. He took it away.

When the Jews rejected Christ, all their pompous bloody ritual, having been fulfilled in the bleeding Lamb of God, became defunct and legally evanesced forever, as the types were only to point out the antitype. Therefore when He came, the types all lost their significance and evanesced forever. If they had remained in the Holy Land, as they were always the most prosperous nation in the world, owing to the fact that they are the most industrious and enterprising; they would have continued to this day in great pomp and pageantry offering their sacrifices, which would have been idolatry. Consequently, God let the Romans exterminate, denationalize and expatriate them; scattering them into every nation under Heaven, where they were held in hard bondage; meanwhile it was a penalty of death to go back to the Holy Land. Therefore that bloody idolatry, into which they had plunged by rejecting their Christ could only be vitiated by their dispersion into all nations, till the ages of idolatry shall have passed, and Satan would be dethroned when the worship of the true God will be established in all the earth.

When I debated with the Campbellite in Greenville, Tenn., 1911, he stoutly argued that "born of water" in John 1:3-8 meant immersion, asservating heroically, that nothing could be born of a thing less than itself. Therefore immersion was the only baptism; at the same time utterly denying that there was any Baptism of the Holy Ghost since Pentecost, and then none but the Apostles.

As he and all of his great denomination (already large and growing faster than any other church as it has no other cross to scare people out of it) utterly repudiate the Baptism of Jesus, which is absolutely essential to every soul, and if he does not baptize you, Satan gets you; and they carry their point, achieve their victory and deceive the people by substituting immersion for the Saviour's Baptism, i.e. superseding Jesus by the water-god, and blasphemously subordinating the former to the latter. This man in his debate made his great rally on John 3:5; "Born of water," making it a sure case of immersion. It is like the other Scriptures, which they take out of the hands of Jesus and turn over to the water god; an awful perversion of the Lord's precious Word, running their hell hatched humbuggy on the poor people, who are gullible enough, to be deceived by them.

N. B. The division into chapters was never made by the inspired writers; but by the London printers, in order to handle the Bible. I live in the blue grass region of Kentucky, where the beef cattle weigh two thousand pounds. Ship one of them to the Mt. of Blessings to feed the Bible school, and they would have to cut him up, before he could be eaten. Turn him out on the campus and he would never be eaten. In a similar manner the Bible had to be cut up in order to feed the millions of hungry souls. The London printers in 1551, did that work, at the same time forever exposing their

own ignorance to all the people who will ever read the Bible; because they played smash with the beautiful truth, often by their chapter and verse divisions, breaking it into in the middle. Reading your Bible, just wink at the fourth chapter division and you immediately run into our Saviour's sermon to the woman at Jacob's well, who felt certain that Jesus meant the water in the well, which he mentioned to her seven times, whereas to Nicodemus only once. The woman naturally concluded that He meant the water in the well, for which she had come a mile, when He told her positively twice over, that He had no allusion to it; but meant living water, i.e., "the water of life" which is none other than God, Himself, i.e. the Divine nature. Therefore this grand sinequanon birth has no allusion to physical water, but directly and positively as Jesus told the woman twice over, means the water of life which is the Divine nature.

The Holy Ghost is the Executive of the Trinity, the Convictor of the sinner, the Regenerator of the Penitent, Illuminator of the Christian, the Restorer of the backslider, the Sanctifier of the believer and the Glorifier of the pilgrims, when this mortal puts on immortality. In regeneration, the Holy Ghost creates the divine life in the dead soul (Eph. 2:1) "You hath he quickened." "Quicken" here which means to impart life in the original is "*Zoozepoiese*," from "*zoozee*," "life;" "*poiese*" "to create." Hence you see it literally means to create the divine life in the dead soul. The water of life, is the life, as without it there is nothing but death; the Holy Ghost is the Creator, therefore to be born of water and spirit, simply means for the Holy Ghost to create the divine life in your dead soul. That life is the water, and the Holy Ghost the spirit; therefore in that case the soul is born of water and spirit, and not a drop of material water in a million miles.

This is a bold push made by the devil, to usurp the work of Christ; so the people will take the Campbellite preacher, Catholic Priest, Mormon Prophet or some other man instead of Jesus; the water instead of the Holy Spirit, and in that case, absolutely certain to take Hell instead of Heaven.

While the great Orthodox churches, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, etc., have not the preceding heresy directly in their creed; yet when they backslide and grieve away the Holy Spirit; they inadvertently, through the Satanic strategy always on hand, drift into it.

N. B. nothing is essential to salvation, but Jesus Himself. In case you receive Him, He always does His work, which is the resurrection of the dead soul of the sinner, i.e. regeneration and the baptism of that soul. This word baptism, has been shamefully butchered, falsified and perverted, by the idolaters above mentioned. When the Apostolic church under the reign of Constantine, threw the door wide open and received the heathen world; great temples with thousands of members, and a score of priests; turned Christian, all receiving baptism; the edifice turned into a Christian church; the priests into preachers and the idolaters, into nominal Christians meanwhile only one here and there would get through and meet God and receive real salvation. Under those circumstances instead of Christianizing the world, they paganized the church. The last verse of John's First Letter gives us a solemn warning, "Little children keep yourselves from idols." As he was a hundred years old and flooded with love for them, he kindly and lovingly called them all little children. How pertinent, that we all receive the same admonition. If you are looking to anything on the line of your salvation except Jesus, you are an idolater.

The above Scripture is not the only one which is twisted and perverted and subordinated to idolatry. Acts 2:30 "Repent and be baptized every one of you for the remission of your sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." In this passage we have a wrong translation, (see my version) "Repent," "*metanosate*," is imperative mood, aorist tense and a straight commandment to that vast multitude. John the Baptist and Jesus constantly preached, "Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand," showing that it always brings salvation, preparing you for citizenship in the kingdom. Therefore when man repents, God always forgives and saves, i.e. admits you into the kingdom by the supernatural birth. Peter was preaching under Luke's commission (24:47) "preaching repentance unto the remission of sins, beginning at Jerusalem," an allusion to this very sermon. You see baptism is not in it all. As Luke also wrote the Acts, you expect perfect harmony. In this passage baptism is not in the second person plural, the apostle's mandate to the multitude; but in the third person singular, "*epastos humon baptisto*" — "let each one of you be baptized," i.e. each one who has repented; (as the subjects of the commandment repent, constitute the antecedency of the verb) be baptized. Water baptism is simply the type of the baptism Jesus gives with the Holy Ghost and Fire, and utterly impertinent to the sinner and even blasphemous, to put the Lord's mark on the devil's goat, which is pertinent to none but His own sheep. The Campbellites, Mormons, and other satanized churches, audaciously put the Lord's mark on Satan's swine. Take a hog and put the whole sheepskin on him; superscribe him in big letters "sheep"; still he will pitch into the first mud hole he can, sheepskin and all; precisely as in case of these satanic proselyters. They join them precisely as they would a lodge and give Jesus no part in it, but subsidize Him to the water god. I have often debated with their ablest champions, having been born and reared in their midst and the first twenty years of my life heard them preach more than all others. They accused me of having prejudice against them, which is utterly untrue, as prejudice is a compound of two Latin words, "*pre*" "beforehand" and "*judism*" "judgment." Therefore it means judgment before we hear the evidence. Like a hibernian on the bench in South Carolina, who said that he always made out his verdict when he had heard one side of the evidence, because if he waited till he heard the other side, he would get so puzzled that he wouldn't know how to make it out.

Whereas they constantly use the above Scripture, with their perverted and erroneous interpretation; they positively certify that no one ever was baptized with the Holy Ghost or ever will be except the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost; whereas the very next verse flatly contradicts them. Verse 38 winds up with the promise, "that after you have repented and acknowledged the Saviour in Baptism, you shall receive remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Ghost," which is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, the colossal glory of that notable occasion. Then in the very next verse Peter proclaims aloud "For the promise is to you and to your children, unto all who are afar off; even so many as the Lord our God shall call." Hence, you see positively that this promise of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is made to every human being, who shall respond to the Gospel call and repent of their sins and become citizens of the kingdom; the same are to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The promise here mentioned by Peter, has a great celebrity in the Bible which is said to contain 30 thousand promises all told; whereas this one is designated "the" promise by way of pre-eminence, as it transcends every other, because it contains the promise of God to take out of us everything Satan ever put in us in the fall, and restore us back to the Divine image. For this Jesus came into the world, bled and died, to satisfy the violated law and ascended into Heaven, to intercede for us till we receive the Holy Ghost, His own Spirit, the executive of the Trinity, the agent of conviction, regeneration, adoption, sanctification and glorification. How awful the attitude of the

Campbellite church positively denying this greatest of all promises; even climaxing His promise to come and redeem the world by His blood; because in that case, we even then could never go to Heaven without the baptism of the Holy Ghost i.e., the purification of our hearts by the Holy Ghost and fire, the sinequanon of our admission into Heaven, on which we should always keep our eye, like the eagle on the sun. The great reason why I have run to the ends of the earth, is that I may do my utmost by speech and pen (and this my 115th book) telling people the Lord's plain way to Heaven, which is the supernatural birth for every sinner and the baptism of the Holy Ghost for every Christian.

Oh how we need people who will carry these grand truths to the ends of the earth, especially under the consideration that we are living under satan's reign, which began with the fall and will continue, till the Lord descends and dethrones him. During his reign, he has the world filled up with his churches, brim full and running over; nine hundred million Pagans worshiping wood and stone gods, one hundred million Jews, who have no Christ, three hundred million Mohammedans, praying five times a day to the false prophets to save them, four hundred and fifty million Catholics, Roman, Greek and Independent looking to the besotted Priest, the worst sinners among them, to save them, one hundred million of fallen Protestants, without the witness of the Spirit to their regeneration. A Methodist Bishop recently said that not one Methodist in twenty has the witness of the Spirit, to adoption into the family of God. Rest assured God always witnesses to His work. Not to have the witness, is not to have the work of the Holy Spirit to which He invariably bears witness; as He is the executive of the Trinity, the only Divine personality on the earth, convincing, every sinner, who does not grieve Him away that he is lost and needs a Savior, witnessing to his work of salvation in every regenerated heart and to the blessed experience of purity, in every sanctified soul, and to those who walk honestly and uprightly in the light of His word; He verily witnesses that the Lord is nigh.

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Chapter 2

THE BAPTISM WHICH JESUS GIVES

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." — Mark 16:16

The above Scripture is another one of the few which Campbellites, Mormons and Catholic Priests, press into service. Their doctrine so radically false, that it is hardly possible to torture Scripture into its apologetical defense. However, the above is currently used. Though its well known fact that the last 12 verses of Mark are not in the original, having been added long after, Peter the author and Mark the amanuensis, had gone to glory. Yet owing to the fact that it is perverted so; I feel it pertinent to give it a plain, simple exegesis. The Tongue Heresy, really demonism, as it came to us from the Spiritualists, demon worshipers, builds its superstructure on this interpolation (Mark 9:20,) using it to prove that speaking with tongues is the evidence that you have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. If that were Scripture, it would not do them any good, because they have no tongue; but simply noises, like birds and frogs, as wizards in Isaiah's time "did chirp, and mutter." In all ages, including the present, satan's ministers have had it, as well as Spiritualists, Mormons, and devil worshipers (in India) and elsewhere this day. If these demons who throng the air (Eph. 2:1,) could give you a language they would do it. I know languages, which you know not, yet I could not impart to you a language to save my life. It is strange that so many Holiness people have been gulled, grieving the Holy Spirit by going after signs, when Jesus says positively that sign seekers are a wicked and adulterous generation which means sure enough damnation. If you have the baptism of the Holy Ghost you wear your own sign; it flashes from your eyes, radiates from your countenance, reverberates from your daily walk, manipulates in your handiwork, adumbrating the illimitable future. So you don't need any sign, except yourself. It does not follow that this and other interpolations do not contain Bible truth. Whereas all Scripture is true; it does not follow that nothing else is true but the Scripture. My books and all others in harmony with the Bible are true; yet they are not Scripture, vs. 16 in this interpolation is true, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," yet not Scripture, because Mark's Gospel closes with the 8th vs. as we see in the most ancient manuscripts, showing that the other twelve were added several centuries after Peter and Mark both went to Heaven.

In this sentence we have three predicates, and one subject which is a pronoun standing for a noun; that noun necessarily either the human soul or body. The Lord ordained baptism with water to be administered by the preacher; whereas He assures us that He will baptize us with the Holy Ghost and fire in fulfillment of the vociferous prophecy of John the Baptist, on which He poured His burning emphasis all his life: "I indeed baptize you with water, but He that cometh after me will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." He tells us Eph. 4:5 that there is but one baptism which He Himself gives, unless you accept the Campbellite foolishness and conclude that the Lord made a chain with seven links, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one hope; one calling, one God the Father and one Spirit; and conclude that God put in six links of solid bright Jerusalem gold and one water link. The

chain is no stronger than its weakest link. So if you depend on a chain with a water link in it, rest assured, it will never lift you up to Heaven.

If the pronoun "he" in Mark 16:16 refers to the human body, then it is water baptism; but if it refers to the human spirit, it is the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which Jesus gives to every human spirit, who ever reaches Heaven. Baptism has no meaning but a purification, i.e. the removal of everything Satan put in you, out of the spiritual organism. The three predicates all agree with the same subject. Is it your body, or your soul. Does your body believe anything? You know it does not. Body faith is Satan's foolish lie. Does it mean body salvation? You know it does not as the body of the saint dies just like that of the sinner and is buried in the same graveyard. Therefore it does not mean body salvation, and no one but the silly idiot would say so. The very same thing that believes is that baptized and saved.

Therefore all you can possibly make out of it, unless you go into the falsification business, in order to sustain a miserable creed, that deserves nothing but a place in the pit; you simply conclude, the soul believes, the soul is baptized and the soul is saved. "The way is so plain, that wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." Isa. 35 ch. You cannot afford to let Satan's preachers whose name is legion, cheat you out of your soul.

Which antitype baptism, does now save us, not putting away the filthy flesh; but the seeking of a good conscience through Jesus Christ our Lord." I Pet. 3:21, 24. The E. V. here, has the phrase like figure. See R. V. my version and others and you find it as given above: the antitype baptism doth now save us. Water baptism is the type of the baptism of the Holy Ghost which Jesus gives.

The blessed Holy Spirit has five types, water, wind, fire, oil and wine. The law of translation is that we never translate a word, which has been adopted into our language. Our great and beautiful Anglo-Saxon language rapidly spreading over the whole world . . . has only twenty-three thousand original words in a vocabulary of two hundred thousand. Hence five-sixths of the whole language are now exotic. Among them anti-type, a Greek word, has been adopted and is now English. And here Peter says that this anti-type baptism is the one that saves us. You know they make much out of the statement in this passage that "Noah was saved by water," a wrong translation; should read, through the water, i.e. the water pouring down on the ark in rivers turned loose from the vaulted skies, heaving in a mighty ocean beneath and rolling in majestic seas all around the ark; but God carried him and his family through it safely disembarking them in the post-diluvian world. Noah was not saved by water, as we all know, but by keeping out of it. If he had gone into it he would have drowned like the post-diluvians.

In this beautiful and irrefutable passage, Peter positively certifies, that the antitype baptism now saves us, which cannot be twisted nor manipulated either by Satan or his false prophets, to mean anything, but the baptism which Jesus gives with the Holy Ghost and fire; and here Peter fortifies us against all misunderstanding, by positively certifying, that it is not the baptism that puts away the filthy flesh; but the baptism we receive while seeking a good conscience.

The conscience is never good, till the Lord baptizes us with the Holy Ghost and purifies us from all the defilement, Satan put in us. Peter was a Jew as well as all the Apostles. The Jews had many

baptisms, Heb. 9:10. There were many ways by which they contracted ceremonial defilement. If they touched an unclean animal, a Gentile, a leper, or a corpse or really had anything to do with burying the dead; they were unclean till the water of purification was sprinkled on them, by a ceremonially clean person. If you go to Jerusalem, you will never see a wagon, because the camel carries as much on his back as a wagon can haul and is so much cheaper. All the merchandise comes in and goes out on a camels' back; except the streets which are too narrow for the camel with his great load to get through and then the donkey carries it.

N. B. The camel, donkey, horse, mule and dog are all unclean. Jerusalem surrounded on all sides by Gentile nations constantly coming thither to trade, as the Jews were always the monied people of the world and are yet. The Gentiles wanting their money were pouring in there all the time to trade with them. If they touched a Gentile, even shook hands with them they were unclean and were not allowed to the temple nor the Holy Campus, 85 acres surrounding the temple where the great camp meetings were held, Passover in the spring, Pentecost in the summer and Tabernacles in the fall.

It is said in the palmy days of Jerusalem, there were 400 synagogues in the city and suburbs. They are not allowed to enter any of these places of worship unless ceremonially clean. Therefore as you see Mark 7 ch. every time they came in from their work in the city and elsewhere they had the water of purification sprinkled on them by a ceremonially clean person. Consequently some old woman or afflicted member of the family would purposely stay at home to administer baptism to them as they came in from their work or their peregrinations. The water of purification was prepared by sprinkling a few of the ashes of the red heifer which they had burnt up and always kept some on hand as a matter of convenience.

The law required them to sacrifice a blood red heifer, without spot or blemish, symbolizing the atonement which our Savior made for all the world. As the atonement is the mother of all Christians. Hence the feminine gender. She was to be three years old, because our Saviour's ministry was three years. Of course by that time she would be a large beautiful animal. They burnt her utterly into ashes, including hair, hoofs and horns; symbolizing the consolatory fact, that our sins are utterly burnt up, and forever destroyed; so they never can follow us, with their condemnation. Hence the Jews had a thousand times as much baptism as we had and its utility was putting away the sins of the flesh, which were merely ceremonial as our flesh has no sin; but it all belongs to our immortal spirit. In this Scripture you see that Peter is explicit in his affirmation that the antitype baptism saves us now which is the baptism of the Holy Ghost; then lest somebody be mistaken he specifies that it is not water baptism, which is for the removal of the sins of the flesh, i.e. ceremonial defilement, but the seeking of a good conscience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Nothing but that antitype baptism of the Holy Ghost can give us a good conscience, which we all must have, or ultimately lose our souls.

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Chapter 3

SECOND BLESSING

The Lord has thousands of blessings, for sinners, to convict them, bring them to repentance, and get them really born from Above; but only one saving blessing for sinners and that is the supernatural birth, constituting a globe with two hemispheres; justification to cancel all our sins from Heaven chancery, so God will freely count us just for the sake of Christ who bought us by His blood and saves us by His power. This is the negative hemisphere, in which we receive nothing, but lose our awful burden of sin; freely justified, through faith in the vicarious atonement.

Regeneration is the beautiful and glorious positive hemisphere, in which we receive the glorious addition of the divine life to the dead soul.

During a revival, a preacher was moving on with his sermon with all his might. A little girl who had been a mourner several days, sitting on the mourners' bench and waiting for the altar service, was weeping and the preacher would stop ever and anon, speak a word of comfort and then go on with his sermon when suddenly she leaped to her feet, clapped her hands and shouted like an angel. The preacher said "Little sister has the Lord given you a new heart?" She said, "I do not know, but I am sure of this one thing, that either He has made me new, or else He has made everything else new, because you all look like angels and everything I see looks so beautiful that I cannot tell you."

While justification is a subtraction in which all our actual sins, of commission, and omission were taken away, with their guilt and condemnation whereas in regeneration we receive a new heart, actually a bright new creation filling the old casket, which still survives though superseded, by the new, till the fires of the Holy Ghost, burn it up.

That the supernatural birth is an absolute sinequanon, without which there is not a solitary ray of hope but damnation doom settles down, like a dismal nightmare, never to relax her grip. Therefore no soul can afford to be without the clear witness of the Holy Spirit to the supernatural birth. We should ring the proclamation whithersoever we go, "Ye must be born from Above." I stopped the other day at Sedalia, Mo., to see a dear nephew of mine; whose mother long ago died shouting, the first one of my father's family to pass the pearly portals into the City of God. I spent a night with him and his wife and, of course, talking salvation all the time. All the consolation he could give me was that he was a member of the Baptist church; while her only hope was that she was a member of the Methodist church. I plead, preached and prayed with them, urging them to go to seeking the Lord with all their might and never stop till they received the witness of the Spirit, assuring them of the supernatural birth and the inscription of their names in the Lamb's Book of Life. Their lives are perfectly irreproachable; their neighbors feeling sure that they are Christians. Dives (Luke 16 ch.) was awfully surprised, when he found himself in Hell, as he had lived a beautiful life flooded with good works and sanguinely expected Heaven the moment he died. Jesus relates this case as a solemn warning to every church member, who has not the clear witness of the Spirit to the supernatural

birth: Therefore it will not do to make any compromise relative to the great question, "Is my soul saved?" If it is you know it, because the Holy Spirit is the intelligencer of the universe and never neglects His work (Rom 8:16) "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." The Holy Spirit is God. What God tells us, we know better than anything else. The Lord in His good providence gave me a first class collegiate education. I have been a student all my life, having passed my eightieth year and in the providence of God accumulated quite a store of knowledge from this world imparted by speech and pen and received by my intellectual faculties; yet God has taught me much and while I know the human curriculum; I know the Divine, vastly better. We must reach experimental certainty, appertaining to personal salvation; culminating in the two experiences, i.e. the supernatural birth and entire sanctification; the one creating a new world in us and the other destroying the old world and exterminating it out of us. They are as distinct as noonday and midnight: in the one a child is born and in the other an old man dies. How common it is to find prominent church members who do not know these two works of grace, separate and distinct, either from the other; whereas the great majority of the preachers only preach the one work of grace. (Jude 5, 6.) "But I wish you to remember once having known all things that the Lord having saved the people out of the Land of Egypt destroyed those that believed not the second time. We do not have this clear Scripture in King James; you see it in my version and others, setting forth the fact that God destroyed in the wilderness the people whom He had saved out of the Land of Egypt because they did not have faith to go into the Land of Canaan; but halted at Kadesh Barnea and sent out the spies and when they came back with their three reports; all certifying that it is a land flowing with milk and honey and abounding in corn and wine equal to the report they had heard and even better and the majority, ten out of the twelve, reported that it was inhabited by a race of formidable warrior giants with cities walled up to Heaven and that they could not take it; meanwhile Joshua and Caleb, standing alone cried aloud to them "We are fully able to go up and possess the land." They didn't mean that they were able by their own power but they had faith in God who had promised to give them the land. But the multitude believed the ten rather than the two and raised the howl, Back into Egypt, and would have stoned Joshua and Caleb if God had not protected them with His presence. From that very epoch they were put under an awful discipline, forsaken of God, visited by destroying angels, fiery serpents and pestilence and every one who had passed majority when they had crossed the sea perished in the wilderness except Joshua and Caleb, who had faith for the Land of Canaan. Hence you see their faith was put to a second test and when it failed God destroyed them, because they would not do for the Canaan life. Heaven is the Canaan life, but we must enter it here or we will never have it there.

The Epistle to the Romans is the most symmetrical in all the Pauline series. As Rome is the capital and metropolis, from which an influence radiated out to the ends of the earth; Paul made a specialty and did his best. In his introductory he defines "Gospel" (1:16) "The power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The Greek is "dynamite," which is now an English word. It is the greatest mechanical power in all the world, eclipsing everything else in the arts and sciences. Therefore the Gospel is not an eloquent sermon nor an able theological disposition; but the dynamite, which blows the devil out and everything, he ever put in you, goes the same way. The world is full of preachers, but oh how few Gospel preachers, i.e. dynamiters.

Will you not let the Lord fill you up with His dynamite and use you as His dynamo, to dynamite others whithersoever you go. You will be dreaded and hated by the carnal people who do not want to be blown up; but the angels will hover round you, and you will have your reward in Heaven.

This dynamite will blow out of you all of your our sins in the first great work of grace, Regeneration and the Adamic sin, when the Lord baptizes you with the Holy Ghost and Fire and sanctifies you wholly.

The first chapter [of Romans] after the introductory giving the definition of Gospel is all to the heathen, who filled the world at that time. Paul tells them, they are left without excuse, because that which is known of God is revealed in them, even His eternal power and divinity. "The untutored savage in his primeval state, sees God in the clouds and hears Him in the winds . . . The heathen who walk in all the light they have and do the best they can and ready for more light when it comes, anxious to walk in it . . . get saved . . . The people who care for none but themselves, blind to what doesn't glisten and deaf to what doesn't jingle, living like dogs and hogs for themselves alone. Those people all as we see here go down to hell. Therefore all the people in the world are saved or lost the same way (1 John 1:7) "If we walk in the light the blood cleanseth from all sin." All who walk in all the light they have and ready to receive and appreciate all the light they can get; are saved through the cleansing blood, which the Holy Spirit, its custodian in all lands, whether heathen, Jew, Mohammedans, Catholic or Protestant; applies, to the expurgation of all sin, actual and original and the salvation of all souls. Therefore not a soul in all the world is lost, except for rejected light; as God does not hold us responsible for light which we do not have.

The second chapter is to the Jews, the church members of that age, whom Paul finds under the same condemnation with the whole heathen world, simply because they do not walk in the light they have. Therefore having found the whole world under condemnation for known sin, neglected light and opportunity, he having presented the dark side, now proceeds to the light; beginning the justification argument with the nineteenth verse of the third chapter runs it through the fourth and fifth chapters; showing up justification for every soul, through the great vicarious, substitutionary atonement, which Christ made for all the world, by His expiatory sufferings and death on the cruel cross of Calvary; then and there purchasing full and complete redemption for every human soul, received and appropriated by faith alone; the logical antithesis of Christ alone; because faith is the only receptive grace in the divine economy and the redemption full and complete is already made and no one has anything to do but leave Satan and everything he has i.e. giving him back all his sins, actual, original and every other kind and casting himself on the mercy of God in Christ. In that case God for Christ's sake willingly and gladly forgives every soul. This Pauline argument, confirmatory to justification and concomitant regeneration, rich, sweet, full and free, by the unmerited grace of God in Christ, through the vicarious substitutionary atonement, received by faith alone; is the longest in the Bible, beginning with the nineteenth verse of the third chapter and running on without a break and closing with the fifth chapter, with the sweeping *afortioorri* argument, which is the strongest in the world; the *apriorri*, from effect, constituting the arguments in all ordinary cases; while this *afortiorri* argument gives us a sweeping irresistible climax; e.g. If you owe a man a dollar and hand him a check on the bank of England, for a thousand dollars, you pay him off alright, and go a long way ahead, as you over-pay him 999 times. So in Paul's climaxing argument winding up his wonderful demonstrative exegesis of free and full justification, through the merit of Christ alone,

receivable by all through faith alone; he gives us a chain of much mores; culminating with the vociferous acclamation, "where sin did abound; there did grace much more abound." He holds up before us the two parallel lives; Adam the First and Adam the Second and draws the contrast; if Adam the First, only a man brought sin into the world, how much more does Adam the Second, who is not only man, but God Almighty, take it out! You see the wonderful force of this afortiori argument; because God Almighty is a thousand million times greater than Adam and that does not begin to reveal His majesty. Consequently, no one, with the facts and the rationale, before his eyes can stagger through unbelief. Why do not all the world believe and shout the victory?

Now we reach the sixth chapter [of Romans], which in a very clear simple way reveals entire sanctification. "How shall we who are dead to sin live any longer in it?" The answer is in the negative, a dead man does not put forth vital acts. A dead man lying in his grave will never rise up and throw a rock at you if you pass by a thousand times.

"Know ye not that so many of us as have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have been baptized into His death." Baptism has no meaning at all in the Bible but a purification, which simply means the expurgation of everything Satan ever put in you. Our Saviour constantly (Luke 11:38, John 3:25, Eph. 5:26,) and everywhere else, defines it by "*catharidzo*," which is used thousands of times in the Bible, and never with any other meaning except to purify.

The popular idea that means to immerse is utterly and positively untrue. Among the Pagans, one of its primitive meanings was to sink and drown. In that case it never did mean to come up out of the water; but only to go down and stay there. The popular practice of immersing a human body in the water and immediately emmersing, i.e. taking them out, never was at any time a definition of the word. I have in my possession all the lexical authorities in the world. The largest New Testament Greek Lexicon in the world, has been made by Dr. John Schluesner of Germany, in two large volumes, as it elaborately expounds every word. On "*baptizdo*," he gives that heathen definition to immerse i.e. to sink and not to come up; but then goes on with the Latin; "*sed in hac significatione nunquam in novo testamento*;" but in this signification, it is never used in the New Testament. He gives all his definitions in the Latin as you see here; because the scholars of all nations, know the Latin and consequently can use his book; whereas if it was in some modern language, none but the people of that nationality could use it. Hence this Lexicon in the Latin language is now used by the scholars in every Nation under Heaven. Having given this primary definition to sink as applied to ships as you see above, he then goes on to state "but in this signification it is never used in the New Testament." Then he goes on to give every case of baptism in the New Testament and shows that it was by effusion. I have also the large New Testament Lexicon of Dr. J. W. Robinson, who gives the definitions in English; like Schleusner, stating that a primitive pagan meaning, was to sink; but that in this signification it was never used in the New Testament, but in the sense of effusion. Then he refers to the stone *baptistrus* used in the Apostolic Age and still on hand and I have seen them, a basin excavated in the top of a stone pillar, about waist high, and filled with water, about the size of a large wash bowl; but entirely too small for immersions and never used in that way. The last time I was over there in 1911 I saw one of them in the old Coptic church in old Cairo, Egypt, as they say in the very house in which Joseph and Mary with the baby Jesus lived a month, when they fled from Herod's cruelty; that old stone house, having been used for a Coptic church ever since, as they have in all cases, done their utmost to perpetuate all the transactions described in the Bible. Robinson also

speaks of the fact that the Bible was translated into Latin in the Apostolic age, with the endorsement of the Apostles. Consequently if immersion had been the thing they did, the word would be used in the Latin Bible, from the simple fact that it is a pure Latin word, "*immergo*." The very fact that they never did use it a single time shows that they did not immerse the people. The thing that you see so much, a preacher lead a person down into the water, plunge him under, lift him up and lead him out was never seen till all the Apostles had gone to Heaven and the heathen brought it in, who are at it now all over the world. I hold in my hand the critical Greek New Testament by Hart and Wescott, the consensus of all the critics and now the standard of Christendom; it has a dictionary in the rear of the volume. I see "*baptidzo*," defined, "to wash, to cleanse, to baptize." Hence you see it has but one definition and that is to purify, immersion not given as a definition at all, and as you see in harmony with the standard Lexicons of the world which certify that in the sense of immerse it is never used in the New Testament.