

**TELEVISION SERMON FOR
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"HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE MESSIAH"
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Thank you Melvin!

It is God's desire that all people come unto Him in full repentance, and receive His salvation, full and free. Those who respond and obey His command will be blessed bountifully: Spiritually, materially, and physically, and even financially. The soul who rejects and rises up against the Lord, shall be "devoured by the sword," and there shall be no remedy for his tragic end. Do we dare provoke the Lord to jealousy? Do we dare contend our strength is greater than His? God forbid! He has the power to save, the power to devastate, the power to heal, the power to curse, the power to overcome, and the power to bless. I invite you to partake in today's message, entitled, "**HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE MESSIAH**" and I pray that by the time it concludes, you will be encouraged to seek the Lord, Whose powers are limitless and can sustain you in every way.

We read in Deut. 6:4-5, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

In the New Testament, Jesus called this the Great Commandment. Satan crept into the church and blinded the people to this truth. And when they were blinded to it, it wasn't long before they stopped baptizing in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ by immersion.

Today, it takes revelation from the Holy Ghost in order to see the truth about the Godhead, for these days find us in the midst of the perverting of much of the Holy Scriptures.

Let us read what Paul tells us in Col. 2:9-10, "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power."

In other words, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, dwelleth in Christ Jesus. There are three manifestations, but One God. Would it be possible for the apostles to be led astray from the direct commandment of the Lord, and instead baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost?

Surely, they would have found themselves in willful disobedience. They knew what the Name was! There isn't one passage in Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, where souls were baptized in any other way, but according to Acts 2:38, "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."

Common sense tells you that the Book of Acts is the "church in Action," and if that was the authentic and sanctioned mode of baptism, then that should be the authorized way of baptism for us, as well.

Now if you think that is strong, what do you think of this? Anyone who was and is not baptized in the name, Lord Jesus Christ, had to be rebaptized. We read in Acts 19:1-6, "And it came to pass that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus, finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them unto what, then, were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him who should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them, and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied."

Those baptized by John the Baptist, had to be re-immersed, for although he baptized them unto remission of sins, there was actually no remission until Christ died in our stead; for without shedding of blood there could be no remission of sins.

Paul, by the Holy Ghost, quoted Peter's exact words from the day of Pentecost and used the name of Jesus Christ. Examine the scriptures, and you will find that baptism in the name of Jesus is the only correct formula for baptism today. Let God be true and every man a liar!

Thus, the disciples of Apollos were rebaptized in Jesus' name. Apollos taught them as much as he himself knew, until two of God's peculiar people, Aquilla and Priscilla, took him aside and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

And I'm afraid, there are many "Apollos" in the world today, who need to be "born again" the correct way. When we baptize in the name of Jesus, we are fulfilling Matt. 28:19. There is no promise of remission of sins or the promise of the Holy Ghost in Matt. 28:19, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." What it does is show us the name in which we should be baptized.

And what was said cannot be changed, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. It must remain the same from Pentecost until the final elected one has been baptized into His body.

Paul tells us that many will come in the last days and pervert "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God." We read Gal. 1:8, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

God did not send an angel to preach the Gospel: instead, He sent His only begotten Son into the world to preach the Gospel. The Bible tells us in II Cor. 11:13-15, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

What did Jesus preach? He preached: "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God!" What is the Gospel? The word gospel means "good news" that: Jesus saves! Jesus heals! Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost, and Jesus is coming soon, and sooner than many think! If anyone should have any misconstrued ideas that there is historical proof of water baptism in any other way, than that in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I would advise such misguided persons to read historical material, pertaining to this matter, themselves.

The following is a true account of a baptism, which took place in Rome A.D. 100, and was reproduced in Time Magazine, on December 5, 1955.

"The deacon raised his hand, and Publius Decious stepped thru the baptistry door. Standing waist-deep in the pool was Marcus Vasca the woodseller. He was smiling at Publius, who had waded into the pool, beside him. 'Credis?' he asked. 'Credo,' responded Publius, 'I believe that my salvation from Jesus the Christ, Who was crucified under Pontius Pilate. With Him I died that with him I may have Eternal Life.' Then he felt strong arms supporting him, as he let himself fall backwards into the pool, and heard Marcus' voice in his ear, 'I baptize you in the Name of the Lord Jesus,' as the cold water closed over him."

Since then, the truth has been lost (and did not return until this last age, or that period from Nicaea till the turn of this century) but up to that period in time, people were baptized in the name of Jesus.

Thus, it was man, who changed the plan of salvation, as well as the mode of baptism. Yes, if there were three Gods, you might very well have baptized for a Father, a Son, and a Holy Ghost. But the revelation given to John was that there is one God, and His name is Jesus; thus, we baptize for One God and only one. That is why the apostle Peter baptized, as he did, at Pentecost.

The resurrected Lord opened the understanding of the disciples, that they might understand the scriptures. We read Luke 24:47, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

And that's where it all began, at Jerusalem. Please note the word "His," not them, meaning there is only One God. We believe in the "Oneness Doctrine," which was, as we read in Acts 2:36, "Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified both Lord and Christ."

If Jesus was manifested in the flesh and was both Lord and Christ, then He (Jesus) is, and can none else be the "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." We read in I Tim. 3:16, "And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the

spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

It is not God in three persons, but one God, one Person with three major titles, and with three offices, manifesting those titles. If that doesn't show clearly, the true revelation of the Godhead, nothing will! Lord is not another one; Christ is not another one. This Jesus is the Lord Jesus Christ, one God.

We read Isa. 44:6, "Thus saith the Lord, the King of Israel, and his redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last, and beside me there is no God." The Lord Jesus said this of Himself.

It occurs three times in Isaiah and three times in Revelation. One day Philip spoke to Jesus. We read in John 14:8-9, "Lord show us the father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not know me, Philip?"

He that hath seen me that seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father." God cannot be put into three persons or three parts. We read Acts 22:16, where Ananias told Paul, "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

It was not the baptizing which washed away the sins; Paul called upon the name of the Lord Jesus because it was the Lord's blood that washed away sins.

Baptism is a symbol of a good conscience toward God. Hence, if Paul was baptized in Jesus' name, he certainly would not preach anything that he did not do himself. The one condition placed upon salvation which cannot be abrogated is for one to believe upon the "Lord Jesus," and he will be saved, and his entire household, as well.

Take the case of Paul and Silas who were imprisoned. While in prison they sang hymns and prayed. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, the prison shook to its very foundations; all the doors flew open and the chains of the prisoners fell off.

The jailer wakened to see the prison doors open, and assuming the prisoners had escaped, he drew his sword to kill himself. We read in Acts 16:28-30, "But Paul, cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas. And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

And that phrase should be imprinted upon every seeking heart today. To the jailer, Paul & Silas preached Jesus, Who had been crucified and raised from the dead. The news he heard was certainly good.

We read John 3:5, "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." And in the 6th verse it reads, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again."

To be born of water is to be baptized in water by immersion and in the name of Jesus Christ. To be born of the Spirit is to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which is speaking in an unknown tongue.

Baptism is essential to salvation. It is a type of death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. After the jailer and his family were baptized, he and his household rejoiced because all were now born-again Christians.

Thus, we see that the name of Jesus plays a very important part in salvation, as we read Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

We also read I John 5:7-8, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are ONE."

Who was the father of our Lord Jesus? It was God the Father, a Spirit. Jesus, conceived of the Holy Ghost, was born of the virgin Mary. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and that Word was made flesh, in the person of Jesus Christ, the Almighty God.

And of course, the Holy Ghost is a Spirit. We read verse 8, "And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in ONE."

Today we still have water baptism; we have the Blood of Jesus to cleanse us from all sins, and we still have the Spirit to guide us into all truths. In other words, these three equals ONE!

The new birth of water, spirit and blood cannot be separated. What God has joined, let no man put asunder. The blood is in the name, the name that one takes on in water baptism, for "without that shedding of blood by Jesus there could be no remission of sins."

It must have made a difference because the apostle baptized only in the name of Jesus. Here is another questioning thought. Why don't we anoint for healing in the titles? All power in heaven and earth is in the name of Jesus; that is the answer.

We read Col. 3:17, "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."

Yes telecast viewers, through Jesus, you not only magnify the Father, but you also give thanks to God, the Father through Jesus.

We also read in James 5:13-14, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." It says here to lay hands upon the sick, and call for the elders, not every Tom, Dick, and Harry.

An elder or an apostle is one who is really chosen of the Lord and endued with the authority to call forth for that power from on high and the miraculous gifts of healing. And we can all be

rest assured that the Lord will respond to the prayers of Divine Healing from His anointed ones.

Oil is a symbol of the Spirit, and among the Jews, oil was used as a medication. We read verse 15, "and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Sickness is not necessarily a punishment for, or the result of, a specific sin, although it could be. In such a case, if the sickness is the result of a sin, the prayer answered in regard to healing will also be the answer in regards to the forgiveness of the sin or sins committed. Forgiveness, of course, comes through the blood Jesus. Remember, it is not the "elder" that heals, it is God Who heals, for the effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

We have heard people say that they have been born of the Spirit, but Jesus said all must be born of water and of the Spirit to enter into the Kingdom of God. Water and Spirit go together like love and marriage. One cannot be separated from the other. Jesus, Himself, a sinless man, Who needed no repentance, was baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan.

We read in Matt. 3:16-17, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

I know, viewers, that you have heard people say you can be baptized anyway you so desire: such as by having water sprinkled or poured upon you, as well as by immersion.

However, Roms. 6:3-5 declares, "Know ye not, that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Now the Israelites were "baptized unto Moses." They were drawn into a "oneness" with him that night because they had not gone thru the same experience together. God reckons that every Christian has died with Christ on the cross.

We are one with Him, having received His very life. God says we are members of His body, flesh of His flesh and bone of His bones. We read I John 3:23, "Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father; but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."

Many brand us as "Jesus only," however, this verse tells us if we have the Son, we have the Father, and we also have the Spirit. Thus, we are complete in Him, Who is the head of all principality and power.

We certainly praise the Lord for being "Jesus Only!" Look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, for the revelation of the "three in ONE." Surely this knowledge and spiritual

endowment must come from God and not from human wisdom. We read I Cor. 12:3, "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."

Therefore, when we speak of "Oneness," we cannot omit "Christ the Messiah."

On May 14, 1948, the formation of the State of Israel was announced. Jews all over the world rejoiced to hear the good news. Palestine became the center of widespread attention. It seemed that the hopes of generations of Jews were being fulfilled. At last God's earthly people would have a homeland.

But what of the hope of the Messiah? The prophets of old had spoken of the coming of a great leader. He would be sent by God to rule over His people. It is not surprising, therefore, that there is a renewed interest in the coming of the Messiah.

The questions most commonly asked are "Who is the Messiah?" "How can I know the Messiah?," and "When will the Messiah come?" There are many prophecies in the "Word of God" that tell of the coming of God's Anointed One.

Let us look at the definition of the word, "Messiah." The word, "Messiah," means "the anointed." To confirm this, let us read in John 1:40-41, "One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him. We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, "The Christ."

We also read in John 4:25-26, "The woman saith unto Him, (i.e., Jesus), I know the Messias, cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he."

Hence, we find substantiations in the "Word of God" by which the Messiah can be positively identified. First, He was born in Bethlehem. This was foretold by the prophet, Micah, as we read in Micah 5:2, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel: whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting. You ask, "Where was the son the entire time previously?" As the only begotten Son, He was in the bosom of the Father.

Secondly, the prophecies declared He was to be born of a virgin. We read Isa. 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Immanuel means "God with us" in the person of Jesus Christ. Please note, the "word" said "virgin," not woman!" Any woman can have a child, but for a virgin to have child, that is a miracle indeed.

We read Jer. 31:22, "How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? For the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth. A woman shall compass a man." What God is making know to us here is that a woman would by pass a man, yet conceive and bring forth a man child without male parentage.

In other words, he would be entirely of the seed of a woman. Thirdly, he would be of the seed of Abraham. Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness, we who are of the faith, become the children of Abraham and therefore, are spiritual Israelites.

Fourthly, He was to be from the tribe of Judah. We know that Jesus Christ is the "Lion" from the tribe of Judah, and from the "root" of David; and that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was of the tribe of Judah.

The fifth qualification is clearly stated in Isa. 9:7 which says He would be from the House of David.

And finally, the sixth qualification is, He must be of God as found in Isa. 9:6. The person fulfilling this sixfold description has already come, in the person of Jesus Christ, the Messiah!
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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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