

FEAR NOT

For God hath not given
us the spirit of **fear**;
but of **power**, and of
love, and of a **sound**
mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

The **THREE** that **BEAR**
WITNESS



- Our key verse for this message is:
 - And there are THREE THAT BEAR WITNESS in earth, the SPIRIT, and the WATER, and the BLOOD: and these three agree in one. 1 John 5:8

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1 JOHN 5:7-8



- One of the most important documents in our nation's history is our Constitution, the supreme law of the United States.
- The first ten amendments are called the Bill of Rights.
- **Above these documents is the WORD OF GOD.**
- As disciples of Jesus Christ, **the Word of God** is our ultimate rights and privileges.
- In this series we have talked about many different topics including: God's Word, God's Plan, God's Promise, God's Name, God's Spirit, God's Kingdom, God's Righteousness, God's Peace, God's Joy, God's Transformation through Faith, Hope, and Love, and God's Grace.



- These are all benefits of being a follower of Jesus Christ.
- These are some of our rights and privileges as a believer in the Word of God.
- However, there are three important keys that unlock all these blessings in our lives. They are:
- The **blood** – we must be born again.
- The **water** – we need to be baptized in water.
- The **Spirit** – we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.



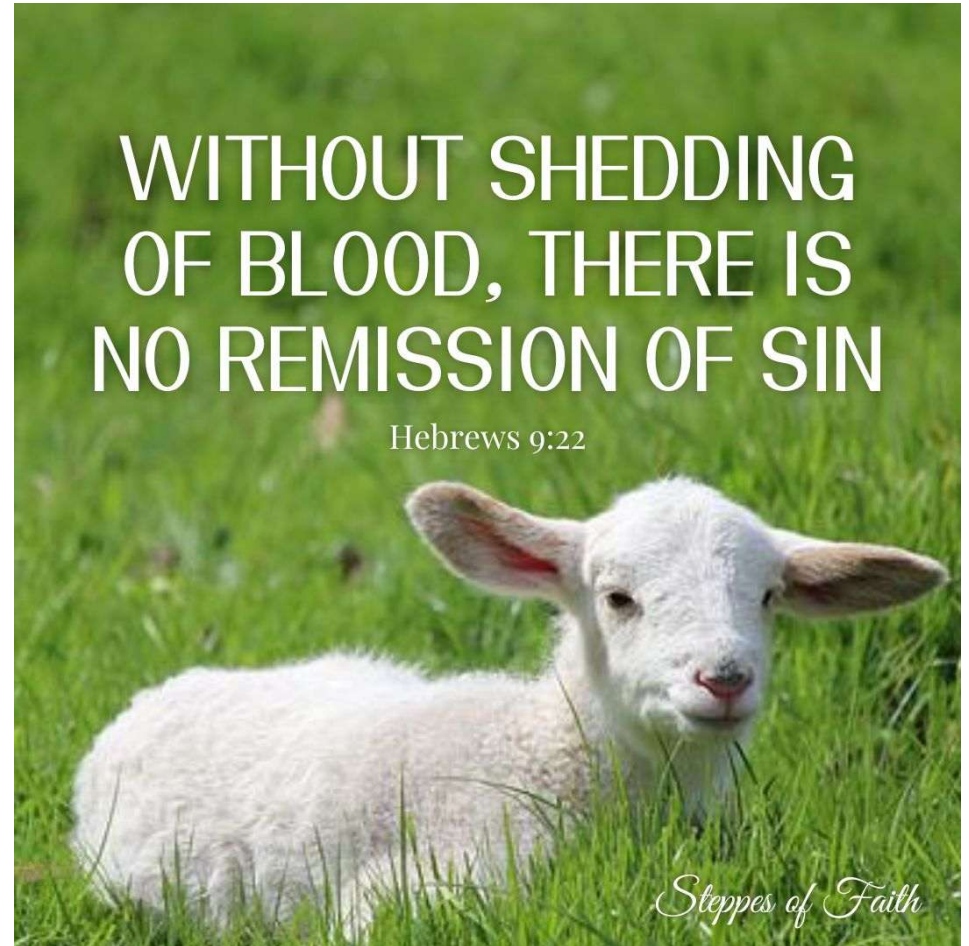
- Through **the finished work of Jesus Christ** by His death, His **burial** and His **resurrection**, God has made a covenant or agreement with us, the “**New Testament**” in Jesus’ blood.
- When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. John 19:30
- For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
- And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
- **For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.** Matthew 26:28



- To be a part of God's family and fully enjoy the privilege of receiving all the blessings and benefits of His New Covenant, you must experience the blood, the water, and the Spirit.
- **THE FIRST KEY: THE BLOOD.**
 - And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.** Hebrews 9:22
 - Much more then, being **now justified by his blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Romans 5:9
 - And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in his own blood.** Revelation 1:5

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Steppes of Faith

- The **first key** or way that we enter this New Covenant or agreement with God is by the **BLOOD of JESUS**.
- When you receive Jesus as your personal Savior, God gives you:
 - A new **HEART**
 - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
 - Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
 - Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
 - That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
 - Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
 - The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. John 3:3-8
 - A new **STANDING**
 - Being **justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:24
 - Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1
 - But that **no man is justified by the law** in the sight of God, *it is evident*: for, The just shall live by faith. Galatians 3:11

- Jesus **paid the full price** so that His righteousness (He was sinless) could be given to us.
- God **removed the penalty of our sin and our death**, and **restored** us to favor with Him.
 - For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23
- Our sins were not excused, but actually punished and then done away with because of what Jesus did!
- Then Jesus rose from the dead and released the power to make all this work for us!
 - Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;
 - But with the **precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Peter 1:18-19
 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.** 1 John 1:7

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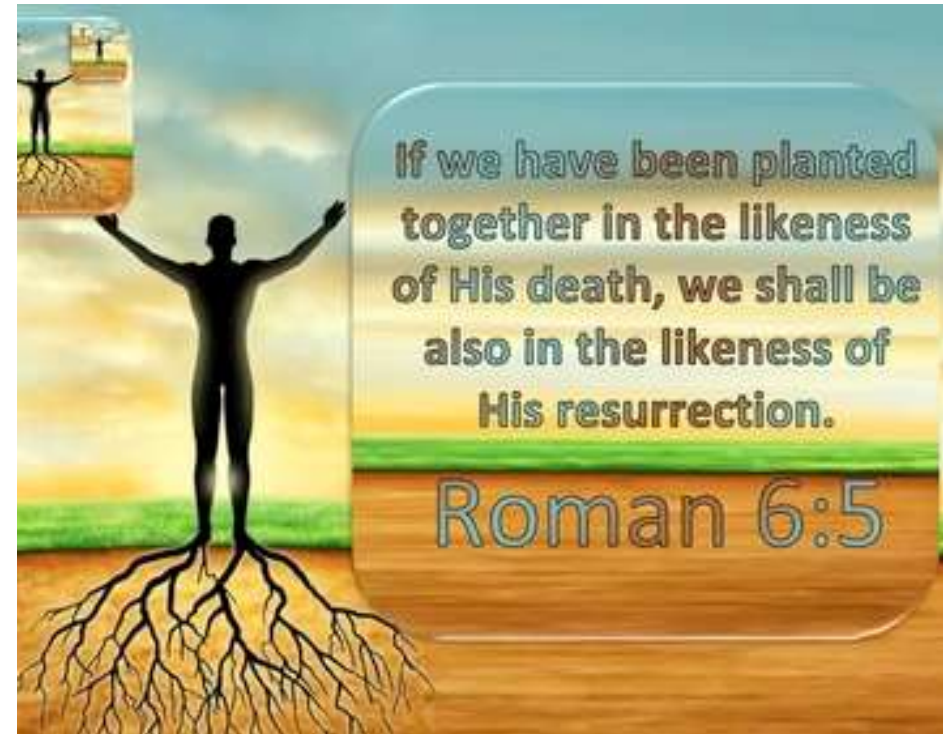
Romans 6:23

- **THE SECOND KEY: THE WATER**

- Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and **be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.** Acts 2:38
- The second key to unlock the New Covenant with God is the **WATER**.
- We need to be baptized in water.
- The word, “**baptism**” means “immersion, to be completely **submerged** under water.”
- You are **dunked** and your head goes all the way under.



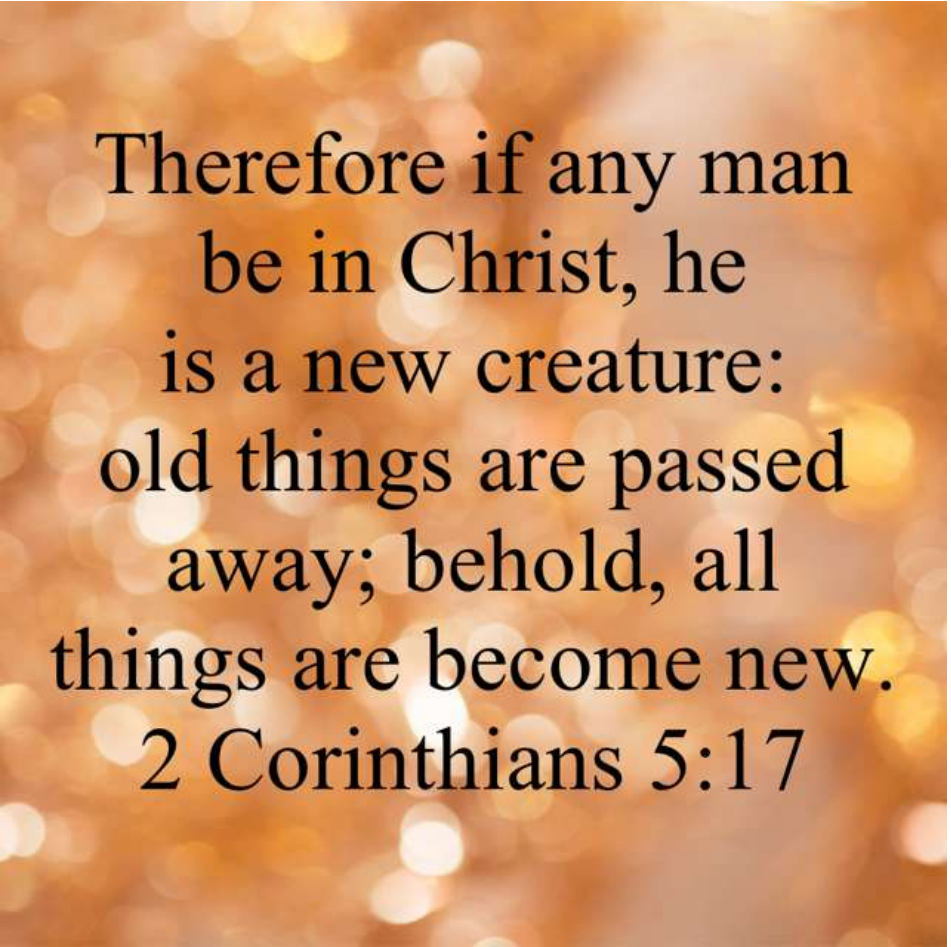
- Why is this important?
- Water baptism is a picture of what happened when we asked Jesus to come into our hearts.
- Jesus **died**, and was **buried**, and **rose again** from the dead.
- Amazingly, **we have been buried and risen again WITH HIM!**
- But how?
 - God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
 - Know ye not, **that so many of us as 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.**
 - For if we have been **planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.** Romans 6:2-5



- Your **old way of life** needed to be **buried**.
- Jesus carried it away, but where did he take it?
- It was **buried** in God's forgetfulness.
- God cannot remember our sins because **Jesus removed them "as far as the east is from the west"**.
 - As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Psalms 103:12
- His shed blood washed our sins away.
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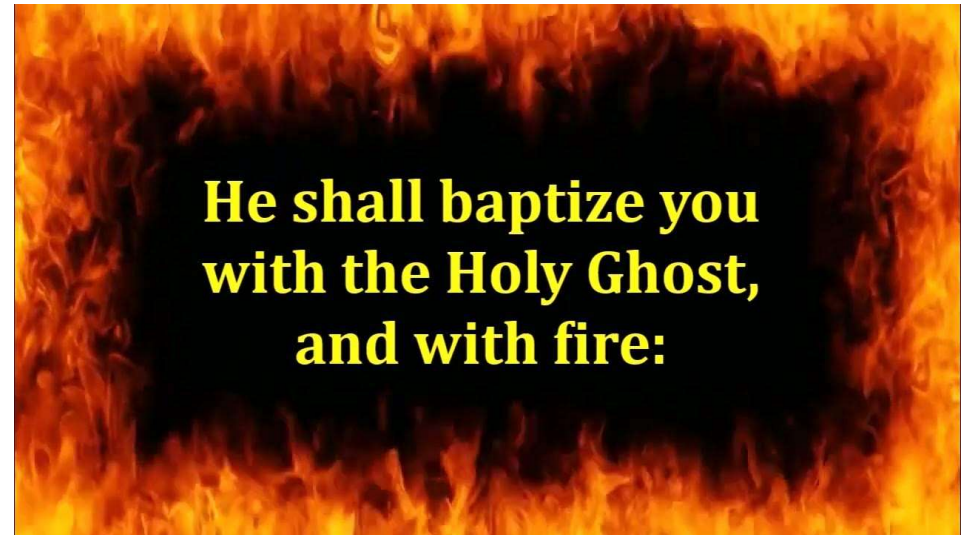
- You have become a **brand-new person**, a new **creation**!
 - Therefore **if any man *be* in Christ, *he is a new creature***: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Get up and live in God's New Covenant!
- **Water Baptism** gives us the **assurance** and the **confidence** of really knowing that our sins have been fully pardoned and forgiven.
 - **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:16
- The power of sin and satan **has been broken** in our lives!
 - **For sin shall not have dominion over you**: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. Romans 6:14



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- **THE THIRD KEY: THE SPIRIT**

- I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire.** Matthew 3:11
- Acts 19:2 asks a powerful question.
 - He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** Acts 19:2
- The third key to receiving the many blessings we have talked about in this series is the **SPIRIT**.
- **We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.**



- The seven bowls on the **Golden Lampstand** in the Tabernacle of Moses were filled with **OIL**.
- **Oil** is a symbolic picture of us being **completely filled** with the **Holy Spirit**.
 - Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.
 - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; **but be filled with the Spirit**.
Ephesians 5:17-18
- God desires for us to be **totally filled with the Holy Spirit**, to **KNOW** Him in the fullest way!



- As God's children we need to receive and enjoy all that He has prepared and provided for us.
- Being **filled with the Holy Spirit** gives us the **POWER** we need to live the Christian life every day.
 - **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8



The **BLOOD**, the **WATER**, the **SPIRIT** are **the three essential** (vital, necessary, indispensable) **keys** that unlock the door into the New Covenant way of living.

Knowing all of this, you do not need to be afraid today or of your future.

Self- Reflective Indicators of Spiritual Strength

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Worship with me – The Blood Medley

- Singing and Saxophone by my Uncle

