

Identified with Jesus Christ And Not Ashamed

Colossians 2:11-12

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SOLUTION TO OUR SIN NATURE.

Every member of the human race, save Jesus Christ, is born into this world with a **sin nature**. It is in our nature to go against God and sin. By the cross work of JESUS CHRIST and His Resurrection, JESUS CHRIST has given everyone who will believe in Him victory over this sin nature. This freedom is found in the Circumcision of Christ.

Colossians 2:11

11 **and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; and in Him** (that is) **in union with Him** (there are so many wonderful eternal things that happens to everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST.)

And as we grow in knowledge of every one of these, we experience inner peace and inner happiness regardless of what is going on in our lives.

Among the **34 things** that happens when we believe in JESUS CHRIST is that we are circumcised by the circumcision of Christ.

What is the circumcision of Christ?

First

It is made *without hands*.

In the Church Age, we receive a real but not physical circumcision. It is a spiritual circumcision. In the age of Israel women were not circumcised but in the Church Age everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior—male or female— receive this circumcision.

Second

It is a spiritual circumcision.
Real circumcision but a spiritual
circumcision.

If you have King James, the next phrase **of the sins** is not found in the more reliable manuscripts.

Do not miss the flow of this passage:

In verses 9 and 10 you are in union with Him, that is, with JESUS CHRIST;

Then verses 11 and 12 begin with the AORIST PASSIVE to indicate how the previous verse took place.

For example, here verse 11 explains how we are **made complete** in Him--by receiving spiritual circumcision.

and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands,

That little phrase **in Him**, is so vital to your everyday life, we must never forget that we are **in Him**.

This union with JESUS CHRIST was accomplished **by** the Holy Spirit in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and was accomplished, **brought about**, by Faith in JESUS CHRIST as Savior.

Colossians 2:11

11 **and in Him you were also circumcised ...also, in addition to being made complete in Him (verse 10) you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands** This passage is filled with things that have happened to every one of us who have believed in JESUS CHRIST.

And for the record, who is the one who makes us complete and who circumcised us in Christ?

This was the Plan of God the Father, accomplished by the Holy Spirit in the person of Christ.

In the removal of the body of flesh

What does this mean?

The Greek word for '**flesh**' refers to the Inherited Sin Nature. The Greek word translated **body** should be translated **essence; the essence of the flesh** which refers to the Inherited Sin Nature.

and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body (essence) **of the flesh** (refers to the sinful flesh or the Inherited Sin Nature.)

Now, do not come to the wrong conclusion; this does not refer to the removal of the Inherited Sin Nature but rather the removal of its dominance. By the circumcision of JESUS CHRIST, we have power over the Inherited Sin Nature. The Death, Burial and Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST cleanses from all sins... past, present and future.

Colossians 2:11

11 **By the circumcision of Christ** (literally) **by means of the circumcision of the Christ.**

The only one anointed by God the Father to solve our sin problems.

THERE ARE TWO PROBLEMS RELATED TO SIN:

First:

The actual sins we commit, Mental Attitude Sins (MAS), OVERT Sins and Sins of the Tongue).

On the cross, JESUS CHRIST took all the judgment for sins.

Second:

There is the problem of the Inherited Sin Nature from which these sins come. By the Circumcision of the Christ the Inherited Sin Nature no longer has dominance in the believer.

By our being “in Christ” (Colossians 2:9-11) we have been delivered from the power and authority of sin from our Inherited

Sin Nature. We will see in Colossians 2:12 that we have been baptized in Christ which means in part that we have been buried to the power of sin.

We must never forget that we have been **Circumcised in Christ**. Male or female believers in the Church Age have received this circumcision. You have power over the Inherited Sin Nature.

Now the other part of this power over the Inherited Sin Nature is that God has supplied every believer with the inner power of the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

*And when a believer walks —lives—breathes—
by Faith in the Holy Spirit,
that believer will not sin, cannot sin.*

But when we make the decision to stop trusting in the Holy Spirit we will sin. So, it is so important that you never forget these two doctrines.

First: **That you have been circumcised in Christ**

-and-

Two: **You have the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.**

We now should understand that our Circumcision in Christ is taken from the **ritual circumcision** of the Old Testament—where circumcision was of the flesh and was a **ritual**, but in the Church Age we experience a spiritual circumcision in Christ.

Now we move to another ritual that will become a spiritual reality in the Church Age: **Baptism**

Colossians 2:12

12 **having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.**

There is so much in this one verse but let's start off by noting this is not referring to water baptism. This is not referring to ritual baptism.

It is unfortunate but so many people can think of only water baptism when they see the word '**baptism**' in the bible.

Having been buried with Him in baptism First thing to see is that this participle flows from the previous verse.

This means that this participle phrase helps to explain.

by the circumcision of the Christ

If we understand the phrase **having been buried** we will have a clearer understanding of **the circumcision of the Christ**.

Having been buried notice this has already occurred; if you are a believer in JESUS CHRIST this happened the moment you were saved along with 33 other things.

This is an AORIST PASSIVE PARTICIPLE of the compound Greek word ***sunthapto*** from the prefix *sun* – with or together with, plus ***thapto*** which means 'to bury' —**to bury with**

The AORIST refers to the point of Faith in JESUS CHRIST as Savior;

The PASSIVE: everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST receives being buried with Him.

Having been buried with Him (this little phrase) **with Him** (is the all-important reality of our being in Union with JESUS CHRIST.)

And when or how were we buried with Him?

in baptism—having been buried with Him by means of baptism

Here we have an old problem.

This Greek word is not translated but is transliterated. Only in a translation do we get a good idea of what is going on. Nearly every translation of the Bible transliterates this Greek word.

*A **transliteration** means to write or print (a letter or word) using the closest corresponding letters of a different language. The Greek word is **baptisma** which you can easily see where they transliterated, not translated.*

We have several words that are not translated but transliterated like Christ—transliterated from **christos** when translated—anointed! And we are becoming familiar with the transliteration **parakletos** when referring to the ministry of the Holy Spirit as our helper or comforter.

What does this Greek word mean?

In simplicity, it means to dip or to immerse.

But in developing a good definition we need to ask why;

Why the dipping or immersing. And here we have a variety of nuances. It can mean to immerse to drown, or to soak, or to identify with.

Baptism means to immerse to give identification.

The Greek writer Homer in his famous epic poems "*The Iliad and The Odyssey*" used this Greek word for a soldier 'baptizing' his spear in pig's blood to identify his spear with blood of the enemy or with the death of the enemy. And the word is so used by other Greek writers, especially of the 5th century BC. So, we will emphasize the idea of identification in our understanding of Baptism.

THERE ARE SEVEN BAPTISMS IN THE BIBLE

(sorry Baptist, they are not all water!)

SEVEN IDENTIFICATIONS.

All seven of these baptism's can be classified as either **real** or **ritual**. The **ritual baptisms** are symbolic. A **real baptism** is an actual identification of one thing with another where a ritual baptism is identification by means of water.

1 Corinthians 10:2

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

THE REAL BAPTISMS

1 Baptism of Moses.

This is an historical account of the Exodus generation, referring specifically to the Red Sea, where while crossing no one got wet except the Egyptians, but the Jews are said to be baptized or identified with Moses into the cloud. The cloud was Jesus Christ, Moses followed the cloud, the people followed Moses. Moses walked across the sea, actually the sea ground and the people followed Moses and again are identified with Moses.

2 The Baptism of the cross.

Mark 10:38

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" (more correctly:) **...or to be dipped into, with the dipping which I am dipped. (or) ...or to be identified into the identification which I am to be identified.**

Luke 12:50 **"But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!**

This, of course, refers to the cross, where Jesus was identified with our sins in judgment called Baptism of the Cross. The Cup, in Mark 10:38, is filled with our sins... with the sins of the whole world. Christ drank the whole cup. He had to be identified with all the sins of the world

3 The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
This baptism includes everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST.

Acts 1:5 **for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."**

1 Corinthians 12:13 **For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Also, Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-28;

This is the Baptism we are seeing in Colossians 2:12. This is a real baptism, where everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Savior is identified or put in union with Christ, at the point of Faith in Christ. You can never lose the Baptism of Holy Spirit.

4 Baptism of Fire.

This baptism will be in two parts, Baptism of fire for Jews at the end of the Tribulation and the Baptism of Fire for Gentiles, also at end of the Tribulation. This is the removal of all unbelievers at the end of the Tribulation, only believers will go into the Millennial Kingdom. This is described in various parables: Wheat and Tares... where the Tares are cast into the fire. The parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-13.

THE REAL BAPTISMS

There Are Three Ritual Baptism

RITUAL BAPTISMS

- 1 The Baptism of John the Baptizer.** John 1:25-33
This baptism was symbolic of the one being baptized that he has believed that this Jesus was the promised Messiah, and by this baptism he was ritually identified with the coming King and His Kingdom.

John was the forerunner of JESUS CHRIST.
This is the first time Baptism was practiced.

There was no Jewish ritual of water baptism before the coming of John. John was separated from the Temple and from Jerusalem. He never baptized in Jerusalem. He was always out in the wilderness areas. He preached by the river Jordan. A Jew would go into the water to indicate his identification with this Jesus – he was identified with Jesus as the one anointed by God the Father as the Promised Messiah.
- 2 The baptism of Jesus.** Matthew 3:13-17
This was a ritual water baptism of Jesus where John first refused to baptize JESUS CHRIST but Jesus told him to baptize Him, for now this water represents something else, with JESUS CHRIST it represented the Plan of God

the Father to go to the cross and die for the sins of the world. (believer's sins and unbeliever's sins).

JESUS CHRIST was saying,
"I want this baptism"
*"I want to be identified with the sins of the world
and suffer judgment"*

The Baptism of JESUS CHRIST was a unique Baptism.

He was identified with our sins. When we receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we are identified with His death and life. This baptism is a RITUAL BAPTISM that looks forward to the real baptism of Jesus on the cross. It is most important to realize that the Baptism of JESUS CHRIST is a UNIQUE BAPTISM.

We do not follow JESUS CHRIST in baptism.

Nowhere in Scripture does it tell us to follow JESUS CHRIST in Baptism. To follow the Lord in Baptism would be to say that 'I am perfect, I am going to the cross to bear the judgment of sins.

No one can do that; that is blasphemy. That is a blasphemous statement usually said in ignorance. The Baptism of JESUS CHRIST is unique. In fact, everything about JESUS CHRIST is unique.

3 Baptism of believers Acts 16:33

This is a ritual baptism that the person believes that this Jesus is their Savior. Going under the water where the water represents identification with JESUS CHRIST in His

death, coming out of the water is identification with JESUS CHRIST in His resurrection. There is no reference to water baptism in any of the epistles to the church except where Paul forgets who he might have baptized. In contrast, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is mentioned several times as in Colossians 2:12.

It is so important that if a believer chooses to be baptized that he/she understands it has nothing to do with Salvation, but only with identification with JESUS CHRIST.

Colossians 2:12 **having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.**

Here you are alive, being buried with someone who is also alive. This is in the AORIST TENSE—this has already happened to you, the moment you believed in JESUS CHRIST as Savior. This is a most unique aorist.

First, a point in time when Christ died on the cross for our sins and was buried—this is a point in time; but... here is another point in time in the 20th or 21st century some 2000 years later and when someone believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior—and that is at a point in time.

So, what we have is a point in time superimposed on another point in time. This is truly a unique AORIST TENSE and a most unique concept, yet this happens to everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior. People, please understand **THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST IN YOU AND YOU IN CHRIST.**

When we believe in JESUS CHRIST, we are identified with Him; when He died on a cross for our sins some 2000 years ago. And yet we are physically alive here on earth today.

Try to explain that to a psychiatrist!

When you are in union with Christ, you are identified with Him in His Death, Burial and Resurrection and His Ascension.

Having been buried

This is in the passive voice in Greek, this is the grace voice, we receive this at the point of salvation. This is the ministry of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Having been buried with Him in Baptism

More in line with the original manuscript where we have the preposition *en* plus the INSTRUMENTAL OF BAPTISM and should be translated:

by means of having been buried with Him by means of Baptism.

We have listed the Seven Baptisms in the Bible
and of these 7,
***the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the one
that requires your greatest attention and understanding.***

A Baptism of the Holy Spirit

I.

Five Salvation ministries of the Holy Spirit

- 1. Regeneration:** Eternal Life is imputed to the human spirit.
John 3:1-6; Titus 3:5, 1 Peter 1:23
The Holy Spirit is the Agent of the New Birth;
being 'born again' 1 Peter 1:32; or 'born from above' John 3:3.
- 2. Baptism of the Holy Spirit:** Acts 1:5; 2:1-4; Ephesians 4:5;
1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:26-28;
By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we are entered into Union
with JESUS CHRIST.
- 3. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit:** Galatians 3: and 4:6;
1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20.
By the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit our bodies become a
sacred Temple for the Indwelling of JESUS CHRIST as the
Shekinah Glory Romans 8:9; John 7:37-39; 14:15-17. As we will
see, the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit is toward God while the
Filling of the Holy Spirit is toward the world.
- 4. Sealing by the Holy Spirit:** Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30;
2 Corinthians 1:22.
God has placed a seal on you because you are valuable and
you belong to God and no one can break this Seal... not even
you by sin. The Sealing Ministry of the Holy Spirit is the
guarantee of Eternal Life in Christ.

5. **Distribution of Spiritual Gifts:** 1 Corinthians 12:11

This makes every believer important to the Body of Christ in the Church Universal. Every Spiritual Gift is vital to the local assembly.

PRINCIPLE:

You cannot lose any of these 5 Salvation ministries of the Holy Spirit; they are by God, not dependent on you. You did nothing to earn them. You can do nothing to lose them. You may not use the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, you may not use your Spiritual Gift, but they are there all the same and God never takes them back.

Think of all that God has to 'undo' if a believer can lose his/her salvation, as some of the most moronic teachers teach. "You can commit a sin or sins and lose your salvation."

God is faithful and is not going to undo all He has done for you and to you.

II. **Definition of Baptism**

1. Greek word is **baptize** and means to dip, to immerse, to submerge for a number of reasons, primarily identification.
2. This Greek word **BAPTIZE** for our study in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit Metaphorically gives four basic ideas.

- (1) Identification:
By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we are identified with JESUS CHRIST.
- (2) Induction:
By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we are inducted into the Body of JESUS CHRIST.
- (3) Initiation:
By the Baptism of JESUS CHRIST we are initiated into the New Age or the CHURCH AGE.
- (4) Association:
By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we are placed into Association with JESUS CHRIST and all that He is.

III.

Characteristics of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

First: It is **UNIVERSAL**—given to every person, any person who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior from the day of Pentecost to the Rapture of the Church. 1 Corinthians 12:13

13 **For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Ephesians 4:4-5

4 ***There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;***

Second: No one is to ask for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit nor to be baptized by the Holy Spirit. Nowhere in Scripture are we instructed to ask for or seek or even desire the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is a **free gift** from God to everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior.

Third: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is **non-experiential**. It does not come by spiritual growth nor is it associated with experiential or physical experience.

Fourth: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit **occurs at the point of Faith in JESUS CHRIST**, along with the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the Sealing by the Holy Spirit; along with 33 other things you receive at the point of Salvation.

IV.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit is unique to the Church Age

This is one of the primary points on why the Church Age began on the Day of Pentecost recorded in Acts 2.

JESUS CHRIST had to leave planet earth and be glorified by God the Father, only then can we be baptized in Christ.

V.

Baptism of the HS is distinct to the CHURCH AGE, not the age of Israel

1. 1 Acts 1:5

5 **for John baptized with water, but you will be (-future-) baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”** (10 days to the Day of Pentecost recorded in Acts 2.) Future to JESUS CHRIST departure from earth to Throne of God in the Third Heaven.

2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit (placing believers into union with JESUS CHRIST) started on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2;

Acts 11:15-16

15 **“And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as *He did* upon us at the beginning.** (Specifically identifying the beginning of the CHURCH AGE with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.)

16 **“And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’**

VI.

Pertinent passages on the Bapt of the Holy Spirit

1. All four of the Gospels prophesied the coming of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 24:49; John 1:33 and Acts 1:5.
2. Acts 2:1-4 records the historical beginning of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and, therefore, the beginning of the CHURCH AGE.
3. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 It is very important as to where Paul speaks of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Corinthian church was splitting into factions over the issue of spiritual gifts. Overemphasis on certain spectacular gifts (tongues) had led to the attitude that some believers had the more desirable gifts, while others had lesser gifts.

In response, to this splitting issue, Paul exclaims, "We're all one! Do not separate from One Another because of Spiritual Gifts.

13 And to prove his point, he explains, "**For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit**" (verse 13)

12 **For even as the body is one and yet has many members, (analogy from our physical bodies) and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.**

- 13 **For by** (by means of or by the agency of)
one Spirit (Holy Spirit)
we (everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST))
were (the moment you believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior)
all baptized into one body, (at the point of Faith in JESUS CHRIST as Savior God the Holy Spirit inducts or places you into the body of JESUS CHRIST)
whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Drink is used here first to show the grace aspect of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit—**by Faith in JESUS CHRIST**; then drink is used here to associate this with the Cup of Communion where we drink of the Cup of the New Covenant which is centered on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives once we are saved.

4. Galatians 3:27

For all of you (who believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior)
who were baptized (at the point of Faith in JESUS CHRIST, a believer is Baptized, or put into the body of JESUS CHRIST; the body of JESUS CHRIST is made up of believers all over the world) **into Christ**

Next we have yet another description of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit **have clothed yourselves with Christ.**

The cherished name “**Christian**” started out as a derogatory remark meaning: “**little Christ**” the idea was you have no self-identity, you cannot think for yourself, you think like JESUS CHRIST.

How I wish this were true of everyone who has believed in JESUS CHRIST.

5. Ephesians 4:4-6

4 **There is one body** (while the church is so divided between denominations and movements there is one universal body, the body of Christ) **and one Spirit**, (of referring to God the Holy Spirit) **just as also you were called in one hope/confidence of your calling;**

5 **one Lord**, (Jesus the Christ)
one faith, (Faith in JESUS CHRIST to enter into this body)
one baptism, (which units all believers.)

6 **one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.**

VII.

Preparation for Battle

There are Two things every believer must have to live for Christ in this New Age of the Church.

- (1) Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- (2) Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Both of these Supernatural blessings occurred on the First Day of the Church.

Acts 1:4-5

4 **Gathering them together, JESUS CHRIST**

(gathering the disciples together, in Jerusalem before He ascended to God the Father)

He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait

(before they went out and tried to fulfill the Great Commission, or started spreading the Gospel or teaching, they were not yet prepared to serve Him or the Father)

for what the Father had promised.

(Promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit for both Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.)

“Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; (Recorded in the Gospels.)

5 **for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**

And then and only then will you be prepared to spread the gospel and start local churches. This New Age, called the CHURCH AGE, will be unique in history. No longer will there be a Special Race (Jews) or Special Nation (Israel) or even a promised land.

This is a world-wide opening or an **“INTENSIFIED STAGE OF THE ANGELIC CONFLICT”** and you will all need these Special Preparations for the Conflict you are entering.

People, you must understand and be aware of some of the differences between the Age of Israel and the CHURCH AGE. The Gospel is the same, Salvation is the same, however, the Warfare is much different.

Now, in the Church Age every born-again believer is a target in the Church Age. You individually, your marriage, your family, your church, your spiritual life...all under siege by Satan and his army of fallen angels.

And to prepare you for this battle God had given each of us a number of Spiritual weapons.

- (1) He has Clothed us in Christ by the **Baptism of the Holy Spirit,**
- (2) He has equipped each one with the **Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.**

For **greater is He who is in you than He who is in the world** (Satan) (1 John 4:4) and

- (3) He has given us the completed Canon of Scripture (*sorry Mormons*) 2 Timothy 3:16

16 **All Scripture** (Old Testament and New Testament) **is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;**

17 **so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD EVERY DAY FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE BIBLE; IT IS THESE THREE THAT ENABLE YOU TO LIVE IN CHURCH AGE SERVING JESUS CHRIST.

VIII.

Results of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- (1) Everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior is put into Union with JESUS CHRIST. This is what the word Baptism of the Holy Spirit means.

And once you are put into union with JESUS CHRIST you can never be taken out. This is one of the things God does to guarantee us with Eternal Life;

**ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED,
ONCE BAPTIZED ALWAYS BAPTIZED IN
CHRIST.**

This is what Unifies every person around the world—we are each Baptized into Union with JESUS CHRIST.

- (2) By baptism of the Holy Spirit every believer is put into the body of JESUS CHRIST. 1 Corinthians 12:13
So, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit unites us with Christ and unites us with One Another. Therefore, we are to love One Another as JESUS CHRIST loves us and we are to serve One Another in Spiritual Love.

(3) By the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, every believer is made joint heirs of JESUS CHRIST. As a result of being in union with Christ, we share what Christ has.

- a. We share His eternal life (1 John 5:11-12).
- b. We share His righteousness, Doctrine of Imputation of +R (Perfect Righteousness).
- c. We share Christ's destiny under predestination. JESUS CHRIST is the only Predestined person in history and once we believe in JESUS CHRIST we share His destiny.
- d. We share Christ's election. JESUS CHRIST is the only one elected in history, God has chosen to elect anyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior.
- e. Jesus Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, has a third royal title. We share in His royalty as His royal family.
- f. We become a new spiritual species, 2 Corinthians 5:17

IX.

Challenge of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- 1 This truth should give every believer confidence, security and identification in Christ, not in some denomination or church or some teacher, not even

Paul. –we are not Baptized into Paul. This is a doctrine you can rely on and find peace in when everything else is so un-stabilizing.

2 As we have seen we are all baptized into JESUS CHRIST; this should unify all believers. However, not surprisingly, THIS TRUTH has been used to divide so many Christians.

3 We have spent this time and gone through this study for you, for your knowledge and comfort. Please do not use this information to divide people. I encourage you not to go into some group that has other views, like...

1.	That the CHURCH AGE began with Paul .or.
2.	That you can lose your salvation .or.
3.	Baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs sometime after initial Salvation. Referring to Second Experience or Second Blessing; .or.
4.	This is a special blessing that gives the person some special power to live the Christian Way of Life, etc., but do not use this information to cause trouble to divide people. Certainly, if you are in a position, reference to the Truth of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit to <u>show</u> someone that they cannot lose their Salvation.

“Comfort One Another with these Words”