

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Covenant. Christ Jesus. Entering In. Abiding In. Priesthood.



CRITICAL BIBLICAL THINKING | LESSON 3 (use NASB)

In Revelation 1:5-7 , what does it say Christ made us to be?	NOTES
Look at Revelation 5:9-11 : It speaks of how Christ is worthy and how His blood purchased for God men from every tribe, and tongue and people and nation. It says, "You have made them to be what?"	
Look at Hebrews 10:11-13 : it speaks of how priest in the Old Covenant had to continually offer sacrifices that can never take away sin – what does it says Jesus did?	
Look at Romans 6:3-11 : Paul says <i>all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus</i> – So can you agree that his letter is by default (because of what he has written) is being addressed to believers who were baptized? What does he say they were baptized into? Baptism is equated with burial. Again, into what? Why is death important? So that what will happen? Water baptism and burial are then spoke of as being united with Christ. What are we uniting in? _Water baptism, burial and union and then connected to our old self being what? Having our old self crucified with Christ is for what purpose? Is it important that our body of sin is done away with? If it is for the purpose of not being a slave to sin, if someone isn't water baptized, doesn't that mean that they have not been freed from sin? What separates us from the Father?	
Read 2 Corinthians 2:15-16a .	
Read Exodus 30:20 , why must the priest wash with water?	
In John 3:3 , Jesus said, "... <i>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.</i> " What is "born again" according to the BIBLE!	
Then just a few verses later in John 3:5 , He said, " <i>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of _____ and the _____ he _____ enter into the kingdom of God</i> "	
Read John 3:6.-7	
Read John 3:8 . What clues does Jesus give about being born of the Spirit?	
Read Matthew 19:28 , those who follow Him in _____ will judge the twelve tribes of Israel? NOTE : the "church" is both Jew and Gentile followers	
Do you agree that if Jesus said, that being born again, is a requirement of entering the kingdom of God, then as believers, we must go to God, and to His Word, and ask the question 'when in a person's journey are they born again'?	
Do you agree that if Jesus said that it was being born of water then we must also ask the question 'When is someone born of water'?	
Do you agree that if Jesus said that being born of the Spirit is a requirement, then we also must ask "when in a believer's journey are they born of the Spirit?"	
Lastly, if you can answer yes to the above questions, can you also deduce that if it is a requirement of Covenant, then it is also not a works-based entrance into the Kingdom?	
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Read Titus 3:5-6 . Who is the “He” in this? The Father or Christ Jesus? What did He do? When are we made righteous? Since we are not made righteous until we have come through Christ Jesus, then what are the deeds that we do IN righteousness? Father God saved us according to what? Father God saves us by what two things? When was the first documentation of the Holy Spirit being poured out upon believers? Who did this pouring out come through?	
If the New Covenant has terms and those terms are about being born again and if we can define Biblically that water baptism and Holy Spirit birth is also about being baptized doesn't what Jesus said in Mark 16:16 make sense?	
Though you may not understand this concept YET, what do you think it means to “think like a Greek” or to preach from a Greek perspective?	
Let's dive into Titus 3:5-6. Go to https://biblehub.com/interlinear/titus/3-5.htm First, look at MERCY by clicking on the 1656 above the word. Look at the HELP WORD Studies. Why is understanding covenant-loyalty or covenant love important?	
REMINDER: A covenant is, between two parties, it is a set agreement having complete terms determined by the initiating party, which also are fully affirmed by the one entering the agreement .	
What have you been taught: Is this covenant made with the blood of Jesus conditional or unconditional?	
Biblically it is a conditional covenant—but what are the terms ? Who is the initiating party?	
Can you agree Biblically, that God the Father had a plan and His plan involved sending His Son as a blood sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin?	
If you know this is true Biblically then you also can deduce that Father God IS the one who initiated the Covenant?	
Based on what you have looked at so far, can you see that Jesus did indeed say that there were terms stipulated for entering the Kingdom of God?	
How, based on what you have looked at so far, can you see that a believer affirms the terms of agreement to enter into the Kingdom of God?	
SOMETHING TO PONDER: Are we “accepting” Christ or are we “accepting who He is”? What does it mean to “receive”?	
Scripture says that once someone comes to a believing faith then they must: repent, get baptized into Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit. What does the Holy Spirit do when He is WITH mankind? (believer or non-believer)? Can Holy Spirit be IN a believer if they have not RECEIVED Him?	
If all of this is true and these are terms , then it must also be true that none of these things could or ever would be considered as it says in Titus 3:5-6 “ deeds done in righteousness ”.	
Back to Titus 3:5-6: Can you agree that no one is made righteous until they have come through Christ? So, then Paul is saying any deed that one does after being MADE righteous is not about salvation but rather proof of faith with works-do you agree?	
There are many who claim that baptism would be a “ works based righteousness ” meaning that the person is trying to earn it by doing something. And the key is “ earn ” and by definition that means people contend that something like baptism is about a person acquiring or deserving salvation as a result of THEIR personal effort or action . Have you heard this? Is this what you have been told is true?	

<p>If you have been looking at every Scripture that has been provided, then I hope that you are now beginning to see why we must understand that the terms are about going through Jesus’s effort or action – not ours. Because nothing we do can earn salvation.</p>	
<p>Let’s go back to Titus 3:5-6. Go to https://biblehub.com/interlinear/titus/3-5.htm As we saw previously, “according to His mercy” is also defined as His compassion or covenant-loyalty or covenant- love. This verse further defines that-- it is by or through Christ the Greek word is “dia”. Click on the 1223 (e). Look at Strong’s Concordance. Look at the HELP WORD Study.</p>	
<p>What you should have seen is that when you see the word “through” it is defined as being by the instrument of something or on the account of something or because of something. In other words, you successfully cross to the other side by this thing happening.</p>	
<p>What does Scripture define at that “something”? In other words, the way a person enters salvation that has been offered is by or through something.</p>	
<p>What is the washing of regeneration? We have looked at regeneration and know that It is the new birth and being born again which Jesus said we needed to be to enter the Kingdom of heaven. So, click on 3067 and see what washing is.</p>	
<p>Washing is water and specifically water in ceremonial washing and regeneration is New Birth and baptism is washing but not of dirt but of conscience. <i>We will dive into this in the next lesson.</i></p>	
<p>When you study the Bible, it tells you exactly what happens in water baptism. If water baptism does not happen, then it also means the following things do not occur in a person’s life: they are not clothed with Christ, they are not a new creation, they have not been buried with Christ, they have not been raised to a new life, they have not been united with Him in death, and they have not been united with Him in His resurrection, their old self is not crucified, the body of sin is not done away with, which means they are also still slaves to sin - Which also means they have not been freed from sin, and if they have not died with Him, then it also means they cannot live with Him, and if they are not in Him, they are not complete, and they have not been circumcised in the removal of the body of flesh and their life is not hidden with Christ. They are not born of God, and they are not saved, because when a person is raised up with Christ, it can only come through faith. Anybody can believe in Christ Jesus, but it takes faith to believe that Jesus, the Son of God, and that God, the Father have the ability to perform something spiritually supernatural by simply getting in the water. It is through faith and the word “through” is so much bigger than any of us have been taught. The washing is specifically referring to water and to make it even more simple --water baptism.</p>	
<p>Although we will look at every single documentation of these Biblical statements that I have made, I challenge you to go find them BEFORE the next lesson.</p>	

One final thought for you to ponder: If we know that the Book of Acts is documentation of the foundation and establishment of the first Church and that everyone entered the Kingdom the same exact way, by logic why does Paul and other New Testament writers address certain aspects of these terms sometimes with encouragement and sometimes with correction?