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The Old Ship of Zion
Only believers "shall take up
serpents" (of the sea). (Mk. 16:18)

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SAVED BY THE WATER AND THE BLOOD!

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"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." (Jn. 3:5)

What does it mean to be "born of water"? We have untold millions of Christians who claim to be born again by the Spirit. Is this sufficient to ENTER the kingdom of God? In answering this question, Jesus said that by the new birth alone, one can only SEE the kingdom of God exists. *"Except a man be born again, he cannot SEE the kingdom of God (exists)." (Jn. 3:3)*

A.A.'s Higher Power

Even the Alcoholics Anonymous, who can claim a doorknob, or any god of their own choosing, as a "higher power," testify to some spiritual experience as a result of an acknowledgement of a need. Communists feel some sort of enlightening experience as a result of their decision to war against capitalism. "I saw the light" experience is why they become Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons or Christian Scientists. It is not enough to just see the kingdom of God; you must also be *"BORN OF WATER."* (Jn. 3:5) to enter.

Billy Graham's "Go to the church of your choice"

At the altar calls at a Billy Graham crusade, Billy instructs the new born again believers, "Go to the church of your choice." They saw the light at these altars, but don't have a clue as to the direction their spiritual new birth should take them. They've never been "born of the water." It is interesting to note that ever since the Billy Graham Crusades began in Los Angeles, there has been a corresponding explosion of the cults. His success has not diminished the growth factor of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Jehovah's Witnesses, or the occult Satanist churches.

"Ye must be born of water" (Jn. 3:5) Born of the incarnate seed, the Word of God

While Jesus was hanging on the cross and already dead, *"one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out BLOOD and WATER."* (Jn. 19:34) The blood is an atonement for your sins, but the water (type of the Word) is what will save you. The blood alone will not get you to heaven. Ye must be "born of the water."

Anytime Jesus puts a "Verily, verily," and in this case a double "verily" before a sentence, it immediately should get your attention. "Verily" (Gk.-firm, trustworthy, so be it! Strong's #281). It is an amen to absolute truth. There is no way for you to get around a Jesus Christ "Verily, verily I say unto you!" You are to come to attention and listen. *"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."* (Jn. 3:5)

Water baptism is symbolic of this water that you are being immersed into The Word of God. *"He that believeth AND is baptized (immersed in water) SHALL BE SAVED."* (Mk. 16:16) One is SAVED BY THE WATER AND THE BLOOD! This is a message the Dallas Theological Seminary can't accept. According to those boys, the blood alone saves you. We could also throw in Jimmy Swaggart's "new revelation" along with them. The blood alone will only get you to see that the kingdom of God exists. But the big question is, "Now that my eyes are open, how do I enter?"

Every Word Church?

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matt. 4:4) Unless you're a member in good standing of the EVERY WORD Church of God in Christ, a word like WATER could prove insignificant to you.

When you join yourself to the rostrum of the EVERY WORD CHURCH, you soon discover folk get disenchanted due to their pre-programmed religiosity of the mind, hence cannot continue to follow on. Apostle Paul beckons, *"know how ye ought to follow us."* (2 Thess. 3:7)

Jesus taught, *"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me...I am that bread of life...This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die."* (Jn. 6:44-45,48,50)

Blood is not enough

Here we go again—another "Verily, verily." You better hear, *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except YE EAT THE FLESH of the Son of man, and DRINK HIS BLOOD, ye have no life in you."* (Jn. 6:53) There you have it! The blood is not enough!

The preaching of the cross, Jimmy Swaggart's new revelation, will get your eyes open, but you must eat His flesh (the Word) to enter into the kingdom of heaven. One is saved by water (the Word) and the blood.

How can this man give us His flesh to eat?

"Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?" (Jn. 6:60) These disciples were taking a poll in their own hearts as to the number of converts they could acquire preaching the "eating of Christ's flesh."

"Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (Jn. 6:54) Again, the blood is not enough. One must "eat His flesh" also, to enter the kingdom of God. *"The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"* (Jn. 6:52) Does your preacher only preach sermons that appeal to your "itching ears"? *"For the time will come when they (the good church members) will not endure sound doctrine; but AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching (Gk.-to tickle) ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables (fiction or myth)."* (2 Tim. 4:3-4) Jesus concludes by saying, *"This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever."* (Jn. 6:58) Please note, in this instance Jesus never mentioned the blood as a criteria to live forever.

Jesus perceived his own disciples murmuring (grumbling) at this teaching, and asked them. *"Doth this offend you?"* (Jn. 6:61) You keep on being a member of the EVERY WORD CHURCH, and I'll give you something even more difficult for your brain! *"What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?"* (Jn. 6:62) *"From that time many of his disciples went back (the Every Word Church was too much), and walked no more with him."* (Jn. 6:66)

Captain repudiates any Bible that omits the "Verily, verily's"

It seems strange for folks who have been reading the Old Ship of Zion newsletter for five years or more, to suddenly mark "Refuse, Return to Sender" on the envelope. It happened to Jesus as well. *"But there are some of you that believe not."* (Jn. 6:64) *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the WORDS that I speak unto you, THEY ARE SPIRIT, and THEY ARE LIFE."* (Jn. 6:63) Do you believe this? If you do, why do you now read a Bible version that omits the "Verily, verily's" as important?

Without the "verily, verily's," how can you know which is by far the most important verse in the chapter for you to heed? In the Every Word Church, it is anathema (Gk.-accursed) to drop any word from Holy Writ. *"And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life."* (Rev. 22:19)

Martin Luther was an Every Word Disciple

Martin Luther was an "Every Word Disciple" of Christ. While visiting in Rome for the first time, he was in the process of praying a prayer on each step of the "holy stairs." Suddenly God spoke out of heaven, "Martin Luther, stand on your feet! For the just shall live by faith!" To the amazement of Martin Luther, he found those exact words were already written in the Bible. *"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."* (Rom. 1:17)

The entire world of religion was locked into Catholicism. It was called The Dark Ages. The light of the gospel had gone out! But God speaking a word to a Catholic priest sounded the alarm for the Reformation and the Lutheran Church was born: a glimmer of truth brought revival.

Martin Luther

The Lutherans built denominational walls about this precious truth, *"The just shall live by faith."* In the process of building, they forgot the "faith to faith" part of Romans 1:17. You must always keep your eye on the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night to lead, which is a type of the Holy Ghost. *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* (Rom. 8:14)

Under Martin Luther's successors, John Knox and John Calvin, the church became so bogged down in eternal security and predestination that had not God sent "another cloud," the church would have returned once again to the Dark Ages. The "another cloud" was the Wesleyan Methodist revival.

God sent "another cloud" that John Wesley and George Whitfield detected. It was all well and good that *"the just shall live by faith,"* but *"holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."* (Heb. 12:14). *"And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way."* (Ex. 13:21) God seldom is early, nor is He late, but always on time in visiting His people with revival.

John Wesley

John Wesley said, "Give me 100 preachers that hate the devil and love God and I'll rock the earth in revival." Most scholars identify this one revival as the church of Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7) and the Church of the Open Door. In this Methodist revival, the great missionary program was birthed. When God opens doors, no man can shut them! Like all religion, it starts in revival and then familiarity sets in, and the first thing we know it has gone full circle.

The church is instructed, *"Ye should earnestly contend for THE FAITH which was once delivered unto the saints."* (Jude 3) THE FAITH of the Book of Acts was lost in the Dark Ages when Romanism ruled the religious life of the world. The church is on a progressive march toward recapturing THE FAITH as exhibited in the early church. Martin Luther, coming out of total darkness saw a glimmer of

truth: *"The just shall live by faith."* Just when the church was about to return to Romanism, God sent a cloud of holiness that John Wesley perceived.

William Seymour

Finally appeared the Pentecostal revival that was first birthed in Topeka, Kansas. William Seymour was a student of Charles Parham, who founded Bethel Bible College in Topeka, Kansas. After a prayer meeting in which a student began speaking in tongues, Parham interpreted the speaking in tongues as a sign of receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. William Seymour came to Los Angeles and rented the Old Glory Barn on Azusa Street. The rest is history, the experience of glossolalia circled the earth that had neither television nor radio as an advance man to help promote it. It was God on the march!

Methodism, like Lutheranism organized around "a truth," but God longs to impart to man *"THE FAITH which once delivered unto the saints."* Pentecostalism is as much bogged down today as were the Lutherans and Methodists in their day.

As God moved in the past, so He will move in the future. It is time for God to send another cloud. It is a cloud of truth that has always been in the Bible, but suddenly a cloud lifts from off our eyes and we can see. *"Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: for I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."* (Lk. 10:23-24)

You think you have observed all that God has prepared for those that love Him? Do you think three songs, a special number, a prayer and a twenty-minute discourse on religion exhausted heaven? The Bible says, *"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."* This is not referring to the next life, for Paul adds, *"But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God...Which things also we speak, not in the words (of original documents) which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."* (1 Cor. 2:9-10,13)

The revealed things are spiritually discerned. (C.I. Scofield)

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual JUDGETH ALL THINGS, yet he himself is judged of no man." (1 Cor. 2:14-15)

Captain's introduction to judgment!

My introduction to this type of judgment was brought about through the voice of God. C. (for Cash) Tom Patten, alias "The Kingfish," was taking up an offering. In the process, he uttered these words, "What I do with this money is nobody's business but mine. If I take this money and throw it in Lake Merritt, it is none of your business. If you own one of these three name religious non-profit incorporations, have plenty of money and smart lawyers, you can do anything and get by." The words had hardly left his lips when God spoke to me, "And you're going to stop him!"

I pondered these words in my heart until the time when God gave me a dream. In this dream I was on a witness stand. I knew then I had received my marching orders from the Lord. This man had to be judged! The Bible says, *"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God."* (1 Pet. 4:17)

Even in the typology of the Old Testament, the blood is not enough!

Egypt is a type of the world, and Pharaoh a type of the devil that rules us completely as a hard taskmaster while we were yet sinners. We were delivered by Moses, a type of Christ, when we cross through the Red Sea, a type of the blood, only to enter our wilderness experience.

One cannot make it through the wilderness of churchianity without Joshua, a type of the Holy Ghost, into the Promised Land. All died in the wilderness that crossed the Red Sea, save Joshua and Caleb. The Red Sea is a type of the blood, and it proved to be not enough to carry them through to their desired destination, the land that flows with milk and honey!

Point of order, dear Captain! Where do you get the authority to apply all these types as you have just done? The authority comes directly from the great Apostle to the Gentiles. God knew that man would get so confused by religion in the end time, that a plain path for ordinary people had to be provided for anyone to find salvation.

Apostle Paul gives it to us in 1 Corinthians 10:1-15, *"Now all these things happened unto them for EXAMPLES: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."* (1 Cor. 10:11) You can take it to the bank, honey! Every typology I've used is correct.

Jesus Christ, a type of Moses, is "a minister of the circumcision"

According to Paul's writings, Jesus is called, *"a minister of the circumcision,"* or legalism. (Rom. 15:8) *"Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers."* Read it! Jesus in typology is a type of Moses the lawgiver. The law was barred from grace. No one had ever been "saved by grace" before the day of Pentecost. That was the

Flagship Grace that descended at Pentecost. To reject this "Ship of Zion," is to reject the only ship to carry us all home at the rapture with the opening of the sixth seal. To reject the Holy Spirit's baptism of fire, is to reject the Flagship Grace. Grace is not something you wear, but what you *"labour therefore to enter into that rest."* (Heb. 4:11)

Climb on board, Matie! We are headed for a storm. This "Ship of Zion" will make it through! *"For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"* (Rev. 6:17) There will not be one soul "left behind." Those that are left behind will have all accepted the mark, which may include many of your family members. When your own earth family turns on you because you refused the mark, you'll see how fragile is the family mankind trusts in so much.

Moses' bones remain on top of Mount Pisgah, looking down on the Promised Land. Jesus Christ, *"is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God."* (1 Pet. 3:22) *"We have such a high priest, WHO IS SET ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE...For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law."* (Heb. 8:1,4) Law and Grace are like oil and water: they never mix. *"And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."* (Rom. 11:6) So, Jesus is on Mount Pisgah in heaven, *"seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them"* (Heb. 7:25) on earth, while the bones of Moses remain on Mount Pisgah on earth, looking down on the Promised Land.

The General gives the orders here on earth!

We who are filled with the Holy Ghost are authorized to use His Name as His representative on earth. Who authorized you, Captain, to open up a website and write these newsletters? The Holy Ghost is the General! The Commander in Chief is at the right hand of God's throne.

"Wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein"

A ten-year-old kid can read exactly what I wrote on typology and understand. If you drop in hell, it is because you loved your sins, not because you can't understand. *"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."* (Isa. 35:8) You can know the way of salvation and that you are on the correct highway. You don't need a Doctor of Divinity, like D. James Kennedy, a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS), to show you the way, *"though fools, shall not err therein."*

According to Noah Hutchings of Southwest Radio Church, D. James Kennedy is an amillennialist.¹

¹ Southwest Radio Church of the Air – Letter from Noah Hutchings in December 2004 mailing

Dr. Kennedy apparently doesn't believe there will be a millennial reign of Christ on earth at all. *"Let God be true, but every man a liar."* (Rom. 3:4)

The amillennialist believes the thousand year reign (Rev. 20) was initiated by the death and resurrection of Christ. The word amillennial means "no millennium." It is an old Presbyterian doctrine that teaches the world is getting better and better because the gospel is preached. Kennedy also revives John Knox and John Calvin's doctrines of eternal security and predestination as taught by DTS.

We must therefore *"labour to enter into that rest."* (Heb. 4:11) *"For if Jesus (a type of Moses) had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day."* (Heb. 4:8) Joshua, a type of the Holy Ghost, leads you into "that rest," where you are free from all Pharaohs, lords, little gods and hirelings that seek to enslave God's people all over again. The devil didn't go out of business simply because you crossed the Red Sea.

The cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night always marches forward, ever attempting for man to be able to tap into *"THE FAITH once delivered (ACTS of the Holy Ghost) unto the saints."* (Jude 3) We do not need a revival of Calvinism!

God never returns to a former glory. It has had its day! The unraveling of truth from the complete darkness of the Dark Ages is always forward. *"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, THE THINGS which God hath prepared for them that love him."* (1 Cor. 2:9) Tomorrow will be better in the church, with persecution, than it is today on this earth. The Bible does not say this world is becoming a better place to live in, but rather as it was in the days of Noah. *"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."* (Gen. 6:5)

An amillennialist is an optimist; everything will be better tomorrow! But God's Word refutes that claim. We have an entire generation coming behind us that has been reared in government schools. It's been said, "One generation can erase the past history." The generation of the 1960's is what the church met head on in this past election. We are seeing the Democratic Party being overcome by foreigners, George Soros, Hollywood and Michael Moore.

Is this a warm up for future events? When will the church begin to cry it is enough, *"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."* Come quickly! (Rev. 22:20) The church, under amillennialism is not seeking an escape from this Sodom and Gomorrah called earth, but rather to transform it by their efforts of Christianity.

One should be asking, How am I going to get out of here? Noah built an ark *"to the saving of his (own) house."* (Heb. 11:7) I'm telling you, here and now, the only way out of this mess is by the "Chariot of fire" God sent down to earth on the day of Pentecost.

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." (Rom. 8:11) Do you know what Spirit raised Christ from the dead? You're right—it was the Holy Ghost! He is the General and has commanded all the Captains that a storm is coming! Amillennialism does nothing to prepare you for what is just ahead. You had better trust the Holy Ghost, rather than your fabled doctrines that are so outdated and dry.

***"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."* (2 Tim. 3:13)**

Reverend Carlton Pearson of Tulsa, OK, owns his own church via a three name, non-profit incorporation; therefore he is free to preach anything he desires. It is sad, because he was once considered as presidential candidate material.

This apostasy has the ring of O.L. Jagers, who suddenly believed he would never die. Preachers have a hard time when they believe they are little gods. They refuse to follow the example of Jesus Christ and the Apostle Paul by going two-by-two. *"Separate me Barnabas AND Saul for the work whereunto I have called them"* for the ministry. (Acts 13:2)

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up." (Ecc. 4:9-10)

The fact that Noah's Ark existed, condemned the world

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world." (Heb. 11:7) All Noah did was build an ark! Its very existence condemned the religious world of his day.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land (via satellite TV) to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." (Matt. 23:15)

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"If ye continue in my word" (Jn. 8:31)

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." (Matt. 5:6) If you have no hunger and thirsting after what is truth, you are already filled. You are completely satisfied with your "hireling" or "lord" type government. I'd just be preaching to the walls and watching

my voice bounce off the walls! You may as well mark, "Refused, Return to Sender" on my next mailing. I am not attempting to convert anyone. Jesus said, *"No man can come unto me, EXCEPT it were given unto him of my Father."* (Jn. 6:65) I believe that!

To some, to be saved by water and the blood is a new revelation from scripture. The "only believism" as taught by Dallas Theological Seminary is only relevant to the healing of the body, not the salvation of the soul. Saved is a progressive verb, not a noun! I was saved, I am being saved, and I shall be saved, contingent upon, *"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed."* (Jn. 8:31)

You were saved by the blood, but had to come to the water of the Word for many washings to stay clean. *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."* (Tit. 3:5) *"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with (the blood? Nay!) the WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD."* (Eph. 5:26)

Do you believe those disciples were saved that followed Jesus up until the time He declared, *"He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him"*? These *"disciples went back, and walked no more with him."* (Jn. 6:56,66) Frankly, they did not believe in cannibalism! The very thought of literally eating Christ's flesh made them want to vomit. They thought, "This man is crazy!" Have you been called crazy for your belief in God?