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WE BE BRETHREN

- 1. What Does It Mean?** The human race is related through Adam. The Jews were brethren through Abraham. Christians are brethren through Christ. (Gal 3:26-27) *“For ye are _____ the children of _____ by _____ in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as _____ baptized _____ Christ have _____ Christ.”* The context assures that only those who *“have been baptized”* are brothers and sisters in Christ. This lesson is about brethren in the Lord.
- 2. Why Baptism?** Simple! It is when the new birth takes place. Jesus told Nicodemus (Jn 3:5), *“Except a man be _____ of _____ and of the _____, he cannot _____ into the kingdom of God.”* Paul said (Rom 6:4) that *“we are _____ with him by _____ into _____”* and *“like as Christ was _____ from the _____”* that *“even so we also should walk in _____ of life.”* The *“born again”* one has *“newness of life.”* The unrepentant and unbaptized one is not a member of the spiritual family.
- 3. The Spiritual Family** God’s house is (1 Tim 3:15) *“the _____ of the living God.”* It is also described as (Col 1:18) *“the _____, the church.”* Paul wrote (1 Cor 12:13), *“For by one _____ are we all _____ into one _____.”* The one body = the church = the house of God = (Eph 3:15) *“the _____ in heaven and earth.”* It is abundantly clear that only those scripturally baptized = the spiritual family = brethren.
- 4. All Men Share The Father But Only To Some Degree** God is called (Heb 12:9) *“the Father of _____.”* God created every human (Gen 1:27) *“in his own _____.”* He gave man *infinite* life in addition to the *finite* (animated) life. All men share this separation from the rest of the animal kingdom. Jesus plainly taught eternal punishment and reward. He said (Mk 9:39-50) that the compassionate (V41) *“shall not _____ his _____,”* but those that offend (V43) *“go into _____, into the _____ that _____ shall be _____.”* This separation occurs after men die. The disobedient (Rev 20:14) go to *“the _____ of fire. This is the _____ death.”*
- 5. The Quickened Spirits** (1 Cor 15:45) *“The _____ man _____ was made a living _____; the _____ was made a quickening _____.”* David said: (Ps 119:50) *“Thy _____ hath _____ me.”* Jesus said (Jn 6:63) that his words *“are spirit, and they are _____.”* Note that the quickening agent is God’s word. Folks that fail to utilize the Word haven’t been quickened (ie: made alive) and remain dead to God, thus *“the second death.”*
- 6. Benefits Of A Spiritual Father** David mentions (3X-KJV) in (Ps 68:19; 103:2; 116:12) that God *“daily _____ us with _____”* and that we are to bless Him *“and _____ not all his benefits.”* We know (Jas 1:17) that *“every _____ gift is from _____.”* God sacrificed his only begotten Son (Jn 3:17) *“that the _____ through him might be _____.”* Every human has access to these blessings. Only the obedient are spiritually blessed.

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