

1st John Lesson 16 – He That Came By Water & Blood

1Jn 5:6 This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

This is he ... the Son of God referred to in the previous verse.

1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

John is an excellent teacher. Every truth is built on truth he has already presented earlier in the letter. **[Remember lesson 11 – Jesus Christ is Come in The Flesh]** John went to great lengths to teach us that Jesus Christ came as a man. He is the Word made flesh, He is God manifested in the flesh ... but it is imperative that you understand ... He laid down His divinity on purpose and Jesus came as a man. Everything you see in the four gospels **is a man**, born of God's spirit, and anointed by the Holy Ghost. He did NOTHING based on divinity ... at all. If He did do anything because He was God, then He is no longer our prototype. We could no longer look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. [Heb 12:2] Now John is going to build on that revelation and take our understanding one step farther. In order to do that, you must remember that Jesus is the Second Man, the Last Adam. The first Adam was also called the son of God.

Luk 3:38 Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of Adam, which was *the son* of God.

Adam was not divinity. **Adam was a man made in God's image. This is the same way Jesus came as the son of God.** He was divine in heaven as the Word. He laid down His divinity and came as a man made in God's image. But "how" He came into this world is a master stroke of genius by the Father. Notice John reminds us that Jesus **came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood.** The Greek word translated "came" means the same as our English word. Jesus **came** by water. Jesus **came** by blood. There were two "comings"... one by water and one by blood.

[Caution: Most people think the water represents when Jesus was baptized, and the blood represents the cross. Both of those are crucial to this subject, but we will get to them later in the teachings. What is coming in the first part of the lesson is vastly different from what is typically taught about this passage. Please do not reject it without hearing all of it just because it is different from what has been traditionally taught. Please follow this teaching through to the end before you decide to accept or

reject it. Please be like the brethren at Berea and search the scriptures. You will find these things are true and you will be blessed.]

John is the faithful witness who is telling what he has seen Jesus do and what he heard Jesus say more than fifty years earlier. The teaching John is bringing forth in this part of his letter is based on what Jesus taught in the following passage;

John 10:1-18 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. (2) But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (3) To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. (4) And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. (5) And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. (6) This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. (7) Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. (8) All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. (9) I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. (10) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly. (11) I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. (12) But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. (13) The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. (14) I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine. (15) As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. (16) And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd. (17) Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. (18) No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

He that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. Remember, John went to great lengths earlier in this letter to lay the foundation of "Jesus Christ has come in the flesh" meaning ... Jesus the Christ came into the world as a man.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The

mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

To the Father in heaven, His Son was given. Unto us it seemed a most normal thing ... a child is born. How does a man enter ... come into ... this world? He is physically born as a child into it through the birth canal of a woman. Every woman about to give birth knows what it means when her water breaks. The child is about to enter this world.

But the first man Adam did not come into the world that way. He was not born of woman. He was not born through the birth canal. He did not come into this world by water. The first man Adam was created from the dust of the earth and then God breathed the breath of life into Him. The spirit of Adam came from within God's own self and Adam was created in the image of God. But remember ... Adam was not born of a woman. [Bonus: The first man Adam did not have a belly button. The Second Man, the last Adam ... does!] There is a reason Jesus worded His statement the way He did in,

Mat 11:11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

"Born of women." Why didn't Jesus say, "In all of history, there has never been a greater?" Because in history, there was one who was greater than all those born of women. It was the first man Adam before the fall. He was not born of woman. He was created in the image of God. It is hard for us to imagine the perfection in which God created him. He was not divine, but he was the first son of God on earth, a man made in God's image.

When the first Adam fell, spiritual death entered into him. That spiritual death was passed down to all of his offspring. Even though Adam did not come into this world through the birth canal of a woman, **all of his offspring do**. All humans, all sons of Adam, come into this world through the birth canal of a woman ... or you could say ... **they come by water**. Adam had no other way of producing children than through the law of Genesis, by the natural process of childbirth through the birth canal of a woman. That is the legal way for a man to enter this world. The birth canal of a woman is the "door" into this world.

Because that is the case, Satan thought he had all of mankind locked up in a box, with God locked out of it. Every man born of woman ... every man born of water ... was born spiritually dead. Pastor Dave always says, *"You cannot get a Savior out of a spiritually dead gene pool."* Mankind had no other way of producing men. Every man that comes into the world had to come the same way, through the birth canal of a woman ... and they were all born spiritually dead ... all of them! Satan thought he had

outsmarted God and there was no way a Savior could come because all men were "born of water" the same way ... through the birth canal of a woman, and they are all born spiritually dead.

But Satan is no match for God. Our God came up with a way for a man, a "son of God," having the life of God within Him, to be born of a woman ... to be born through the birth canal. **God made a way for the Messiah, the Christ to legally "enter the sheepfold of humanity" and be born of a woman ... to legally "come by water."**

Luk 1:26-38 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, (27) To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name *was* Mary. (28) And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women. (29) And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. (30) And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. (31) And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. (32) He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: (33) And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (34) Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? (35) And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (36) And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. (37) For with God nothing shall be impossible. (38) And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Glory to God ... our Father outsmarted the devil ... He made a way for the Second Man, the last Adam, to be born of a woman, to legally come into this world as a man "born of water." Remember, God Himself has only ever made two men. He made the first man Adam. He made the second man Jesus. Both were men. Both were made in the image of God. If anything, the first man Adam had a tremendous advantage because he was not wearing fallen flesh and he was not living in a fallen world. Jesus is a man, whose spirit is LIFE, but who was wearing fallen flesh and living in a fallen world.

John begins his epistle with the "wonder" of beholding this LIFE that was manifested in the world,

1Jn 1:1-3 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (2) (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) (3) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

That eternal LIFE ... which was with the Father ... and was manifested unto us ... manifest **in this world** where we could see it with our eyes, hear it with our ears, handle it with our hands. **How did that LIFE get from being with the Father in heaven to being with us in the world? It was through the birth canal of a woman and Jesus "came" into this world by water!** It was a master stroke of genius. Satan thought he had mankind locked up in a box. But God thought outside of the box and made a way for the Christ to "come by water."

Again, I remind you of the previous **Lesson 11 – Jesus Christ Is Come In The Flesh.** John builds each revelation on a previous truth in the epistle. He has already taught how imperative it was the Christ be a man ... not God. The apostle Paul also gives witness,

1Co 15:21-22 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

ADAM WAS A MAN. BY THAT MAN CAME DEATH! JESUS WAS A MAN. BY THAT MAN CAME THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. BOTH WERE MEN! BOTH WERE CALLED THE "SON OF GOD."

Adam was created as a man, not a god. He was a man created in the image of God, but he was a man, not a god. That's why the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior had to also be a man, not a god. The Christ, the Savior, would have to be a man of the same spiritual stature as the first man, a man who was the very image of God, but still a man, not a god. Legally ... God could not die as the substitute for man. Man would have to die for man. But it would have to be a man who was sin free ... like Adam was sin free before the fall ... in order to pay the price for Adam's sin. Nothing less than a sin free man could pay the price.

Satan thought it could never happen because every man born of woman was born spiritually dead. But God made it possible for **a sin free man** to be born of a woman, **a sin free man who "came by water" into this world from heaven** ... through the water

of the birth canal of a woman. Finally, **there was a sin free man on earth**, one **who was qualified as a sin free man** who could **pay the price** for the original man Adam. The apostle John is telling us this Jesus is the sin free man who came into this world through the legal door, through the birth canal of a woman ... **He "came by water."**

This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood.

Jesus came by water. Jesus came by blood. Not by water only, but by water and blood. The word "came" is referring to when Jesus "came" into this world. Every Christian knows how Jesus came into the world the first time. He was born of the virgin Mary. But most people don't realize that Jesus was "born" into this earth twice. He was "born of the virgin Mary" ... and He was also "born from the dead" at His resurrection from the dead.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

He was not spiritually dead when He was born as a baby through Mary. The whole point of John's epistle is that Jesus was the manifestation of that eternal LIFE, which was with the Father, and was manifested to them ... ETERNAL LIFE **in the flesh** that they could see, hear, and touch. Jesus was "born of water" through Mary spiritually ALIVE!

What does it mean when it says He is the firstborn ... BORN ... not raised from the dead ... first **born** from the dead? How could Jesus be born from the dead if He was always alive in His spirit? We have not taken literally what the Bible teaches concerning His death on the cross. The apostle Paul wrote by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Notice the words "to be" are in italics. They are not in the original Greek. I have done my homework reading the books of Greek scholars and the Greek language here is perfectly clear, "**For him who knew no sin, he hath made sin.**" Again, I remind you of the earlier teachings of John in this letter, how he went to great lengths to make sure the reader understands that Jesus ... the Christ ... is come in the flesh. Jesus ... the Christ ... is come as a man. John labored that point because when people don't understand that, they cannot conceive of Jesus dying spiritually. I myself have been railed on by well-meaning preachers who say things like, "*GAWD cannot die! Jesus is GAWD and He cannot die! His flesh died, but He Himself did not die ... because ... Jesus is GAWD and GAWD cannot die!*" [Yes, I wrote it as GAWD to relate the religious tone of voice they

usually take while arguing their point.]

Really ... they should believe their own preaching because ... they are right. God cannot die ... that's why Jesus had to "come in the flesh" as a man! Man can die ... spiritually ... and physically. The first man Adam was a son of God, but he died spiritually the day he sinned, and eventually that spiritual death culminated in his physical death also. The apostle John was making that point clear in his earlier lesson, "Jesus Christ is come in the flesh" ... Jesus Christ came as a man! Jesus, the man, not only died physically on the cross. He died spiritually also. God has already given us the best illustration of "He was made sin" through the type and shadow given in Pharaoh's court:

Exodus 7:10-12 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. (11) Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. (12) For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

That rod was a wooden staff ... a type of the cross. On that cross, He who knew no sin, was "made" sin. The imagery could not be more clear. Think of it like this, when Jesus came into the world by water, He came in the likeness of sinful flesh. His spirit was not sinful, but his flesh was sinful just like ours. But on the cross, He became like sinful man, even in spirit ... He was made sin ... like us. He hung there in the place of every sinner born of Adam. He hung there as every person born of water. For what purpose? To be our substitute. He who was made sin swallowed up all sin into Himself and paid the price in full. You are not just cleared by pardon. You are cleared by PAYMENT IN FULL!

Don't try and intellectualize your way out of this truth. Don't try and "Greek" your way out of this truth. God did another "Jane see the ball" for us who are not Greek and Hebrew scholars, so we could not misunderstand what happened. If God wanted us to believe that Jesus did not die spiritually, then the rod thrown down in Pharaoh's court would have become a lamb and the lamb would have swallowed the snakes. That's what most scholars believe happened. They think Jesus took away our sin without becoming sin Himself. But God made it so clear ... Jane see the ball ... He who knew no sin (the innocent lamb) was made sin (became the serpent) who took all of your sin into Himself ... and then paid the price in full.

As a Christian who is walking in fellowship with God as John describes in this letter, if someone asks you, "*Where is your sin? We have been looking for your sin. We can't find it. Where is your sin?*" You will say, "*He came and took away my sins. I am in Him now,*

and in Him there is no sin." John already taught this truth earlier in this letter,

1 John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

Let us have one more witness besides Pharaoh's court concerning Jesus dying spiritually.

John 3:14-15 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: (15) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Why didn't God have Moses lift up a brazen lamb on that pole? Isn't Jesus the lamb of God? Absolutely Jesus is the innocent lamb. The sinless man. But that was the requirement. It had to be a sinless man who would be made sin, then lifted up for all the world to see that "He who knew no sin was made sin." Why? To take away our sin so we could be made the righteousness of God through the new birth.

Remember earlier Jesus says He is the shepherd who entered **through the door** into the sheepfold? But remember, all of mankind is held in spiritual death. Even those Old Testament saints who believed in the coming Messiah were being held in a "sheepfold" called Abraham's Bosom. It was a pleasant place to wait until the Messiah came for them, but it was a holding place where the spiritually dead had to wait until the Messiah came for them. They could not leave that sheepfold as long as they were spiritually dead. They were waiting for the Messiah to come to lead them out of there.

John 10:1-2 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. (2) But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

The birth canal of Mary was the door for Him to enter the world of fallen flesh. But when He was made sin for us, that is when He entered man's world of fallen spirit.

Matthew 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

In order for Jesus to take us out of spiritual death, He has to be the first one Himself to be born out of spiritual death. That is exactly what happened. Jesus is called the first born from the dead in Col 1:18. How did that happen? How was Jesus born from the dead? First of all, remember it had been prophesied in the second Psalm. Then it was preached to us by Peter in the book of Acts when he said,

Acts 13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten [Greek G1080 = to procreate] thee.

Had Jesus not shed His blood on the cross as "payment in full" for the sins of man, nobody could ever have been quickened from spiritual death to life. Not even Himself. But the blood had been shed and when the price for sin had been fully paid and all the demands of Justice were satisfied after three days of suffering in the heart of the earth, it is as though the gavel came down in heaven and the Father said, *"It is enough. The price has been paid."* God spoke to the spirit of Jesus, "LIFE BE" and LIFE WAS! He "procreated" His son from death to life BY HIS WORD! You see, a promise had been made from the Father to the Son through prophecy centuries before,

Psalms 16:10-11 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. (11) Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

1. You will not leave my soul in hell.
2. You will not allow my flesh to see corruption.
 - a. "By now he stinketh" – corruption on the fourth day.
 - b. But Jesus' body was raised on the third day.
3. You will show me the path of LIFE.
 - a. This day have I begotten thee ... quickened from spiritual death to LIFE.
4. You will raise me up to be in the joy of your presence.
5. I will be at thy right hand for evermore.

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus is the first **born**, not just raised ... the first **born from the dead**. It was legally possible because of the blood He had shed to pay the price for the sin of Adam's species. Think about the moment the spirit of Jesus is quickened from death to life. Think about the moment He entered again into His body in the tomb. Because of the blood He shed on the cross, He is legally "born" into the earth a second time by the spoken Word of God. The first time He "came" into the world, He was physically born through the birth canal of a woman. The second time He "came" into the world He is spiritually born by the spoken Word of God ... It is only possible because His own blood paid the price for man's guilt. Let me phrase it more like the apostle John said it;

1. He "came by water" into our world first through Mary.
2. He "came by blood" into our world the second time by His resurrection.

1 John 5:6 This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

Jesus is the door:

At the moment God spoke and the spirit of Jesus was quickened from death to life, He became the door through which His sheep could follow. When they followed Him through that door, they no longer belonged to the species of Adam. They were reborn as children of God. They literally passed from death to life. In fact, from the Father's perspective, every believer is quickened together with Christ, raised up together with Christ, and seated us together at the Father's right hand in Christ.

Ephesians 2:4-6 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, (5) Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;); (6) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

More about the door: Remember John is telling what he has "seen and heard" of Jesus over fifty years prior.

John 10:7-9 Then said Jesus unto them again, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.* (8) *All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.* (9) *I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*

God gave us a "Jane see the ball" illustration of Christ being the door in the Old Testament. Do you remember the Passover? Death was coming to all of the first born. The "first born" was a type and shadow of all those born of the first man Adam. They were all going to die. There was only one way out of the judgment that was coming. You had to enter a door that had been painted on the posts and the lintel with the blood of a lamb.

Exodus 12:22-23 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. (23) For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when

he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*.

Jesus said, **I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.** **Note: They shall go in ... and they shall go out.** When they entered "in" the door, they had to pass through the blood. Remember ... all of them went "in" through the door as slaves of Pharaoh ... a type of being slaves to sin. But **in the morning** when they went "out" of the door, the proclamation of freedom had already been decreed ... they came "out" through the door free from the dominion of Pharaoh, no longer slaves to Egypt. Type and shadow ... no longer slaves to sin. [Bonus – They were all healed too. **Psalms 105:37b ... there was not one feeble person among their tribes.**]

Jesus is the door! By **man** came death and by **man** came the resurrection from the dead. Jesus was the first man to be born from the dead and He is the door through which all of us follow. I remind you again that Jesus is the door through which the sons of Adam must pass through in order to leave the species of Adam and be reborn as the children of God. John is simply teaching what he heard Jesus teach all those years ago,

John 10:3-4 ... the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. (4) And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

He has called you out of spiritual death. He has called you out of being a slave to sin. He has called you out of the world, out of being a child of Adam, and into eternal life with Him. If you are a Christian, you have followed Him out of spiritual death and into eternal life. You have been quickened together with Him, raised up together with Him, and seated at the right hand of the Father in Him. Glory to God!