

# Elpis Israel

*for Young People*

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*The Figure of Baptism  
& the Breaking of Bread*

Class 32

# Summary:

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Flesh is the root of our problems:

**Romans 7:18-21** *For I know that in me (that is, **in my flesh,**) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.*

Christ came to CONDEMN the flesh – and fulfill the righteousness of God:

**Romans 8:3-4** *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: [WHY?]** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

- God sent his son in “the likeness sinful flesh”

The DESTRUCTION OF THE FLESH – is the beginning of deliverance for the children of Abraham:

**Heb 2:14-18** *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that **through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;** And **deliver** them who through fear of death were all their lifetime **subject to bondage.** For verily he **took not on him the nature of angels;** but he **took on him the seed of Abraham.** Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be **made like unto his brethren,** that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.*

# The Symbol of Baptism:

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Baptism is a figure –

- a demonstration that we agree with the “sentence God placed upon Flesh”
- and that we are committed to WALK IN NEWNESS of LIFE:

**Romans 6:3-14** *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism** into death: that **like as Christ was raised up from the dead** by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life**. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our **old man is crucified with him**, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should **not serve sin**. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise **reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord**. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but **yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God**. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

A simple figure:

- **Going into the water – PUTTING TO DEATH THE FLESH**
    - Agreeing that Flesh deserves to die
    - Making the commitment that we will put to death OUR flesh – the desires that we have that we know are wrong.
    - Dying with CHRIST
- Col 3:5-10** *Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;*
- **Coming out of the water – BEING RISEN WITH CHRIST - WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE**
    - Agreeing to SERVE GOD with whatever life we have left
    - Committing to walk in GOD's WAYS
    - Committing to be part of HIS purpose
- Col 3:1-4,10** *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

### Baptism is how we “sign the covenant”

- Made a covenant with him by sacrifice

**Psalm 50:5** *Gather my saints together unto me; **those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.***

### We are to be “living sacrifices” – with Christ:

**Romans 12:1-2** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, **will of God.***

### It is through the covenant we can be partakers of the promises:

**Gal 3:26-29** *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ have put on Christ.** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And **if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.***

## Breaking of Bread

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### Remembering Christ – Every Week:

**Luke 22:17-20** *And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.***

▪ New Testament:

- 1242 – diatheke – will, covenant

**Heb 13:20-22** *Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through **the blood of the everlasting covenant,** Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.*

## Fellowship of the Breaking of Bread:

**1 Cor 10:15-17** *I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the **communion** of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the **communion** of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.*

▪ **Communion: 2482 – koinonia – fellowship, joint participation**

- We don't believe in SUBSTITUTION:
  - Don't believe "Jesus died instead of me"
- Believe in a PARTICIPATORY (participation)
  - We join him in his sacrifice:
  
- **BREAD – symbol of flesh – put to death:**
  - "This is my BODY";
  - "is it not the body of Christ"
    - We need to put our flesh to death
  
- **WINE – symbol of blood – life poured out:**
  - Wine = the new covenant in my "BLOOD"
  - "is it not the blood of Christ"
  - The "life is in the blood"
    - We need to pour out our lives in service with him
  
- The Participatory Sacrifice:

**Galatians 2:20** *I am **crucified with Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me**: and **the life which I now live** in the flesh **I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

## Summary:

- **Baptism – the signing of the covenant**
  - Agreeing to join him in his sacrifice:
    - Putting to death the flesh
    - Living unto God
  - Means by which we become "in Christ"
    - Abraham's seed
    - Heirs of the promises
  
- **Breaking of Bread:**
  - How we **REMEMBER** the **COVENANT** every week
  - **REMINDER** of what our **GOD HAS DONE FOR US**
  - **REMINDER** of the **COVENANT** we have made with our God by Baptism
  - Reminder we should be **LIVING THE COVENANT** as **LIVING SACRIFICES** each day!

## Exercise: Character Sketch

Putting the picture together – what do we know about the Messiah – before he came:

- Genesis 3:15** - Seed of a woman – miraculous
- Heel to be bruised – temporary injury
- He was to conquer SIN in the FLESH
- Gen 49:9-10** - He was to be the King – from the Tribe of Judah
- Num 24:17-19** - He would have dominion over his enemies
- Deut 18:15-18** - He would be like Moses
- God would put the words in his mouth
- 2 Sam 7:12-16** - Son of David
- Also Son of God
- Build the temple
- Kingdom last for ever
- Micah 5:2** - Born in Bethlehem
- Lineage – of Old (David); Everlasting (God)
- Isaiah 7:14-15** - Miracle birth from a virgin
- He would be “God with us” – or Immanuel
- He would choose GOOD and refuse EVIL
- Isaiah 9:6-7** - Child would be born (natural)
- Son – builder of the family – would be given (gift)
- Government on his shoulder – will be without end
- Wonderful – miracle birth
- Throne of David
- Isaiah 11:1-5** - Descended from Jesse
- He would have the Spirit of God “resting upon him”
- He would have the knowledge of the fear of the LORD
- He would be of quick understanding – able to sense right from wrong
- Isaiah 22:20-25** - Key of David on his shoulder
- Government will be in his hand – God given
- Isaiah 50:4-6** - God would instruct him
- Give him the TONGUE of the LEARNED

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