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Jesus came to preach the gospel (resurrection) of deliverance to the captives (Luke 4:18). Paul says that we have been in bondage (prison) to sin and now we are set at liberty (Gal. 5:1; Rom. 6:16-20). Remission (forgiveness i.e. pardon from prison) of sins is a result of baptism (of repentance). Repentance is the one true baptism. Repentance means to turn from self to God (it is the crucifixion of self that Christ may be raised up in our mortal bodies - II Cor. 4:10-12; Rom. 8:11-13). Baptism is from the Greek root bapto meaning to stain with a dye. The pitch (Kopher means the same as baptism i.e. to stain with dye.) was applied to the ark within and without. We, as believers, are pitched (baptized with the stain of Christ's blood) within and without. Spiritual Baptism is to be stained on the outside, covering us with the likeness of Christ. Spiritual communion is the drinking of the cup of Christ's blood for remission (releasing from imprisonment.) "To drink of a cup" was an idiom among the Jews which meant to experience a violent death. Hence, the ancient Jewish/Oriental saying, "To taste death" (Psm 75:8; Rev. 16:19; Mk. 9:1; Heb. 2:9). Strong says the cup became an obvious symbol of death. The word witness is the word martyr. "After the Holy Ghost (baptism) is come upon you, ye shall be witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Jesus said we believers will indeed drink of the cup (death to self) of which he drinks and be baptized with the blood baptism that he is baptized with (undertaking the fiery trial) (Mk. 10:38,39). As eight souls were saved through the judgment (waters), we will also be pitched within (spiritual communion of Christ's blood) and without (staining with the baptism of Christ's blood). This "spiritual pitch" releases us from prison (remission of sins) by the death of self and resurrection of Christ in the believer. (I Pet. 3:21) This is called faith (believing for remission). Faith believes God in opposition to believing self. Faith is the death of self (drinking of the cup or tasting of death). The just shall live by faith (Rom. 1:17). The just shall live by believing God, not self (death to self).

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