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INTRODUCTION: My name is Ronnie Christian. I am a rodeo cowboy who loves Jesus and wants to bring others to know Him. I am a Lifetime Gold Card Member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

VISION: Reach rodeo cowboys and cowgirls with the Good News that Jesus loves them and Jesus Saves. Through this, their families, friends, and the many people they contact around the world, including ranchers and others in the horse and livestock industry will know God cares for them and Jesus is Lord.

EXPECTATION: See people saved, set free, healed spiritually, physically, and emotionally, filled with the Holy Spirit, and living a life pleasing to God.

THREE BAPTISMS AND MORE

Galatians 3:27 "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

Hebrews 6:1-2 talks about the doctrine or teachings of baptisms.

The doctrine of baptisms? Three and more? What is that all about? The Bible says there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." (Eph. 4:5). Let's check this out and get understanding on this.

First off what does baptism mean? It comes from a Greek word "baptizo", which means to immerse. Water baptism, even if you are sprinkled or water is poured over you, is always to be done after you receive Jesus as your Savior. Acts 16.

#1) BAPTISM INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST: *1 Corinthians 12:13* "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." When you receive Jesus as Savior the Spirit of God baptizes or immerses you and brings you totally into the body of Christ. It is the Holy Spirit doing the baptism (at your born again experience).

#2) WATER BAPTISM: *Matthew 3:16* "And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the waters; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he (John) saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him."

John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River and He set an example for us to follow. Jesus gave us instructions on water baptism in *Matthew 28:19* "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Also Peter said in *Acts 2:38* "Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

When people received Jesus water baptism was an immediate thing for them to do. It did not save them but it was an act of obedience, a public confession before hell, heaven and those on earth of a persons decision to follow Christ in baptism. When you go under the water you are saying the old person is dead and I am rising again to walk in newness of life. See Romans 6:1-4.

When Jesus Christ came out of the water a voice from heaven said "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (*Matthew 3:17*). Anytime you do what the Father says to do He

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Ednei Caminhas spurring one at Fort Worth, TX- Intense Riding

Ednei Caminhas

2002 Professional Bull Riders World Champion
Going strong in 2017-2018 in his 40's

Isaiah 40:29-31 "He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, **31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength:** They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

Ednei Caminhas, at age 42, is healthy, feeling good, blessed by God, and still riding bulls good. Ednei won the 2002 Professional Bull Riders (PBR) World Champion Bull Rider title when he 27 years of age. And he is still going strong and winning. He still enjoys the competition and the sport of bull riding. He enjoys his friends and the people he gets to spend time with at the events.

Ednei married his wife, Gabby, in 2014. They live in Denton,

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is well pleased and He will say the same thing about you at your water baptism.

One thing you should understand is this - No one ever got baptized before they believed. It never happened. Philip in *Acts 8:35* "preached Jesus to him", an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Ethiopian queen. His response in *Acts 8:36*, "And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?' (37) And Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' (38) And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him." Two things we see here - (1) He could not be baptized until after he believed. (2) They went down into the water - he was immersed not sprinkled.

What about infant baptism? There is no Biblical record or instruction for such an event. Yes, the Phillipian jailers whole household was baptized (see *Acts 16:30-34*). Verse 34 says his whole household believed. That is why everyone was baptized. They were old enough to believe.

Also it was an immediate response from the people to be water baptized. I have seen people put water baptism off and not follow through with it and those same people seem to fall into temptation and sin more easily and not be strong in the Lord as they should be. It is important. Ananias in the Bible asked Paul a question in *Acts 22:16* "And now why do you delay? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name." That is a question for some of you - "Why do you delay?"

Remember, you are not baptized into a particular denomination. You baptized into Christ Himself. Nobody else can do it for you. You must make the decision yourself. You can not except a baptism someone else caused you to go through. The decision is yours alone.

#3) THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST OR HOLY SPIRIT. In *Matthew 3:16* when Jesus came up out of the water of baptism, His water baptism was over but then the Holy Spirit came "upon" Him. You will see the word "upon" often times in the Old and New Testament. The Holy Spirit comes upon you for power. Jesus Himself never went into His public miracle working powerful ministry until after the Holy Spirit came upon Him. If He needed that power we do. The Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost which is the same came upon David and he killed the giant, Goliath, and upon Gideon and with 300 men defeated 135,000 men, and upon Samson and with the jawbone of an ass he killed 1,000 Philistines.

Peter denied Jesus but after he was filled with the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost (*Acts 2*) he became bold in his witness and power in Jesus' name. Peter was told not to speak to any more about Jesus. Under threat of beatings and a jail sentence Peter stood up to the men and said, "we must obey God rather than men." (*Acts 5:29*) Something had happened to Peter. He was now bold in the Lord. You can be too.

John said in *Matthew 3:11* and *Luke 3:16* that Jesus would

"baptize us in the Holy Ghost and fire." Jesus is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

The accounts in the Book of Acts show that the people all spoke in tongues when they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. You will too. You will pray in an unknown tongue. You will be speaking mysteries from your spirit to God's Spirit and speaking in tongues is a worship to God; and it will edify (build you up) so you then can go out to build others up. You will have a more boldness to witness, to pray and to come against the attacks of the devil against your life. *Acts 1:8* "but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth"

You need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Jesus needed the experience, Peter and Paul did, You and I do, also. You can be water baptized, then baptized in the Holy Spirit as in *Acts 8:12-17* or you can be baptized in the Holy Spirit then water baptized as in *Acts 10:44-48*. You can ask Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit as it says in *Luke 11* or you can have a Spirit-filled believer lay hands and pray for you to be baptized in the Holy Ghost or you can be listening to the Word of God and He will fall upon you and fill you.

#4 & #5) Notice in *Matthew 3* the Bible mentions a baptism of repentance (change) and a baptism of fire (that will burn out the sin and fire you up to serve God). It will burn those up who reject Jesus as Lord. Being filled to overflowing, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, will give you boldness to witness, and to experience the power of God in signs, wonders, and miracles when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. *Acts 4:29-31* Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

FIRST IMPORTANCE: RECEIVE JESUS FOR ETERNAL LIFE. *John 3:16* "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." Pray this. "I am a sinner, I need a Savior. Forgive me. I do believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and He is the Savior of the world. I receive You now: come into my life as my Savior and Lord of my life. Thank



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you for saving me and giving me a home in Heaven. I am now a child of God. Baptize me in the Holy Spirit and give me the power I need to serve you. In Jesus' name I pray." Now get water baptized, read your Bible and pray everyday and meet with other believers regularly.

WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL. - *John 8:2 "and you shall know the truth and the truth shall set (make) you free."* We continue to proclaim truth to a lost and dying world that Jesus is the only One to set them free from sin and hell and any bondage that they are in. We go as our partners help send us out with finances, prayers and helps. We welcome you to be a Cowboy Partner with us and keep us on the road "preaching Jesus."

SERVICE: What about you or your group? Is there something we can do for you? Let us know. *Isaiah 6:8 "Also, I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'send me.' I'll go."*

Living in His Kingdom,

Ronnie Christian

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Phil. 4:19



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Water Baptism

baptize-from the Greek word baptizo meaning - "to immerse"

Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:31-22 Jesus' Baptism.

John 3:22-23 Baptized where there was much water.

Matthew 28:19 Go and make disciples of all nations - baptizing them...

Mark 16:15-16 Go into all the world.

Acts 2:38 Repent and be baptized.

Acts 8:12 (Philip in Samaria) When they believed about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus, they were baptized both men and women alike.

Acts 8:25-34, 35-38 Ethiopian eunuch believed; was baptized.

Acts 22:16 Why do you delay? Arise and be baptized...

Acts 10:43-46, 47-48 Gentiles receive Holy Spirit and are baptized.

Acts 16:14-15 Lydia in Macedonia. She and her household are baptized.

Acts 16:23-24 Philippian Jailer. He and his household having believed, were baptized.

Romans 6:4 Therefore, we have been buried with Him through baptism into death so that as Christ was raised from the dead to the glory of the Father we too might walk in newness of life.

Note: In the Bible people were baptized only after they received Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Baptism In The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit lives in you when you receive Jesus as Savior and Lord - The Holy Spirit come upon you for power.

Note: Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost is the same.

Mark 1:8 and Luke 3:16 Jesus will baptize you in the Holy Ghost and fire.

Matthew 3:16 and John 1:32-33 The Holy Spirit descended and remained upon Jesus.

Acts 1:5 ...You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit...

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you shall be My witnesses...

Acts 2:1-4 Day of Pentecost- they were all filled with the Holy Spirit & spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 4:29-31 healing, signs, wonders, miracles, speak boldly.

Acts 8:12, 14-17 Believed in Jesus, baptized in water, hands were laid on them - Holy Ghost came upon them.

Acts 10:44-48 Holy Spirit fell upon them as Peter spoke of Jesus and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Acts 19:1-7 Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them - they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Romans 8:26 the Holy Spirit intercedes for and with you with groanings too deep for words.

Jude 20-21 build yourselves up; praying in the Holy Spirit keeping yourselves in the love of God.

Luke 11:9-13 ask God for the Holy Spirit.

Pray: Ask Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking and praying in other tongues & for power to be a witness for Jesus Christ and to be an overcomer and walk in victory.

Ednei Caminhas

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Texas. They have a 10 month old son named John Paul, and they are expecting another child soon. The family travels together to bull ridings and rodeos. Ednei and Gabby have prayed about his continuing to ride bulls. He is in good shape physically and mentally is still in the right mind. Spiritually he has the peace of the Holy Spirit to continue. While praying they felt like he should continue. He had a good year in 2017 with some good wins at some big rodeos. Two of them were the Lewiston, Idaho and the Logan, Utah which have some good bulls and bull riders. In the natural it may seem to many people like he should retire at his age, but he will seek God on that matter along with his wife. Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." Romans 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." They would rather hear God's voice than mans about their present and their future.

Ednei grew up in Indaiatube, Sao Paulo, Brazil. His father trained horses and Ednei did also as he was growing up. He started riding bulls at age 17. At his first Bull Riding he won 2nd place. He also won 2nd place at his second Bull Riding. He was ready for more. Ednei has qualified for the PBR Finals 10 times. And he qualified for the PRCA Xtreme Bull Riding events, PRCA All American Tour, and the PRCA Texas Circuit Finals. He still has the desire, the drive, the



Ednei, his wife, Gabby and son, John Paul

strength, and winner's attitude.

Besides bull riding Ednei and his family are in the horse business. He has been training here in the USA for ten years. He rides in Reining Horse shows, and at Cuttings. He has some outside horses he trains and shows for customers.

At 7 or 8 years old he was very sick with the flu. His mom was going to take him to the doctor. He told her, "No", and told her, "God will heal me". They prayed and he was healed and healthy again soon. Ednei received Jesus as his Savior at the age of 12 and was baptized in water. He was later baptized in the Holy Spirit in his 20's.

Ednei says, "Jesus is in front of everything. That is why I am able to do what I do in life-bull riding, rodeo, and horse training. God protects our family. I trust God with my life and everything."

I knew Ednei was a brother in Christ, but had not met him until May 2016 at the Helotes, TX PRCA Rodeo. The first time I met Ednei I walked up to him and said, "Every ounce of

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ability you have ever had in your entire life is still in there (as I pointed to his belly). It's up to you to pull it out." He won the bull riding that night. The next week or two we met again at the Mineral Wells, TX Pro Rodeo. He told his wife, "This is the guy who talked with me at Helotes, TX." We all smiled and I told him the same thing again. He got out of shape on a bull that night a few jumps into the ride, but made a good move and a great recovery and placed in the money. So we became quick friends and always spend a little time together when we are at the same events.

I was at the Helotes and Mineral Wells Rodeos to hold Cowboy Church service and minister to the contestants, families, and fans. Ednei saw what I was doing and said, "I do what you do. I preach too." He is the associate pastor of an Assembly of God Church in Denton, Texas. Ednei travels at times to churches as the guest minister. He ministers to his fellow bull riders' one on one and helps encourage them in life and their walk with Jesus.

This year at the Lufkin, TX Pro Rodeo Ednei was in a slump in his bull riding. My wife, Cherlyn, and I prayed with Ednei and Gabby. We spoke confidence and courage from God into his life and bull riding. We spoke the peace of Jesus to both of them. Within a few weeks things changed and Ednei began winning again.

Life has been good with the Caminhas family. And they give



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Ednei Caminhas at Pendleton, Oregon

all the glory to God. We expect to see Ednei continue to succeed with the abilities God has blessed him. [Proverbs 16:3](#) "Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established."

And we know Ednei Caminhas will continue to point his fellow contestants and others to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and the Best Friend they can ever have.

By Ronnie Christian

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ON THE TRAIL

We enjoyed being with Jake Brown and Winn Ratliff at the Ridin' With Purpose Christian Bareback Riding School in Hillsboro, Texas in November. I have been the Instructor, or have been an Assistant Instructor, or helped in other ways at over 40 Rodeo Schools. Many were Rodeo School and Bible Camps. We had good students and good stock at this one. Stock was supplied by Cullen Picket and Bubba Miller. Two students received Jesus as Savior, and I baptized one student in a water trough at the end of the school. These students were well trained in the Bible, so we look to see good fruit in their lives. They were well trained in the rodeo arena and out to be successful Bareback Riders. We should hear of them doing well in the coming months and years in rodeo.

Cherlyn and I hosted, along with our Co-Host, Paul and Robin Tuttle, "The Word is the Answer Cowboy Ministers Conference" at The Church at Boerne on November 12-13th. Several Cowboy and Cowgirl Ministers ministered and encouraged us all. We left there built up and ready to complete our assignments we have to accomplish for our Lord.

We were at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in December. I did "Power Up" eight performances this year. Coy Huffman is doing two perfs, then going to do his Annual Cowboy Church Christmas Services in California. "Power Up" is a 4 Minute Bible Message and Prayer done moments before the contestants head into the Thomas and Mack Arena on horseback for the Grand Entry each night. We send them into the performance encouraged in the Word of God.

After the WNFR, rodeo and rodeo ministry continues at the PRCA Texas Circuit Rodeo will be held in Waco, Texas. We are blessed to be able to share the Word with the contestants each night at a short Cowboy Church held by

the Bucking Chutes each performance. The Word goes forth and produces good fruit for the kingdom of God. God says in **Isaiah 55:11** *"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."* We see cowboys and cowgirls coming to Christ and growing in Christ to be lights for God in a dark world. Light then dispels the darkness.

Have a blessed, healthy, prosperous year. Keep your eyes on Jesus and do the things He did. **Hebrews 12:2** *"looking unto (keeping your eyes on) Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."* Psalm 62:5...Expect blessings!!!

It's a NEW YEAR and we continue searching for souls and making disciples. Jesus continues to save and set the people free from sin, bondage, hurts, evil spirits, and give them hope, love, joy, and peace.

On the Trail as for Jesus



Ronnie Christian
Phil 4:19

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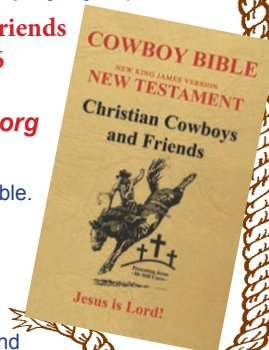
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What Season Are You In?

It is a NEW YEAR!. What are your plans? We go through different seasons of life. What season are you in? ASK God if you do not know. Should you keep the same job and schedule you have been keeping, or is it time to change? Should you continue in your sport of rodeo or other vocation, or should you adjust. If your deal is rodeo, is it time to be going Full Time, or is it time to adjust your schedule and stay closer to home with family, and/or take care of your other businesses more closely?

Life does change. Some times we are ready for change and sometimes we are not so ready. The change may be permanent, or it can be temporary for---a year or so. Seek God about your present and your future.

Habakkuk 3:1-4 says to write the vision down, and make it plain, so those whose it can run with it; though it tarry it will surely come. Habakkuk 2:1-5 "I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. 2 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry. 4 "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith" And Proverbs 3:5-6 say. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Everything Has Its Time

Ecclesiastes 3 New King James Version (NKJV)

1 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted;

3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;

4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;

5 A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;

6 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away;

7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;

8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

And

17 I said in my heart, "God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, For there is a time there for every purpose and for every work."

Pray about your year and the future: "Father show me what season I am in. I want to be in Your will. I ask for Your guidance now. I thank You for showing what I am to do in this season of my life." In Jesus Name I pray. Amen

Remember Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to lead us, guide us, and teach us. Move when He says move, Change when HE says Change. Do what HE says to do. He has your best interest at heart!

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