

Lesson 7 - Baptism

Since the time John the Baptist came baptizing in the wilderness of Judea by the command of God, saved people have been baptized. Jesus Himself was baptized as an example for us. Before He ascended into heaven, He told His church to make disciples and baptize them. Baptism is one of the two pictorial ordinances of the church. Pictorial means that it is a picture of something. Baptism is a picture of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

What Does Baptism Mean?

Baptism is the first step of obedience after a person is saved. A person is baptized to identify himself with Christ. It is the first step in his new walk with the Lord. A person takes upon himself a picture of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

Baptism gets us ready for a new life.

Romans 6:4:

Therefore we are _____ with him by _____ into _____: that _____ as _____ was _____ up from the _____ by the _____ of the _____, even so we also should _____ in _____ of _____.

Baptism identifies us with Christ.

Galatians 3:27:

For as _____ of _____ as have been _____ into _____ have _____ on _____.

Baptism is a picture of the death and resurrection of Christ.

Colossians 2:12:

_____ with him in _____, wherein also ye are _____ with him through the _____ of the

operation of _____, who hath _____ him from the _____.

Assignment: Read Romans 6:1-12 and answer these questions.

1. If we have been baptized into Jesus Christ, into what have we been baptized? v.3 _____
2. We are buried with Christ by what? v.4 _____
3. How are we to walk after our baptism? v.4 _____
4. What should we no longer serve? v.6 _____

Who Should be Baptized?

Baptism should only take place after a person has been saved. That is, when he has believed with all his heart.

Believing with all your heart comes before baptism.

Acts 8:36-37:

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain _____: and the _____ said, See, here is _____; what doth _____ me to be _____? And _____ said, If thou _____ with all thine _____, thou mayest. And he _____ and said, I _____ that _____ is the _____ of _____.

Believing comes before baptism.

Acts 8:12:

But when they _____ Philip _____ the things concerning the _____ of _____, and the name of _____, they were _____, both _____ and _____.

Baptism does not make disciples, but disciples are baptized.

John 4:1:

When therefore the _____ knew how the _____
had heard that Jesus _____ and _____ more
_____ than _____,

Assignment: Read Acts 16:23-34 and answer these questions.

1. What did Paul and Silas do at midnight? v.25 _____

2. What happened to open the doors of the prison? v.26 _____

3. What did the jailer ask them? v.30 _____

4. Give their answer from verse 31. _____

5. What did the jailer do after he had washed Paul and Silas' stripes? v.33

How Should We be Baptized?

The word *baptize* comes from the Greek word, **BAPTIZO**, which means *to dip*. There is no doubt that the people in the New Testament were immersed. Immersion is necessary to show the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Much water is needed.

John 3:23:

And _____ also was _____ in Aenon near to
Salim, _____ there was _____
there: and they came, and were _____.

Jesus went up out of the water.

Matthew 3:16:

And _____, when he was _____, went
_____ straightway _____ the _____: and,
lo, the _____ were _____ unto him, and
he saw the _____ of _____ descending like a
_____, and _____ upon him:

Both went into the water.

Acts 8:38:

And he commanded the _____ to stand still: and they went
down _____ into the _____, both _____
and the _____; and he _____ him.

Assignment: Read Acts 8:26-39 and answer these questions.

1. What was the man's name that was sent toward the south? v.26 _____
2. Why had the Ethiopian been to Jerusalem? v.27 _____
3. What was he doing sitting in his chariot? v.28 _____

4. What did Philip preach to him? v.35 _____
5. What did the Ethiopian request of Philip? v.36 _____

6. Who went into the water? v.38 _____
7. How did the Ethiopian go on his way? v.39 _____

Who Should Baptize?

Just as there must be authority for the printing of money, so there must also be authority for baptism. God gave John the Baptist that authority and Jesus gave that same authority to His church before He went back to heaven.

John was sent to baptize.

John 1:6:

There was a man _____ from _____, whose _____ was _____.

Jesus gave this authority to His church that would be in existence unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:18-20:

And _____ came and _____ unto them, saying, All _____ is _____ unto me in _____ and in _____. Go ye therefore, and _____ all _____, _____ them in the _____ of the _____, and of the _____, and of the _____: _____ them to _____ all _____ whatsoever I have _____ you: and, lo, I am _____ you _____, even unto the _____ of the _____.

Assignment: Read Acts 19:1-7 and answer these questions about those who were baptized.

1. What did Paul find when he came to Ephesus? v.1 _____
2. Were they believers? v.2 _____
3. Had they already been baptized? v.3 _____
4. What did Paul do to them? v.5 _____
5. How many were there? v.7 _____

When Should We be Baptized?

The example is given us in the Bible that a person should be baptized as

soon as possible. Not because it is necessary for salvation but because it is necessary for obedience to God.

They were baptized the same day.

Acts 2:41:

Then they that gladly _____ his _____ were _____: and the _____ there were _____ unto them about three _____ souls.

The Eunuch was baptized immediately upon believing.

Acts 8:38:

And he commanded the _____ to stand still: and they went down _____ into the _____, both _____ and the _____; and he _____ him.

The jailer was baptized the same hour.

Acts 16:33:

And he took them the _____ of the _____, and _____ their _____; and was _____, he and all his, _____.

Assignment: Read Acts 8:4-13 and answer these questions.

1. In what city did Philip preach? v.5 _____
2. What was there in the city? v.8 _____
3. What was the man's name that had used sorcery? v.9 _____
4. What did the men and women do when they believed Philip's preaching? v.12 _____
5. Simon did what two things? v. 13 _____

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