Baptism

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INTRODUCTION

- The goal of all preaching and teaching, our worship is that all of us would be rendered holy to the Lord.
- Now, the thing that bothers me about that is where's the urgency involved?
- As I'm going to teach to you today, baptism is instead every believer's entrance into Christ. And thus, scriptural baptism according to the New Testament, is essential to our salvation.

1 When Immersion Is Insufficient

Acts 19:1–7; Acts 10:48; Acts 8

- And he said to them, did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?
- Into what were you baptized? And they said, into John's baptism.
- And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- What we need to think about if we have, in fact, been baptized at some point in the past, was our baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus, because that's the baptism that saves.
- What is taught routinely and consistently in the New Testament is that proper baptism is immersion.
- So here is an example of even though the act or mode is correct, it is not unto salvation. They were submerged into John's baptism.

2 When Immersion Is Sufficient: In the Name of Jesus

Matthew 28:19; Acts 22:16

- When immersion is sufficient, it is in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations. Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins. But what did he say before that? Why do you delay? There is an urgency here.
- It is this act of baptism where we call upon the Lord Jesus.

3 Baptism Now Saves You

1 Peter 3:21; Romans 6; Colossians 2:12–13

- Baptism now saves you. Not the removal of dirt from the flesh.
- It is an appeal to God for a good conscience. That's a cleansed inner man.
- In baptism, we're imitating something. What are we imitating? The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

- Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with him through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead.
- If baptism is not in the name of the Lord Jesus, if it is not unto the forgiveness of sins, if it is not seen as a raising up with Christ, it is of no effect.

4 This All Happens Immediately

Acts 16

- The baptism that saves is not Holy Spirit baptism, as is taught by the Pentecostal movement or the charismatic movement.
- The significance here that I want to point you to is that this all happens immediately.
- He took them that very hour of the night, and washed their wounds, it says, and immediately he was baptized. He and all his household.
- You can't say, I have believed in God to salvation until you are baptized into Christ.

5 Into What Were You Baptized?

John 8:32; Acts 2:38

- First, truth must be taught. If you're not taught what is truth, you can't be submerged correctly for the remission of sins, because it is the truth that sets free.
- That person to whom truth is taught, who believes and obeys and reacts with some urgency. Because the soul is at stake.
- The only thing you're baptized into is the Lord's body of saved people.
- It's just better to say, I was baptized into Christ.

THE CHALLENGE

This is not confined to any day of the week. It is when the urgent call is received. And you need to be saved for the remission of your sins.

MY NOTES