Born of His Mighty Word

Tony Mauck · 1 Peter 1:19–25

INTRODUCTION

- Christians are born of this mighty word.
- The Word of God is designed to be heart changing, life altering, conduct shaping.

1 The Truth Shall Make You Free

Romans 6:17–18

- If you abide in my word, then you are truly disciples of mine. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
- The only way to be set free is if we embrace the truth.
- You became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching.

2 In Christ, Walking in Newness of Life

Romans 6:3–4; Philippians 1:20–23; Colossians 3:4

- It is a phrase that speaks of access at the throne of God. Jesus brings us to God.
- We have been buried with him through baptism into death, in order that, as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
- For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- We now have guidance for our footsteps, guidance for our thinking, guidance for our lives. We have purpose.

3 Born Again Through the Living and Abiding Word

1 Peter 1:19–25

- We have been redeemed not with things like silver and gold as valuable as they are, but something even more valuable. The precious blood of Jesus.
- For you have been born again, not of seed, which is perishable, but imperishable.
- You have been born again through this seed, which is the living and abiding word of God.
- When we come into that relationship we just talked about, it is because this word has shown us the way.

4 Baptized Into Christ

Galatians 3:26–27; 1 Peter 3:21

- Our souls are purified in obedience to the truth.
- That happens as we are baptized in His name. That is the final step that places us in Christ.
- It's not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but it's an appeal to God for a good conscience.

5 Right Act, in His Name, Fueled by Faith

John 3:23; Acts 2:38

- But this is a burial, we read in Romans chapter 6. A burial into Jesus' death.
- But just getting the right act is not all there is. There's something inward going on here when someone comes into Christ.
- It is on the basis of what you understand that he is. It's his status. It's all that Jesus is. That's what it means to be baptized in his name.
- So three things. Right act, baptism in his name, risen King, Savior, and Lord, fueled by faith.

6 Taught Incorrectly About the Purpose of Baptism

Matthew 28:19

- If I am taught incorrectly about the purpose and role of baptism, I am not being baptized in his name. Regardless of what the baptizer says.
- I have to believe the truth in order to be saved. It's the truth that sets free.
- If I believe the wrong thing, even though I do the right act, I am not baptized in his name, which I must be in order to be in Christ.
- Where you have the right act with the right heart together. The right understanding and belief. That's baptism in Jesus' name.

THE CHALLENGE

Why am I doing religiously what I'm doing? Is it about love for God and love for others? What's my motive?

MY NOTES