The Meaning Of Baptism

Tony Mauck · 1 Peter 3:13–22

INTRODUCTION

- Baptism now saves you. Listen, Bible student, do not belittle the role of baptism in God's salvation.
- It is an appeal to God for a good conscience, the cleansing of the inward person.
- That the occasion of baptism is an occasion of majestic awe.

1 Heaven's Attention Is Riveted on This Event

Luke 15:7; Acts 3:19; Luke 10:20

- There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents.
- Repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, and times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.
- Not merely rejoice over this, but even more rejoice what? That your names are recorded in heaven.
- If someone is baptized into Christ, the attention of heaven will be riveted on that event.
- Living in view of what heaven sees is an important way to live your life.

2 How Undone: The Ugliness of Our Sin

Galatians 4; Colossians 2:6–7; Colossians 2:12–13

- You know what baptism is saying? I am completely undone and without hope.
- Our immersion into Christ is about the horrific and wretched condition and the ugliness of our sin.
- Don't ever forget that in our baptism into Christ, that we're dealing with the eradication of sin's effect in our lives, and we could not do it ourselves.
- This is not a celebration of me. It is a celebration of him and what he has done, his goodness, his compassion, his mercy, the lifting of a horrific burden.
- 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.

3 God's Will Is Done

Hebrews 10:36

- What happens when one is baptized into Christ is God's will is done. And I make this point from the baptism of Jesus.
- Permit it at this time to fulfill all righteousness.
- Jesus knows that all who would follow him, all who would be recognized by him as his disciples would be baptized in water for the forgiveness of their sins, in likeness of his death, burial, and resurrection.

- He submitted to baptism to lead the way for us, because that's what we would do to become one of his.
- We have need of endurance, the Hebrew writer says in chapter 10 and verse 36, so that when we have done the will of God, we may receive what is promised.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you living God's will for your life?

MY NOTES