

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

Study 24 BAPTISM

Tonight we will discuss the teaching and practice of baptism as stated in the Bible.

1) BAPTIZE DEFINED.

The definition in the Bible is to immerse or to bury. Sprinkling is not a Bible mode for baptism.

2) HOW SHOULD ONE BE BAPTIZED?

John 1:26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water...

Mark 1:9 ¶ And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

Acts 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

This should always be in a body of water whether it is a baptistry tank, a horse trough, river, pond, lake or ocean.

3) WHEN SHOULD ONE BE BAPTIZED?

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Acts 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

Immediately after salvation. This is the first step of obedience after getting saved and is an act of gratitude to Jesus for salvation.

4) WHAT DOES BAPTISM PICTURE?

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

It pictures the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

5) THERE IS ONLY ONE BAPTISM.

Ephesians 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

6) BAPTISM IS NOT A PART OF THE GOSPEL.

1 Corinthians 1:12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

14 ¶ I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

17 ¶ For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

7) BAPTISM DOES NOT SAVE US FROM OUR SINS.

1 Peter 3:21 ¶ The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

8) BAPTISM DOES NOT WASH AWAY OUR SINS.

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Only the blood of Jesus washes away our sins and that happens when a person calls upon the name of the Lord for salvation.

9) BAPTISM IS SOMETHING ONE CAN DO FOR GOD.

Luke 7:29 And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

10) BAPTISM IS COMMANDED BY GOD.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

11) BAPTISM IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO JOIN A CHURCH.

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

12) ANYONE CAN BE BAPTIZED AFTER GETTING SAVED.

Acts 18:8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

13) CHILDREN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GET BAPTIZED.

Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

14) JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO BAPTIZE PEOPLE.

Matthew 3:1 ¶ In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 ¶ *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*

8 *Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:*

9 *And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.*

10 *And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

11 *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:*

12 *Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*

15) JESUS WAS BAPTIZED NOT TO WASH AWAY ANY SINS BUT TO BE AN EXAMPLE FOR US TO FOLLOW.

Matthew 3:13 ¶ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 *But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?*

15 *And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.*

16 *And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:*

17 *And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

1 *Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:*

16) THE BAPTISM OF JOHN WAS NOT TO BE SAVED BUT BECAUSE OF SALVATION.

Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

John 1:29 ¶ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Mark 1:1 ¶ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

2 *As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.*

3 *The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*

4 *John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.*

5 *And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.*

For is defined as “because of” not “in order to be.”

17) JESUS NEVER BAPTIZED ANYONE HIMSELF.

John 4:1 ¶ When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

2 *(Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)*

Jesus commissioned His disciples to baptize people. Someone who is commissioned from the church should also do the baptizing. This is mostly licensed or ordained men.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 *And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

18) NOBODY CAN BE BAPTIZED ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE ELSE.

1 *Corinthians 15:12 ¶ Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?*

13 *But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:*

14 *And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.*

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 ¶ But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

This passage is not teaching that we should be baptized for dead people. This passage is explaining that Jesus is no longer dead because He rose from the dead. If Jesus did not rise, He is still dead and why would we be baptized for a dead Saviour?

19) IF ONE DOES NOT GET BAPTIZED AFTER SALVATION, JESUS WILL BE ASHAMED OF HIM AND HE WILL BE A DISOBEDIENT CHRISTIAN.

Luke 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

John 8:31 ¶ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

John 14:15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments.