

## Baptism Rom 6.1-14

With a Baptism Service taking place this afternoon we need to look at Baptism and what it really means for a Christian.

The Doctrine of Baptism, or the Teaching Concerning Baptism, is absolutely clear in the Word of God. Therefore we must understand Baptism from the context of the Word of God and form our understanding about Baptism from God's authoritative teaching.

There is a Key Ingredient embedded in what the Word of God teaches about Baptism.

**That Key Ingredient is, No Not Baptism, but what Baptism leads us to – OBEDIENCE.**

Jesus said,

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

*John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, **and keepeth them**, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, **and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.***

**Do you know what that Manifestation is? It is the presence of God in you. It is the Holy Spirit filling you and living in you. It is the presence of Jesus in you.**

**OBEDIENCE is the evidence of Spiritual Growth** and maturity within the Born Again Child of God. Any rebellion at all is an indication of faltering love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

*John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, **he will keep my words**: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

There are so few in our modern times that really desire to hold and surrender to the actual Word of God, this King James Bible. They want to believe that they are okay with God. Those modern translations, the Devil's books, **teach them to just believe in their heart and whatever they believe will be okay.** But the Word of

God, the King James Bible, tells us to hear, and heed the Word of God, and love the Words of God and obey them, surrender to them and you will have God in you and living through you.

It occurs to me today how few people are loving the Word of God and loving the God of the Word to the point of obedience and surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ.

They have religion, and they have spiritual experiences (deceptive spiritual experiences), but they do not have the Word of God and cannot walk in the presence of the Holy Spirit of God.

Folks, **OBEDIENCE** is essential to the filling, and illumination of the Holy Spirit of God.

**And that brings us to Baptism this morning and in our text.**

**Baptism is the first step of obedience for every Born Again Christian.**

**Remember, without Obedience the Holy Spirit of God cannot fill you. Without obedience God cannot manifest Himself within you. The Manifestation of God within you is essential to your spiritual growth.**

Baptism does not save you. What does one need to do to be saved?

*Romans 10:9* That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

**But Baptism brings you into Obedience to God and then allows God to move in an undeniable ways in your life.**

**Baptism is so important to a Christians Spiritual Growth and well-being that God made Baptism a part of the Great Commission,**

*Matthew 28:18-20* And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:** <sup>20</sup> 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.

God Commands the Church to be sure that new Christians understand and are Baptized into the Church.

So just what is Baptism?

#### A Baptism is a Picture (Rom 6.4-6)

Isa 53.4

1. **Baptism Pictures Christ's Death (vs.1-3; Isa 53.4-5; 1 Pet 2.21-25; 1 Pet 3.18; John 10.10, 17-18)** [*– What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? <sup>3</sup>Know ye not, **that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?***]

[When we remember Jesus death we are reminded of,]

- [His Suffering - Jesus wounds consisted of,]

[Contusions – He was buffeted and bruised.]

[Lacerations – The scourge left open wounds upon Jesus body.]

[Perforations – The Nails perforated Jesus hands and feet.]

*[Isaiah 53:4-5 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for **our** transgressions, he was bruised for **our** iniquities: the chastisement of **our** peace was upon him; **and with his stripes we are healed.** ]*

1 Pet 2.21

- [His Sacrifice – He did not suffer for His own sins but for my sins, and yours.]

[Jesus had never sinned].

*[1 Peter 2:21-25 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: <sup>22</sup>**Who did no sin**, neither was guile found in his mouth: <sup>23</sup>Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: <sup>24</sup>**Who his own self***

***bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*** <sup>25</sup>For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. ]

[Jesus suffered for our sins]

***[1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: ]***

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**A. Baptism is a Picture (Rom 6.1-3)**  
1. Christ's Death

[Jesus sacrificed for your abundant life.]

***[John 10:10 . . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. ]***

- **[His Surrender – Jesus gave up his life for you and I.]**

***[John 10:17-18 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. <sup>18</sup>No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. ]***

2. **Baptism Pictures Christ's Burial (vs. 4; Matt 28.11-15) [- Therefore we are **buried with him** by baptism into death . . . ]**

[The burial of Christ is an enduring witness to the fact of Christ's death.]

[From the first moments of Jesus resurrection the adversaries of our Lord have attacked the veracity of the gospel. The Gospel of Matthew records the first propagation of this lie.]

***[Matthew 28:11-15 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. <sup>12</sup>And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, <sup>13</sup>Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. <sup>14</sup>And if this***

*come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. <sup>15</sup>So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. ]*

**[There are those in our day who offer:]**

- **[The Stolen Theory** – As already discussed from Matthews Gospel.]
- **[The Swoon Theory** – They say Jesus never really died, but he slipped into a comma, or was overcome by shock and passed out, and when he was placed in the tomb the coolness within revived Him.]
- **[The Story Theory** – There are those who question whether Jesus was a real person at all. They suggest that the Biblical records are just stories that were written to give oppressed peoples some kind of hope.]

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2. Christ's Burial

**[An Enduring Witness** – The fact of Jesus death and burial are supported by witnesses in the presence of other witnesses. It is also supported by the very existence of Christianity itself. ]

[The burial and resurrection of Christ are the foundational principle of Christianity. All the religious leaders of Jesus day would have had to do to end Christianity, would be to lay Jesus body out in public and say, “there he is!” And Christianity would have ended].

[When you are placed under the water you are testifying that you know that Jesus was buried. Dead and buried for three days.]

## **2. Baptism Pictures Christ's Resurrection (vs. 4-6; Luke 24.36-42;**

Luke 24.36

*[Romans 6:4-6 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.** <sup>5</sup>For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, **we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:** <sup>6</sup>Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.]*

**[Jesus physically arose from the grave** – “. . . Christ was raised from the dead . . .”]

[Jesus did not rise as a ghost or spirit, he arose physically from the grave.]

*[Luke 24:36-42 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. <sup>37</sup>But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. <sup>40</sup>And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? <sup>42</sup>And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. ]*

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**[Jesus Spiritually indwells every born-again Christian (vs 5) – “. . . We shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.”]**

- [His presence is our assurance of our salvation (1 John 5.11-13)]

*[1 John 5:11-13 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. <sup>13</sup>These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. ]*

- [His presence seeks to conform us to His image.]

*[Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.]*

- [His presence assures us of our eternal glorification. We will one day be just like Jesus.]

[Jesus Dynamically transforms lives – “. . .we also should walk in newness of life . . . that henceforth we should not serve sin.”]

[God, through the resurrection of Christ and His indwelling presence within you will transform you completely.]

*[Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup>And be not conformed to this world: **but be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.]*

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[God will transform:]

- [Your heart – Your desire.]
- [Your mind – Your way of thinking.]
- [Your hopes – Your future.]

[In baptism, you are reminded of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the transformation that his life will bring, and has brought to your life. Because He lives you can face tomorrow. Because He lives your tomorrow can never be as your yesterdays.]

**Your Restoration** [– You can be born-again if you will just accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.]

1 Cor 12.12

**B Baptism is a Placement (1 Cor 12.12-13; Eph 1.13-14)**

*[1 Corinthians 12:12-13 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.]*

[Baptism carries a couple of different meanings in the New Testament. **There is physical baptism** which is the primary focus of this sermon today. ]

[**There is also a spiritual baptism.** This is where the newly born again Christian is immersed in the Holy Spirit of God. When does this occur? It occurs at the very moment when you receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. The Bible states,]

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*[Ephesians 1:13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,**<sup>14</sup> Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.]*

[The Holy Spirit, who is God in you, then places you in the Body of Christ, which is the local Church. There are some who argue that this represents the universal Church, but I am convinced that 1 Corinthians 12 in making reference to the local Church since this is the only place where a Christian can actually serve and function as a part of the Body of Christ.]

**Through Baptism we enjoy,**

1. **Church Membership (1Cor 12.13, Matt 28.18-20) [- **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,** . . . - Baptized into the local Church body.]**

*[Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.<sup>19</sup> **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**<sup>20</sup> 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.]*

[I have had numerous people ask me, as a pastor, **“Why do I have to be baptized in order to be a member of your Church?”** The answer is simple and biblical. **Because God has tasked and commanded the Church with the responsibility of being sure that born again Christians are baptized and disciplined.** A new Christian knows nearly nothing of the Word of God or his new found life in Christ. He must be taught and nurtured. Therefore, God has tasked the Church with the task of guiding

new Christians to do what they need to do and learn what they need to learn.]

[Hence, in many Bible believing Churches a Christian must be biblically baptized by immersion in order to become a member of the Church.]

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## 2. **Church Citizenship** (1 Cor 12.12-13) [-

*For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.* <sup>13</sup> **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,** whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. - A member of the whole.]

[Now, as a member of the Church, you need to understand that God does not intend for you to just sit in a chair in this Church. God desires, God demands that you function as a part of His living Body. In other words, serve God in His Kingdom by functioning a part of His body.]

[Christian you have two possible results of your presence in this Church. **You will either handicap the Church or you will enable the Church.** If you refuse to do anything to help the Church by working in the Church then you handicap the Body of Christ. However, if you will help in the Church, if you will work in the Church, then you will enable the Body of Christ to fulfill God's purposes in this world. What kind of citizen are you?]

Acts 2.38

## C **Baptism is a Provision** (Acts 2.38)

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

[**This provision deals with Spiritual Growth** – Without any doubt every born again Christian wants to grow in Christ. Something within them tells them that there is something more in Christ than they currently know and they want it. There is a longing within them that is driving them to a fullness in Christ. That longing is the Holy Spirit in you saying. **You need to be closer to your God. You can and need to grow in Christ.** But, as with almost all new Christians, you just don't know what you need to do to experience this growth.]

**[Important Principle]** - Every Christian needs to know that **Obedience Is The Key To Your Spiritual Growth!** **If God tells you need to do something then you need to do it!** Without any doubt God commands you to be baptized.

Every Born Again Christian needs to be baptized after they receive the Lord Jesus Christ. God commands you to be baptized.]

**[Illustration: Preacher, I will get baptized when God tells me to get baptized!]**

**[God has already told you to be Baptized!**

He wrote in the Word of God and now He wants you to surrender to Him and obey Him.]

[Baptism is the first step in continuing Spiritual growth.]

### **Three important steps in our Spiritual Growth:**

1. **Surrender** to God's Goodness (1 Sam 15.22-23; Exo 19.5; 1 Pet 3.21) [– Surrender is essential to our spiritual maturity.]

- [To obey is better than sacrifice (1 Sam 15.22-23)]

*[1 Samuel 15:22-23 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD?*

***Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,** and to hearken than the fat of rams. <sup>23</sup> For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.]*

- [Obedience makes us a peculiar treasure (Exo 19.5)]

*[Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, **then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people:** for all the earth is mine: ]*

- [A clear conscience toward God (1 Pet 3.21) – Baptism does not wash our sins away, the blood of Christ does that. Baptism does not save us

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accepting the Lord Jesus Christ does that. But baptism is essential to the spiritual growth of every born again Christian.]

*[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:]*

2. **Seek God's Guidance** [- God's people must sincerely desire to please God.]

[God's Guidance Comes From God Word – This King James Bible.]

[Be ready to hear in God's House (Eccl 5.1)]

*[Ecclesiastes 5:1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. ]*

[God has revealed His will in His Word. Yield to God's revealed Word.]

3. **Stay in God Giftedness (1 Cor 2.10-15)** [- Holy Spirit or Spiritual Discernment – God has given you the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit of God. What does the Holy Spirit do for you?]

*[1 Corinthians 2:10-15 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.<sup>11</sup> For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.<sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.<sup>13</sup> Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.<sup>14</sup> But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.<sup>15</sup> But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.]*

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- Important Steps in Spiritual Growth,**
1. Surrender to God's Goodness

**[The Holy Spirits primary task within you is to spiritually illuminate you.]** The Holy Spirit will take the Word of God which is the revelation of God and will illuminate its truths within you. It is the Holy Spirit working within you that causes you to discover the deep things of God.]

[Now, what does the gift of the Holy Spirit have to do with baptism. If you refuse to obey God in baptism then your disobedience to God's revealed Word and will grieves the Holy Spirit and keeps Him from working within you. As a result you will be spiritual stagnant and will not grow spiritually as you ought.]

[Hence, obedience toward God nurtures your spiritual growth while disobedience hinders your spiritual growth.]

**[Every born again Christian needs to be Biblically Baptized by Immersion.]**

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