

The Essentiality Of Baptism

(Romans 6:1-4)

- Introduction:
1. There are many misunderstandings concerning the Biblical teaching concerning baptism.
 2. Especially concerning the essentiality of baptism.
 3. Tonight, we want to examine what the Bible says concerning this subject.
 4. Put aside what man may say, and allow God to speak through his word.
- I. Baptism Stands Between The Sinner And Salvation
- A. (Mark 16:15-16).
 - B. Would there be any misunderstanding if Jesus would have said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall receive a Cadillac”?
 - C. Why is it that the clarity is lost when dealing with our soul’s salvation?
 1. Deceitfulness of men.
 2. Sophistry of men.
 - D. “Believeth” and “is baptized” are both aorist participles.
 1. “The Greek never uses the aorist participle for subsequent action” [A.T. Robertson].
 2. Aorist participles always occur prior to the main verb in a sentence.
 3. The main verb is “Shall be saved”.
- II. Baptism Stands Between The Sinner And The Remission Of Sins
- A. (Acts 2:38).
 - B. “eis”-means unto.
 - C. Both repentance and baptism are in order to obtain the remission of sins.
 - D. Why can we not respond in the same manner as Peter responded?
- III. Baptism Stands Between The Sinner And Becoming A Son Of God
- A. (Galatians 3:26-27).
 - B. “Faith”-should read “the faith”.
 - C. The sphere or realm of salvation is in Christ.
 - D. Baptism is what puts us in Christ.
 - E. “If you were, you did and if you were not, you did not.”
- IV. Baptism Stands Between The Sinner And Having His Sins Washed Away
- A. (Acts. 22:16).
 - B. Paul asked, “What shall I do Lord?” (Acts 22:10).
 - C. Jesus said it would be told what he MUST do (Acts. 9:6)
 - D. He needed to be baptized so that his sins could be washed away.

- V. Baptism Stands Between The Sinner And Being Of Christ
- A. (I Corinthians 1:10-13).
 - B. One cannot say that they are “of” someone unless they were:
 1. Crucified for them.
 2. Baptized into their name.
 - C. Therefore, one cannot say they are “of” Christ unless they were baptized in his name.
- VI. Baptism Stands Between The Sinner And Rejoicing Because Of Forgiveness
- A. The Ethiopian eunuch did not go on his way rejoicing until after he was baptized (Acts) 8:39).
 - B. The Philippian Jailer did not rejoice until after he was baptized. (Acts 16:33-34).
 - C. Saul of Tarsus was in agony of soul and would not even as much as eat until after he was baptized (Acts. 9:19).
- VII. Baptism Stands Between The Sinner And Reconciliation Unto God
- A. (Ephesians 2:16).
 - B. Reconciliation takes place in one body.
 - C. But how does one get into that one body?
 - D. (I Corinthians 12:13) “For by one Spirit we are baptized into one body.”
- VII. Baptism Stands Between The Sinner And Becoming A Disciple
- A. (Matthew 28: 19-20).
 - B. “Baptizing” and “Teaching” are modal participles.
 - C. That simply means they denote the means by which the action of the main verb is accomplished.
 - D. The main verb is “Go make disciples”.
 - E. Modal participles tell us how this is done.
 - F. Go clean the yard, mowing and raking it.
- Conclusion:
1. There is no salvation without baptism.
 2. Not that water saves, but that God simply chose this action as a part of our obedience.
 3. If you love the Lord, you will do what he says.
 4. (John 14:15).
 5. (Hebrews 5:8-9).

