

Lesson 13

Christianity based on Separation in Baptism

I. Why should believers be baptized?

There are many reasons why believers should be baptized.

- A. The baptism of believers is _____ of Christ and, therefore, a matter of obedience (Mt. 28:19-20).
- B. Jesus closely connected baptism with the experience of _____ (Mark 16:15-16).
- C. Because we validate _____ by our obedience to the Word of God (Jam. 2:17-18).
- D. God wants to do some _____ things in our life through the experience of baptism.

II. What takes place in baptism?

- A. There is a _____ that takes place in water baptism (Acts 22:16).

There are several agents of cleansing in the life of the believer including:

- 1. The _____ of God (Eph. 5:26; Jon 15:3)
 - 2. The _____ of Jesus (I John 1:7; Heb. 9:14)
 - 3. The _____ of repentance, faith, confession and conversion (Acts 15:9; Tit. 3:5; I John 1:9)
- B. There is a new _____ with our spiritual leader (Christ) in baptism (I Cor. 10:1-4).

When we are baptized we are baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3-6).

- 1. We identify with Him in His _____.
 - 2. We identify with Him in His _____.
 - 3. We identify with Him in His _____.
- C. We lose our old master (sin, Satan) and become servants of righteousness (Rom. 6:5-23). As a result we receive _____ over life-dominating sins.
 - 1. Before we came to Christ we were the _____ of sin (Rom. 6:17, 19).

- a. This means that we were _____ and dominated by sin.
 - b. This means that sin had power _____.
 - c. Slaves must _____ their masters.
2. When we come to Christ and are baptized, those chains of slavery are _____.

Slaves can only be freed in a couple of ways:

- a. They can _____ their freedom (Acts 22:28).
 - b. They can be freed _____ by their master.
 - c. They can _____ and be buried.
3. When we are baptized we _____ and are buried (Rom. 6:3-4, 6-7; Col. 2:12).
- a. Because of this we no longer are _____ to our old master.
 - b. Because of this the chains of slavery have been broken off of us and we have been _____ from sin (Rom. 6:7, 17-18).
 - c. Because of this we can “_____” whenever Satan would seek to control us.
 - d. Because of this we are actually _____.
 - e. Because of this sin and death do not have to have _____ over us (Rom. 6:9, 14).
 - f. Because of this the “old man” or old nature is _____.

The old nature is that nature which we have inherited from Adam. It is the sin nature that cannot do anything but sin. It is sometimes referred to as the “body of _____” or the “body of _____” (Rom. 6:6; 7:24).

4. When we are baptized we do not stay dead but we rise to walk in _____ of life (Rom. 6:4-5).
- a. Now we can see the new man emerge. Suddenly we have _____ that we did not have before (Rom. 6:12-13).
 - b. Now we have become slaves _____ and slaves of righteousness (Rom. 6:19, 22).
 - c. Now we must _____ ourselves dead to sin but alive to God (Rom.

6:11).

To reckon is to treat something as _____.

- d. Now we must _____ our members to God as instruments of righteousness (Rom. 6:13, 16, 19; See: James 1:14-15).
 - i. It begins with a thought.
 - ii. It becomes a meditation.
 - iii. It becomes an action.
 - iv. It ultimately leads to life or death.

D. We receive the New Covenant seal of circumcision of the _____.

- 1. This is pictured in the Old Testament rite of circumcision under the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 17:10-14).

Circumcision had three parts.

- a. The cutting away of the _____ and, hence, the shedding of blood.
 - b. It was to be performed on the _____.
 - c. There was a _____ of the child at this time.
- 2. The New Testament circumcision of the heart also involves three things (Col. 2:11-15).
 - a. A separation from the lusts of the _____ by an appropriation of the shed blood of Christ.
 - b. We experience the quickening power of God to rise above sin and its power as we rise to a _____.
 - c. We have a _____ invoked over us, the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Col. 1:19; 2:9).

III. What is the significance of the Name used on connection with water baptism?

- A. The disciples were commanded to baptize in the “name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Mt. 28:19-20).
- B. Notice how the disciples fulfill this command (Acts 8:16; 10:47-48; 19:5).

For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 8:16

“Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days. Acts 10:47-48

- C. The Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost is fulfilled in the fullness of the Godhead bodily, the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Therefore to baptize in the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST is to fulfill the command of Christ (Col. 3:17).

“When we are baptized into the Name of the Father it gives us the place of a child and all the privileges of a child, all the inheritance and wealth of a child. We are baptized into the protection and care and fellowship of the God of the universe as our Father. We take on all that union means. We have the standing of a son, the privilege of a son, the responsibilities of a son. We become by that baptism a joint heir with Jesus, and an heir of God... When we are baptized into the Name of the Holy Spirit, we are baptized into the Name, wealth, power, wisdom and glory of God’s representative on the earth – all the Spirit has we are baptized into.”

–E.W. Kenyon

- D. In baptism we become partakers of the _____ (Eph. 3:4-15).

“Baptism in this sense is equivalent to marriage. When the wife puts on marriage she takes her husband’s name and enters into her husband’s possessions and has legal right to her husband’s home. When the believer is baptized into the Name of Christ, he puts on all that is in Christ. He not only puts on the Name but takes his legal rights and his privileges in Christ.” –E. W. Kenyon

It is very obvious that baptism is more than just an external experience in the Christian life. God wants to do something lasting and permanent at this special time. Sad to say, many people go down into the waters of baptism dry and come up wet and that is the extent of their experience. But if each individual would respond in faith to all that God says is available in baptism, baptism will be one of the greatest experiences of their Christian walk.