

Sermon Notes

By Water - Acts 10:47

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I. Introduction

The cone is a visual analogy, and like all analogies, it does not bear an exact and detailed relationship to the complex elements it represents. Edgar Dale

- a. ever seen Dale's cone... comes from a 1946 educational model... designed to help teachers select most effective way to teach from concrete to abstract... learn more by seeing and doing and teaching than just by listening alone... originated in the bible...
Matt 13:41-43... "the kingdom of heaven is like... a mustard seed..."
1Cor 10:11... "these things happened as examples (types, images)..."
Phil 4:9... "do what you have learned, received, heard, and seen in me..."
Col 2:17... "these are a shadow (image, sketch)... the reality is Christ..."
2Tim 2:2... "what you have heard... teach these things to faithful men..."
- b. that's why I often use props and illustrations to help communicate the gospel... want to do whatever I can to help make it as simple as possible... not meant to be confusing...
Mark 12:37... "and the common people heard Him gladly..."
1Cor 9:19-23... "try to find common ground with everyone... do everything to spread good news... discipline and train my body like an athlete... so after preaching I will not be disqualified..."
2Cor 11:3... "fear you have been deceived... from the simplicity in Christ..."
- c. with that in mind... I'm willing to sacrifice... to discipline my body to spread good news today... let me show you what I mean... probably should illustrate that again... pray...
Rom 6:4... "buried with Him by baptism... raised with Him so we may live new lives..."
Col 2:12... "buried with Him in baptism... raised with Him thru faith..."

II. By Water

- a. AL will do water baptisms on Oct 4th after 2nd service... before that... explain biblical baptism a little further... multiple baptisms in bible... lots of etp on this issue...
Matt 15:3... "why do you disobey God because of your tradition..."
Mark 7:13... "make word of God of no effect (cancel, nullify, void) thru your tradition..."
- b. Family
every Christian undergoes family baptism moment they believe... this is by the HS... so whether you know it or not... you were automatically baptized when you got saved...
Rom 6:3-6... "all of us were baptized into Christ... buried with Him... raised with Him..."
1Cor 12:12-14... "we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body..."
- c. Water
water baptism is a choice... believe first, then water... doesn't save... it's done in the name of Jesus, not a denomination... by pastor or leader... belief is only requirement...
Matt 3:16... "when Jesus was baptized... He came up immediately out of the water..."
Acts 2:38-41... "be baptized in the name of Jesus... those who accepted were baptized..."
Acts 8:26-39... "look, there's water... what would keep me from being baptized..."
Acts 10:47-48... "can anyone withhold water... be baptized in the name of Jesus..."
Acts 16:30-33... "believe in Jesus... right away he and his family were baptized..."
Acts 18:8... "believed in the Lord... when they heard... believed and were baptized..."
- d. Spirit

like water... also a choice available to all believers... not just certain denominations... power is tied directly to Spirit baptism (1/28/24)... by Jesus Himself into Holy Spirit...
Matt 3:11... "I baptize with water... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..."
Mark 1:8... "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..."
Acts 1:3-8... "wait... John baptized with water... you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit... you will receive power when the Spirit comes on you..."

- e. generally in that order... family water Spirit... however, two biblical examples of Spirit baptism coming before water... but family comes first in all biblical accounts...
Acts 9:17-18... "be filled with HS... then he got up and was water baptized..."
Acts 10:44-48... "HS came on all... received HS... water baptized in the name of Jesus..."
- f. baptize or baptism used 100 times in NT... our focus today is on water baptism... in the bible... it always took place after people believed... nothing to do with forgiveness...
Matt 28:19... "make disciples... baptizing (v) in the name of the Father, Son, HS..."
1Cor 1:17... "Christ sent me not to baptize (v)... but to preach the Gospel..."
Luke 20:4... "the baptism (n) of John... was it from heaven or man..."
Col 2:11-12... "buried with Him in baptism (n)... raised with Him thru faith..."
baptizo/baptisma... immerse, submerge; cleanse by dipping or submerging; to overwhelm...
- g. Who
bible is pretty clear... all believers should be water baptized...
Acts 2:41... "those who believed... were baptized..."
Acts 10... "everyone who believes... can anyone prevent them from being baptized..."
Acts 18:8... "many heard... became believers... were baptized..."
- h. What / Where
the what is being water baptized after salvation... the where is anywhere with water...
Acts 8... "Ethiopian had come to worship... Philip told him the good news about Jesus...
look, there's water, what would keep me from being baptized... went down into water..."
- i. When
as soon as possible after salvation... early church baptism followed belief so closely that they are often linked as one... never too late... classes not required, only belief...
Acts 8:30-38... "I believe Jesus is the Christ... and Philip baptized him..."
Acts 9:17-18... "Saul, be filled with the Holy Spirit... then he was baptized..."
Acts 16:30-33... "believe and be saved... right away his family was baptized..."
- j. Why
enough for me to know Jesus did it and tells me to do it as well... however, baptism also identifies us publicly as believers... connects us to Jesus and His family...
Matt 3:13-17... "Jesus came to John to be baptized by him... came up out of the water..."
Gal 3:26-27... "children of God thru faith... united with Christ in baptism..."
- k. How
all biblical baptisms are by immersion... however, baptism is still about the heart... if immersion is not physically possible... we'll find another way to get it done...
1Sam 16:7... "man sees what is visible... the Lord sees the heart..."
Acts 8:38-39... "went down into the water... came up out of the water..."
- l. water baptism does not save us... take away sins... get us to heaven... public sign of what has happened inside... absolutely no pressure... but it's always a good choice... pray...
John 6:40-47... "everyone who believes in the Son has eternal life..."
Acts 10:43... "everyone who believes in Him receives the forgiveness of sins..."