

Sermon Notes

Our Bathtime - Rom 6:3-6

September 13, 2020

I. Introduction

- a. love to use sermon illustrations... swords, guns, DP... bible does same thing...
Matt 13:31-43... “the kingdom of heaven is like... a mustard seed...”
Mark 4:26-29... “the kingdom of heaven is like... a man who casts seed...”
1Cor 10:11... “these things happened as examples (types, images)...”
Col 2:17... “these are a shadow (image, sketch)... substance is Christ...”
- b. remember far more when we *see* and hear, than just hearing... want to do whatever it takes to communicate the gospel as simple as we can...
1Cor 9:19-23... “try to find common ground with everyone... do everything to spread Good News... discipline my body like an athlete to do what it should...”
2Cor 11:3... “fear you have been deceived... from simplicity in Christ...”
- c. willing to sacrifice for you... discipline my body to spread Good news... are you ready for the illustration... do you need to see that again... pray...
Rom 6:4... “buried with Him thru baptism... raised so we may live new lives...”
Col 2:12... “buried with Him in baptism... with Him raised to new life...”

II. Our Bathtime

- a. water baptism on Sept 27th... three different biblical baptisms... each unique and separate... careful etp doesn't get in way of truth... infant baptism is not in bible... tradition, not truth... not wrong, just doesn't save you...
Matt 15:3... “why do you disobey God because of your tradition...”
Mark 7:13... “cancel Word of God in order to hand down tradition...”
- b. Family
every Christian undergoes family baptism moment they believe... by HS... so whether you know it or not... automatically baptized when you believed...
Rom 6:3-6... “all of us were baptized into Christ... buried, raised...”
1Cor 12:12-14... “we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body...”
- c. Water
choice... believe first, then water baptism... doesn't save... done in name of Jesus, not denomination... by pastor/leader... belief is only requirement...
Acts 10:47-48... “can anyone withhold water... for being baptized...”
Acts 18:8... “when they heard... they believed... were baptized...”
also: Matt 28:19... Acts 2:38-41; 8:12-39; 9:17-18; 16:30-33...
- d. Spirit
choice available to all believers... not just certain churches... all believers... power is tied directly to this baptism... by Jesus into the Holy Spirit...
Matt 3:11... “I baptize with water... He will baptize you with the HS...”
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 HS... you will receive power when HS comes on you (separate events)...”

- e. generally, in that order... family, water, Spirit... two instances where Spirit proceeded water... but in all biblical accounts, family baptism came first...
Acts 9:17-18... “be filled with HS... then he got up and was baptized (water)...”
Acts 10:44-48... “HS came, received HS... baptized in name of Jesus (water)...”
- f. baptize or baptism used 100 times in NT (HS 6 - symbol 15 - water 79)... focus on water... always after we believe... nothing to do with forgiveness...
Matt 28:19... “make disciples... baptizing (v) in name of 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*...
- g. Why?
how many cards in wallet identify you... identify us with many things...
water baptism identifies us as believers... connects to Jesus and His family...
Rom 6:3-4... “did you not know... all of us joined with Christ in baptism...”
Gal 3:26-27... “children of God thru faith... united with Christ in baptism...”
- h. Who?
all believers should be water baptized... all believers... regardless of age...
Acts 2:41... “those who believed... were baptized...”
Acts 8:12... “they believed the good news... were baptized...”
Acts 10:43-48... “everyone who believes... baptized in name of Jesus...”
Acts 18:8... “many heard... became believers... were baptized...”
- i. When?
early church baptism followed belief so closely they are often linked as one... never too late... as soon as possible after believing... classes not required...
Acts 8:30-38... “I believe Jesus is the Christ... Philip baptized him...”
Acts 9:17-18... “Saul, be filled with HS... then he was baptized...”
Acts 10:43-48... “those who believed... commanded them to be baptized...”
Acts 16:30-33... “believe and be saved... right away family was baptized...”
- j. How?
dunk like Oreo... all biblical baptisms are by immersion or submersion... about heart... find another way if physical limitations...
1Sam 16:7... “man sees what is visible... the Lord sees the heart...”
Matt 3:13-16... “when He had been baptized... came up from the water...”
Acts 8:38-39... “went down into the water... came up out of the water...”
- k. water baptism does not save us, take away sins, or get us to heaven... outward sign of what has happened inside... no pressure, but good choice... pray...
John 6:40-47... “everyone who believes in the Son has eternal life...”
Rom 10:9-10... “confess with mouth... believe with heart... you'll be saved...”
Acts 2:41... “those who gladly received His word were baptized...”
Acts 10:43... “everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins...”
Heb 9:22... “without the shedding of blood... there is no forgiveness...”
1John 1:7... “blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin...”

A man who knows he is saved by believing in Christ does not, when he is baptized, make his baptism into a saving ordinance. In fact, he is the very best protestor against that mistake, because he holds he has no right to be baptized until he is saved. Charles Spurgeon

Water Baptism

Acts 8:36... *what can stand in the way of my being baptized...*

In his first New Testament letter, the apostle John said that the commandment of God is that we should *believe in his Son, Jesus the Messiah*. No one can see or witness that, because it has to do with the heart; but the **visible act of confession of faith** is accomplished through **water baptism**. Unfortunately, there has been a downturn in recent years in terms of people getting baptized, even after having put their faith in Christ. But Jesus himself left us the Great Commission, which calls on us to *make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*. **Matt 28:19**.

The act of baptism is two-fold: first, it is symbolic of the old nature going into the water, even as Jesus was buried in the tomb; and second, it is also symbolic of the new **believer** coming out of the water as a **new creation** who has been born again in Jesus Christ.

In the New Testament, there is no record of a lengthy study in preparation for baptism. Once the Ethiopian eunuch riding in the chariot **heard the gospel** from Philip, he believed and asked, *Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?* And he got out of the chariot and was **baptized right then** and there.

A person can turn from their sin and put their faith in Jesus, whether they are nine, 19, or 89 years old. There is no distinction in the Lord's eyes in terms of age or gender or race or ethnicity or social or economic class or educational level. We all need the Lord; and once we place our trust in him, we make that **confession public by becoming baptized**.

Obedience is always blessed by the Lord, for the Bible says that *obedience is better than sacrifice*. If you are a believer who is not yet water baptized, you will want to take that step of obedience to the Lord. And if you *have* been baptized, thank the Lord for his saving grace in your life; and encourage and pray for new believers to take this next important step in their walk with the Lord.

Pastor Jim Cymbala

If you want to identify with Christ's people... and expect them to identify with you... you first need to identify yourself with Christ... which is the purpose of baptism. Baptism does not save a person... but Jesus means for His saved individuals to publicly identify with Him and His people. It's one piece of how His citizens become official. It's how they wave the flag. Jonathan Leeman

Sermon Study

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1. Read **Matt 13:31-43... Mark 4:26-29... 1Cor 10:11**. How do **sermon illustrations** help you understand scriptural principles?
2. What are the three **biblical baptisms**? Read **1Cor 12:12-14... Acts 10:47-48... Matt 3:11**. Have you **participated** in each of those? Why or why not?
3. **Who** should be water baptized? Read **Acts 2:41; 8:12; 10:43-38; 18:8**. **Why**? Read **Rom 6:3-4** and **Gal 3:26-27**.
4. **When** should a believer be water baptized? Read **Acts 8:30-38; 9:17-18; 10:43-48; 16:30-33**. Is it ever too late?
5. **How** should a believer be baptized? Read **Matt 3:13-16** and **Acts 8:38-39**. Are there any **exceptions**? Read **1Sam 16:7**.
6. Does water baptism **save us, take away sins**, or get us **to heaven**? Read **John 6:40-47... Rom 10:9-10... Acts 2:41; 10:43... Heb 9:22... 1John 1:7**. If you want to be baptized... **contact a pastor**.

John's baptism was a purification rite by which men confessed their sins, obtained pardon of sins, became qualified for benefits of Messiah's kingdom, soon to be set up. Christian baptism is a rite of immersion in water, AFTER professing faith in Christ, having been born again by HS, which identifies you publicly with Christ. **Strong's**

We ought to regard baptism with reverence. An ordinance of which the Lord Jesus Himself partook... is not to be esteemed lightly. It ought to be ever honorable in the eyes of professing Christians. **JC Ryle**