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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "I WANT TO BE SAVED LIKE HIM"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IS HELP FOR NOW"

BIBLE BOWL TODAY AT CROSSROADS AT 2 PM

BIBLE BOWLERS WILL EAT TOGETHER HERE AT THE BUILDING AFTER SERVICES

OUR GOSPEL MEETING WILL BE NOV 3-6 AT 7 PM EACH EVENING

WE WILL HOST THE 1ST SUNDAY WALKER COUNTY SINGING NOV 3 AT 2 PM

THERE WILL BE A TRUNK OR TREAT AT FRANK & WILMA'S NOV 2 AT 5 PM

ANNIVERSARIES:

Oct 28: Danny & Robin Busby

30: David & Brandi Preston

Nov 2: Neil & Carolyn Myers

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
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Neil Myers 924-9289
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Danny Busby 387-0213
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Kevin Richardson 295-8864
Chris Robbins 388-1354
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MINISTER:

Ben Wright 522-8004

I WANT TO BE SAVED LIKE HIM

(Luke 23:39-43)

- I. **You can't _____ the thief wasn't baptized under John's baptism.**
- A. John did a tremendous work in getting out the _____ of the One soon to come and about the coming kingdom.
 - B. Notice that a great _____ of people were baptized by John.
 - C. Now, admittedly, it would be _____ for us to either prove or disprove he was baptized by John.
- II. **Jesus had power to _____ sins on earth.**
- A. While Jesus was on earth He _____ the power to forgive sins.
 - 1. He could forgive anyone's sins at any _____.
 - 2. He had the _____ to do that and did at times (Luke 7:48).
 - B. When Jesus told the thief he was saved, Jesus had the power to save Him because He was _____ with the thief.
 - C. Today, forgiveness is based upon our _____ with Jesus through His covenant.
- III. **The thief showed _____ in Jesus when most around were reviling Him.**
- A. This man was surrounded by people _____ Jesus and chose to show faith in Jesus.
 - B. He _____ Jesus as Lord.
 - 1. This shows some _____ of Jesus and who Jesus was.
 - 2. At some point, this man had been _____ something about Jesus.
- IV. **The thief understood the true nature of the _____.**
- A. He put his faith in Jesus despite the fact that Jesus was going to _____.
 - B. He asked Jesus to _____ him when Jesus came into His kingdom.
 - 1. This tells us that the thief understood the kingdom of Jesus was _____ in nature.
 - 2. This was exactly what Jesus had told _____ (John 18:36).
 - C. This also tells us that at some time, this man had been taught about the _____ of heaven.
- V. **The New Covenant had not come into _____ yet.**
- A. Jesus was still alive so there was no new _____ in force (Hebrews 9:16).
 - B. The thief could not have been _____ under the New Testament, only the Old.
 - C. He lived and died under the _____ Law.
 - D. We can't be saved like the thief because we don't live under the _____ covenant as him.
- VI. **The _____ of the New Covenant had not yet been given.**
- A. Jesus had told Peter that He would give him the _____ to the kingdom (Matthew 16:18-19).
 - B. Those keys were not given until _____ days after the death of Jesus.
 - 1. They were told to repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38).
 - C. Until those terms were given, one could not know what to do to _____ forgiveness under the New Testament.

DOES IT MATTER WHY ONE IS BAPTIZED?

Bob Pritchard

The second chapter of Acts describes the beginning of the Lord's church almost two thousand years ago on the day of Pentecost. Hearing Peter's words, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), "they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). According to Acts 2:47, "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be [or, those who were being] saved." Thus the Lord added three thousand people to His church as they obeyed the teachings of the apostles by being baptized.

While the administrator of baptism is unimportant, the purpose in baptism is of the utmost importance. Anyone properly baptized, as those three thousand were on the day of Pentecost, is "added unto" the Lord's church. A person baptized for the wrong purpose, however, has no assurance that the Lord will add him to His church. For example, if a man was baptized simply because his wife wanted him to be baptized, and he made no real commitment to the Lord, then the Lord certainly would not add that man to His church, because pleasing or obeying a wife is not the Lord's purpose in baptism. We see, then, that it is important to know and understand the Lord's purposes in baptism.

Jesus commissioned his disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16). The purpose of baptism, then, as stated by Christ, is to save the believer. Scriptural baptism then, is preceded by belief in Christ. Peter told those gathered on Pentecost, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). So Peter said that the purpose of baptism of the penitent believer is for the remission (forgiveness) of sins.

Ananias commanded Saul of Tarsus, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). Here again the purpose of baptism is stated, to "wash away" sins. Paul declared to the Galatians, "as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). Thus baptism puts the obedient believer into Christ, where there is salvation. Peter compared baptism to Noah's ark, saying, "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" (1 Peter 3:21). Peter clearly said, "baptism doth also now save us." The scriptures show that baptism is an immersion in water for the forgiveness of sins, upon which the Lord adds that penitent and obedient believer to His church. A baptism administered merely as a denominational ordinance to those who have already been saved, or to a child that is unaware of the significance of baptism, does not fit the New Testament pattern for baptism.