



Announcements



Our Next 'Pillar' Event:



VBS! July 8 -12

Decorations Week is July 1-3 (Mon-Wed) from 10am till 3pm each day!

Final Volunteer Training and Practice is Sunday, July 7th

Please join us in praying!



Weekly Events:



- **Adult Bible Study:** Every Sunday @ 9:30am
Current Study: "Paul: One Who Followed Christ"



- **Growing Together Wednesday Service** @ 7-8pm
'Through the Bible' Study + Catalyst [for Teens]
(other classes are on summer break!)



- **VBS Decorations Days**
Every Thursday, 1-3pm in the Connection Building



- **Silver Café** – Lunch provided by Meals-On-Wheels
Every Friday at 11am – all seniors (60+) welcome!



- **The Gathering (Teens):** Every Friday @ 6-8pm



- **Ladies' Bible Study, Ladies' Lunch, Men's Breakfast...**
On Summer Break - Resumes in the Fall



Coming Up Soon:

6/27 - Encouragement Ministry Meeting (Thursday, 6:30pm)
*In the **Connection Building** here at SBC*

8/03 – Men's Retreat
Save the date! We're heading back to Camp Caro

CORE CORE Christianity

15 Essential Doctrines of the Christian Faith,
and how they change our daily life.

Part 13: "Baptism"

The Text: Matthew 3:1-12

3:1-5 – The _____ of John the Baptist

"Repent" = *metanoeō* = Change your mind. Think differently afterwards

3:6-11 – The Baptism of _____

Why would Jesus be baptized by John? Even John was shocked by this request! Jesus was sinless and had no need of repentance (**Hebrews 4:15, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 John 3:5**, etc). But this baptism of Jesus was proper to 'fulfill all righteousness' (**Matthew 3:15**)... as

- #1**) The official recognition of the prophesied forerunner (**Isaiah 40:3**),
- #2**) as the priestly preparation of the final sacrifice (**John 1:29**),
- #3**) to show that Jesus fully took the place of sinners (**2 Corinth 5:21**),
- #4**) and to leave us a perfect example to follow (**1 Peter 2:21**).

3:11-12 – The Baptisms of _____, the Holy Ghost, and of _____

These are obviously all different... so why are they all called 'baptisms'?

What is 'Baptism' ?

"Baptize" = *baptizō* = to immerse, to submerge, to clean by washing

"Baptism" = *baptisma* = to be immersed or submerged

Mark 1:10 – "And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him"

Matthew 20:22 – "But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

(Jesus had already been baptized by John! Here the 'baptism' is Christ's being *immersed into suffering!*)

200 BC – Recipe from the Greek poet Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should 'baptised' (*baptizō*) in the vinegar solution.

The Baptism of *John*: Immersion into _____

Acts 19:4-5 – “Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

The Baptism of *Fire*: Immersion into _____

2 Peter 3:6-10 – “Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men... But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”

The Baptism of *The Holy Spirit*: Immersion into _____

1 Corinthians 12:13 – “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”

Note: the baptism is by the **Spirit**! Not by water!

Romans 6:3-5 – “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection”

Note: we’re not physically crucified or buried! It’s *spiritual* immersion, by the Holy Spirit!

The Water Baptism of *Believers*: A _____ of our faith

Acts 8:35-38 – “Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him”



DEATH



BURIAL



RESURRECTION



NEW LIFE

The **Core Bible Truth**: We must be _____ into Christ to be saved from our sins!

Galatians 3:26-27 – “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

Colossians 3:3-4 – “For ye are dead, and your life is hid (*kryptō* = concealed by covering) with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”

Colossians 2:6-14 – “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him... Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God...”

Ephesians 4:4-6 – “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

The **Attacks** on the **Truth**

> **You must be _____ baptized to be saved?**

Romans 10:9 – “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (consider the thief on the cross: **Luke 23:43**)

The **Core Christian Stand for Truth**:

“We believe in one God... And in one Lord Jesus Christ... And in the Holy Ghost... we acknowledge one baptism (baptisma) for the remission of sins” – Nicene Creed

Application:

➔ **Water Baptism is a _____ picture of a _____ truth**

Matthew 28:19-20 – “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

The **Change** in Our Daily Life:

We Live out the _____ Realities in our _____ Lives

Romans 6:8-11 – “Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.... Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”