

12. How can we pray for each other this week?

Quotes to Ponder

We may never be martyrs but we can die to self, to sin, to the world, to our plans and ambitions. That is the significance of baptism; we died with Christ and rose to new life.

Vance Havner

Indeed, baptism is a vow, a sacred vow of the believer to follow Christ. Just as a wedding celebrates the fusion of two hearts, baptism celebrates the union of sinner with Savior.

Max Lucado

Our justification from sins takes place at the point of saving faith, not at the point of water baptism, which usually occurs later. But if a person is already justified and has sins forgiven eternally at the point of saving faith, then baptism is not necessary for forgiveness of sins nor for the bestowal of new spiritual life. Baptism, then, is not necessary for salvation. But it is necessary if we are to be obedient to Christ, for he commanded baptism for all who believe in him..

Wayne Grudem

We ought to regard the sacrament of baptism with reverence. An ordinance of which the Lord Jesus Himself partook, is not to be lightly esteemed. An ordinance to which the great Head of the Church submitted, ought to be ever honorable in the eyes of professing Christians.

J. C. Ryle

Christians should view the ordinance of baptism with the utmost seriousness. This means that no one who professes faith in Christ should remain unbaptized. Baptism portrays a believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus personally submitted to the baptism of John before beginning to baptize people Himself. While baptism plays no part in one's personal salvation, it is a nonoptional act of obedience to Christ (Matthew 28:19).

John MacArthur

Infant baptism when practiced can be no more than an expression of the faith and hope of the parents that their child will ultimately be saved.

Lewis Sperry Chafer



Baptism

September 13, 2015

Sermon Notes

1. Union

2. Repentance

3. Resurrection

4. Rebirth

5. Proclamation

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

Some teach that baptism is necessary for salvation. Is this a serious heresy? Why or why not?

2. What do the following verses teach us about baptism?

Matthew 28:19 —

Acts 18:8 —

Mark 1:9-11 —

Romans 6:3-5 —

Acts 2:37-41 —

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 —

Acts 8:12 —

Galatians 3:27 —

Acts 8:35-38 —

Colossians 2:12 —

3. What is baptism in the New Testament?

4. What does believer's baptism mean?

5. Does baptism save?

6. Why is baptism done publicly instead of in private?

7. Should a person who was baptized as an infant be re-baptized when he comes to faith in Jesus? Explain.

8. Should believers' baptism be a requirement for church membership? Why or why not?

9. How soon should one be baptized after their conversion?

What factors might warrant holding off on baptism for a time?

10. If you've been baptized as a believer, what was the effect of the baptism on your Christian life (if any)?

11. Should baptisms be a time of rejoicing and praise to God? Explain.