

# WHY BE BAPTIZED?

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. Baptism is a very controversial subject, and yet it is a very important subject
    - 1. It is controversial because people are unwilling to accept what the Bible teaches
    - 2. It is important because it is a command of Christ Matt 28:18-20; Mk 16:16
  - B. Often asked "Why be baptized?" Because God said so!
  - C. If I understand anything at all about New Testament teaching, I understand that we must "obey" the commands of Christ Jhn 12:48
    - 1. God has always required obedience of us Ex. Adam and Eve Gen 3; King Saul 1Sam 15:22
    - 2. This important lesson on "Obedience" needs to be emphasized in respect to all of God's commands
    - 3. However, in this lesson we are dealing with baptism
  - D. I sincerely believe that every person who has not been scripturally baptized "needs" to be
- DISCUSSION: You need to be baptized: Because baptism stands between you and Your-----

### I. BEING IN CHRIST (not geographic - not literal)

- A. The only way that one can get "into" Christ is by baptism Rom 6:3,4; Gal 3:27
- B. But why be in Christ?
  - 1. Salvation is in Christ 2Tim 2:10
  - 2. All spiritual blessings are in Christ Eph 1:3
  - 3. Redemption and forgiveness of sin are in Christ Eph 1:7
  - 4. We become "new creatures" in Christ 2Cor 5:17
  - 5. No condemnation in Christ Rom 8:1
  - 6. There is rest from our labors in Christ Rev 14:13

### II. BEING A CHILD OF GOD

- A. We are children of God by faith in Christ Jesus Gal 3:26,27; Rom 8:14-16
- B. Why be a child of God?
  - 1. As a child of God I have his love & care Matt 7:9-11
  - 2. As a child of God I am an heir Rom 8:15-17

### III. BEING IN THE KINGDOM

- A. We are born (baptized) into the kingdom Jhn 3:3,5
- B. The new birth is baptism - begotten by the Spirit, born of water See also Tit 3:5

- C. Why be in the kingdom?
  - 1. All benefits of citizenship are in the kingdom Phil 3:20,21
  - 2. All benefits of freedom are in the kingdom Col 1:13 Jhn 8:31,32

### IV. BEING IN THE BODY

- A. Begotten by the Spirit - we are baptized into the "ONE" body 1Cor 12:13; Eph 4:4; 1Cor 12:20
- B. Why be in the body?
  - 1. The body is the church Eph 1:22,23; Col 1:18 and the church is the "saved" Acts 2:47
  - 2. Christ is the saviour of the body Eph 5:23

### V. BENEFITS FROM THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

- A. We are baptized into the "death" of Christ Rom 6:3,4
- B. Christ shed his blood in his death because it was on the cross where he died that his blood was shed
- C. Why is the blood of Christ important?
  - 1. It is for remission of sins (your sins) Matt 26:28
  - 2. We are all sinners in need of this cleansing Rom 3:9,23; 1Jhn 1:6-10; Acts 2:38
  - 3. The "Lord's Supper" is a reminder to us of his death were that "blood" was shed for us Matt 26:28

### VI. WEARING THE NAME OF CHRIST

- A. The name "Christian" was given to identify the Lord's people Isa 62:2 - Just like the name Israel identified God's people of old
- B. We are baptized into the name of Christ Matt 28:19
- C. In the first century "Great" things were accomplished in the name of Christ Acts 3:16; 4:8-10
- D. Why wear the name of Christ?
  - 1. We honor Him by wearing His name
  - 2. We glorify God in this name 1Pet 4:16
  - 3. Salvation is in His name Acts 4:12

### CONCLUSION:

- A. Do you need to be baptized?
- B. You need to be - must be - baptized to be:
  - 1. In Christ
  - 2. A child of God
  - 3. In the kingdom
  - 4. In the body, the church
  - 5. In contact with His blood
  - 6. Wearing His name

(from Herbert Knight)