

The Power of Baptism

Scripture Reference: Mark 1:2-5, Matt 3:13-17

- A. Two _____ in the church: Holy Communion and Baptism.
- B. Three _____ baptisms mentioned in the NT: John's baptism, Christian/Believer's baptism, baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- C. Greek word: baptizo= to _____, to cleanse with the washing of water, to overwhelm.
- D. Immersion is _____, it is not _____.
- E. Two prepositions: In and Into
 - In refers to the _____ in which you are immersed.
 - Into describes the end product or _____ of being immersed.

John's baptism (Mark 1:2-5)

- A. John was called to _____ the way for Jesus. His ministry can be summed up in one word. _____.
- B. John's baptism was a _____ between two periods. The law and the prophets, and the grace of the Gospel of Jesus.
- C. Jesus could not come until the hearts of God's people were _____ by repentance.

Requirements of John's baptism

- 1. Repentance. Repentance is a _____. You come to the end of something; you turn and go in the other _____.
- 2. Public _____ of sins.
 - (1 John 1:9) *If we confess...* The only sins God is committed to forgive are the ones that we confess.
- 3. Evidence of a _____ life. There must be _____ of your repentance.

Limitations of John's baptism

- 1. It did not produce _____. (*Matt 11:11*) This was not possible until Jesus.

2. After Pentecost John's baptism was no longer valid. (Acts 19:1-2) You must now _____ Jesus as Lord and messiah to qualify for baptism.

Christian/Believer's baptism (Matt 3:13-17)

- A. This is a huge deal! All three persons of the Godhead _____ water baptism.
- B. This is not a baptism of _____. Jesus had no sins.
- C. So why be baptized? "For us to _____ all righteousness"
- D. How did Jesus fulfil all righteousness? Through His _____, _____, and _____.
- E. We also _____ a death, burial, and resurrection.
- F. We are baptized because we have been _____. (Rom 5:1)

Baptism is a commitment (Rom 6:3-7)

- A. We died with Him, in the watery grave we are buried with Him, and we arise with Him to walk in _____ of life.
- B. Who raised Jesus from the dead? The _____. (Rom 8:11)
- C. In water baptism we are _____ the power of the resurrection in our life.
- D. Baptism is a commitment to _____. (Matt 18:19-20)

Requirements for Christian/Believer's baptism

- A. Hear the _____.
- B. _____. (Acts 2:38)
- C. _____. (Mark 16:15-16)
- D. _____ to being a disciple.
- E. (Not a requirement) You don't have to _____. (Acts 2:41, Acts 8 Phillip and the Ethiopian, Acts 16 Paul and Silas in jail)

