

LESSON 37: CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN WATER BAPTISM (COL. 2:12)

Discussion of last week's meeting, readings and events.

A) Saving faith precedes baptism, along with repentance, and confession of Jesus Christ as Savior.

B) Thus, water baptism is an outward symbol of an inward reality.

C) Baptism is the answer of a good conscience toward God.

D) We must always remember that it is by grace that we are saved through faith:

E) The Greek word for baptizing is baptizontes, a participle of the verb baptizo. This word is derived from bapto, which means primarily, to dip, plunge or immerse

(I) THE WATER

- A. Symbolizes purification from sin
- B. Symbolizes a water grave where we die to the old, or a grave (death) which is the result of sin.

(II) THE ACT

- A. Die to self
- B. Rise to life

(III) THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SYMBOLISM

- A. Christ baptized into death (Mark 10:38)
- B. Went into the grave
- C. Resurrected
- D. We receive by faith

(IV) INTO CHRIST

- A. Demonstrated outwardly your inward union
- B. Lost identity found in Christ
- C. Public declaration

(V) READ TOGETHER Matthew 28:18

- A. If you have been born-again consider being baptized

Read our pamphlet on Baptism available in the church lobby.

Memorize Matthew 28:18-20.

Pray about when and how you will follow the Lord in obedience through baptism.