

# Sermon Notes

## *What is a Believer's Baptism?*

### **Acts Chapter 2**

Paul addressed baptism in 1 Corinthians 1:13–16. The Corinthians were boasting about which apostle had baptized them, arguing about whose baptism was better. Paul rebuked them for their sectarianism and concluded with, “Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel.” From this statement it is clear that there is a marked difference between receiving the gospel and the act of baptism. They are \_\_\_\_\_ but are not the same in importance.

You cannot study the Bible properly without seeking to understand it as a whole. Some Christians believe that baptism is required for forgiveness and salvation. They often use the following verses to support their position: Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21, Mark 16:15-16, John 3:5

Counter verses include Acts 3:19, Acts 10:43, Acts 16:31, Acts 26:18-20, Acts 8:35-28, Acts 10:43-48, 1 John 1:7b, John 3:36, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Corinthians 1:17a, Romans 6:3-5

How do we explain Acts 2:38? The idea of an unbaptized Christian was foreign to the apostles because they assumed that every true believer would be an \_\_\_\_\_ believer. So in Acts 2:38, Peter adds baptism as the naturally understood consequence of repentance. But it is not the baptism, but repentance, which brings forgiveness.

Acts 10 makes it very clear that they believed and received God's forgiveness, the Holy Spirit came on them, and then they were baptized. If baptism were necessary for salvation, then the thief on the cross was not really \_\_\_\_\_, and Jesus would be \_\_\_\_\_ since He promised him that on that day the thief would be with him in paradise (Luke 23:43).

The primary meaning of the Greek word “baptizo” is “to immerse”. The secondary meaning is “to identify”. The believer's baptism is a confession of \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.

The Believer's Baptism is an outward sign of an inward rebirth. It is an act of obedience, and it is a public act that identifies us as a Christian and is evidence of our faith in Jesus and His Lordship. It is not required for forgiveness or salvation. Beware of add-ons.

### **Action Points**

1. Pray, everyday this week, for people who are born-again but haven't been baptized as a believer that they will seek to make that public profession of faith.
2. Share with at least one person what you learned today about salvation followed by believer's baptism.
3. If you had been sprinkled as an infant, but later the Lord saved you and you had a believer's baptism, share that fact with someone you know who was sprinkled.

Study for This Week: Jeremiah 50

### **Announcements**

- Bible Study – Tuesday, 6:00 pm. Jeremiah 50.

**Saturday Worship Service: 5:00 pm • Tuesday Bible Study: 6:00 pm**

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**June 16, 2018**

Songs – *Sing Praise*

*Here I Am to Worship*

Opening Prayer

**Scripture -- Leviticus 16:23-24**

Song – *Good Good Father*

**Scripture -- Romans 6:1-5**

Song – *I Put My Trust in You\**

Message – “What is a Believer’s Baptism?”

Prayers of Need and Thanksgiving / Doxology

Song – *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

*\* Original Led By Mercy Song*

# **Welcome to Our Worship Service!**



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