

Baptism - continued

comes a Christian and a member of the Lord's body. Consider two scriptures that talk about baptism placing one into the body of Christ and not into man-made denomination.

“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:13)

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:26-27)

Bible Baptism vs. Denominational Baptism

Friend, you cannot be taught wrong and baptized right (Romans 6:3-4, 17). You cannot be baptized wrong and worship right (Acts 2:38, 41-42, 46). You cannot worship wrong and live right (John 4:23-24). You cannot live wrong and die right (Revelation 14:4, 5, 13). Therefore, you cannot be baptized wrong and die right!

Don't try to make your denominational baptism a Bible baptism after the fact. Have you submitted to the “one baptism” of Bible baptism (Ephesians 4:5)? Yes, you can take your pick between Bible baptism and denominational baptism, but why not choose what the Lord has commanded!
- Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- Honest mistakes need correcting just as much as other mistakes do.
- Giving advice is good; lending a helping hand is even better.
- Is your pencil of life wearing out quicker than your eraser?
- Your faith must have adequate evidence, otherwise it is merely superstition.
- Never alter a principle of truth on an altar of compromise.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Bible Baptism vs. Denominational Baptism (Part 2)

In last week's bulletin, I began a study of proper Bible baptism vs. improper denominational baptism. I examined the right authority, the right person, and the right confession of Bible baptism. Below, I want to conclude our study of this important topic. So many people today have been baptized with the wrong baptism and I want them to know about the true, Bible baptism. Friend, how were you baptized?

The Right Action

In denomination baptism, some people will sprinkle or pour water on a person to be baptized. In Bible baptism, immersion was the action. Baptism is a burial in water. Baptism actually means "to dip or to immerse". Consider two scriptures that talk about baptism being immersion.

"And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him" (Acts 8:38).

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

The Right Element

In the denominational baptism of the Pentecostal Churches, baptism is in the Holy Ghost. In Bible baptism, water is the

element into which a person is baptized. Consider two scriptures that talk about baptism in water.

"And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? ... And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him" (Acts 8:36, 38).

"Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" (Acts 10:47).

The Right Purpose

In denominational baptism, many churches baptize to show that a person is already saved. They say baptism is "An outward sign of an inward grace." In Bible baptism, the purpose is to obtain remission of sins. Consider three scriptures that talk about baptism being for the purpose of forgiveness of sins.

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

"The like figure whereunto even baptism

doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21).

The Right Order

In denominational baptism, salvation comes before baptism, and in some churches (like the Catholic Church), baptism even comes before belief. In Bible baptism, a person always hears God's word first, believes it, and then is baptized. Consider two scriptures that talk about baptism coming after hearing and belief.

"And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized" (Acts 18:8).

"And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:3-5).

The Right Allegiance

In denominational baptism, a person is baptized into a particular man-made church. In Bible baptism, a person be-