

Baptism Brings Us Into Contact with the Blood of Christ

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Key Thoughts

1. Man is in sin because of the fall of Adam
2. God planned for man's redemption before the foundation of the world
3. Necessary for Christ to die on the cross for our salvation
4. What does His blood provide for us?
 - A. Forgiveness & Cleansing of Sin
 - B. Redemption & Salvation
 - C. Covenant Relationship with God
 - D. Victory & Triumph
5. Baptism brings us into contact with His blood
6. No salvation without baptism
7. What those who come from denominations need to know

Introduction

- 1. The world has misconceptions about man and his relationship with God.**
 - A. Some think that a good moral person is acceptable to God without obedience to the gospel.
 - B. Some teach that just believing in Christ will provide the forgiveness of sins.
- 2. These kinds of misconceptions are deceiving and cause you to loose your life in eternity.**
- 3. We need to learn the truth about God's love**
 - A. His grace (the favor of God that man does not deserve)
 - B. The importance of His shed blood and how it will save us in eternity.

Discussion

- 1. Man is in sin because of the fall of Adam**
 - A. Sin entered the world through one man (Rom. 5:12, 1 Cor. 15:21–22)
 1. God gave Adam a law – Do not eat the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Gen. 2:16)
 - a. It is important to understand that man has always been under God's law.
 2. Adam was disobedient, and transgressed that law by eating the forbidden fruit. (Gen. 3:6)
 - B. His transgression has caused all to become sinners (Romans 5:19)
 1. It was not because we bear the sin of Adam's action. (Rom. 5:14)
 - a. It is because his sin propagated the knowledge of good and evil to his descendants.
 - b. His action allowed sin to entered into the world. (Rom 5:19)

2. God planned for man's redemption before the foundation of the world (Eph 1:3-14)

- A. It was God's plan to choose us as adopted children through Jesus Christ. (Eph. 1:5)
- B. This adoption is through the redemption of man through the blood of Christ. (Eph. 1:7)

3. Necessary for Christ to die on the cross for our salvation

- A. To obtain this redemption, the blood of Christ had to be shed as a holy sacrifice for man's sins.
- B. His blood had to be shed (Heb. 9:22)
 - 1. This shows the love that God had for mankind. (John 3:16)
 - 2. This shows that God wants man to be in a saved, covenant relationship with Him.
- C. Only the blood of Jesus that was poured out that saves us from our sins. (Mat. 26:28)
 - 1. Blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin. (1 Jn. 1:7)
 - 2. Without Christ we are dead in our sins (Eph. 2:5)

4. What does His blood provide for us?

- A. We have Forgiveness and Cleansing of Sin
 - 1. The blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)
- B. We have Redemption Salvation
 - 1. Redemption and forgiveness through his blood (Eph. 1:7)
- C. We have a covenant relationship with God
 - 1. His blood cleanses and secures the new covenant for man (Heb 9:14-15)
- D. Victory & Triumph over sin and death
 - 1. We have sanctification (Heb. 13:12)
 - 2. We overcame the enemy by the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 12:11)
 - 3. We have victory over the sting of death, and the clutches of the grave. (1 Cor. 15:50-57)

5. Baptism brings us into contact with His blood

- A. His Blood Was Shed in His Death
 - 1. John 19:33-34 — Jesus' side pierced; blood and water flowed out
 - 2. Romans 5:9 — Justified by his blood, saved from wrath
- B. Christ's Blood Brings Forgiveness
 - 1. Matthew 26:28 — Jesus' blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins
 - 2. Ephesians 1:7 — Redemption and forgiveness through his blood
- C. Baptism Unites Us with His Death
 - 1. Romans 6:3-4 — Baptized into Christ's death, buried with him in baptism
 - 2. Colossians 2:12 — Buried with him in baptism, raised through faith
- D. Baptism as Washing / Cleansing
 - 1. Acts 22:16 — Be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name
 - a. This connects with Math. 26:28 and Eph. 1:7
 - i. The forgiveness of sins is the washing away of sin, and this is done through baptism.
 - 2. 1 Peter 3:21 — Baptism is but the answer of a good conscience toward God
 - a. By submitting to baptism we acknowledge our sins and appeal to him with a good conscience for his mercy.

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- b. Appeal for divine vindication.
 - i. The underlying idea of “asking” or “inquiring” highlights baptism as an appeal to God for cleansing
 - ii. This is just as when David cried, “Create in me a clean heart, O God” (Psalm 51:10).
 - iii. Baptism is the act of dependence that man does for the forgiveness of sin from God.
 - a.) Our dependence is upon God and the fulfillment of his promises.
- E. New Life Through Resurrection
 - 1. Romans 6:3-7 — Just as Christ was raised, we may live a new life.
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 - 2. 1 Corinthians 15:22 — As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive
 - a.
- F. The act of baptism mirrors the death and resurrection of Christ.
 - 1. “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.” (Rom. 6:4)
- 6. No salvation without baptism (Mk. 16:16)**
 - A. Jesus stated it very simply.
 - 1. Those who are baptized will be saved.
 - 2. Those are not will not be saved.
 - B. It is vitally important that your baptism was for the right reason.
 - 1. Some teach that baptism is a witness that you have already been saved from your sins through faith.
 - 2. You baptism must be with the understanding that it will save you from your sins.
- 7. For those who come from denominations, you need to know this – There are religious groups that teach that baptism is not for the remission of a persons sins.**
 - A. For example – The Baptist religion;
 - 1. Baptist denominations teach that baptism is integrally related to remission of sins in that it symbolizes and confirms the believer's repentance and faith, but it does not itself remit sins; remission is fundamentally by Christ's blood and received by faith.
 - B. This doctrine cannot be found in the gospel of Christ.
 - 1. This classifies it as a doctrine of men.
 - C. The ultimate problem is that it keeps a believer from coming into contact with the blood of Christ.
 - 1. Without the blood of Christ we are lost. (Mk. 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21)

Conclusion

1. Going though baptism is symbolic of Jesus’ death.

- A. Like him we die to the world, we are buried, and then raised in newness of life. (Rom. 6:4)

2. To find this salvation we must be obedient to the gospel and those things we are told that will save us as we approach baptism.

A. Hear the Gospel

- i. Rom 1:16. - For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek

B. Believe the Gospel

- i. John. 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

C. Repent of your Sins

- i. 2 Cor. 7:10 - For godly sorrow works repentance unto salvation, 'a repentance' which brings no regret: but the sorrow of the world works death.

D. Confess Christ before man

- i. Rom 10:10 - for with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

E. Be Baptized for the remission of your sins

- i. 1 Pet. 3:21 - which also after a true likeness does now save you, 'even' baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ;

F. Salvation will be given

- i. Mk. 16:16 - He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieves shall be condemned.

G. To continue therein

- i. 1 Tim. 4:16. - Take heed to thyself, and to your teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this you shall save both yourself and them that hear you.

Baptism and the Shed Blood of Christ – Scripture Chain

1. Christ's Blood Brings Forgiveness

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Colossians 2:12	Buried with him in baptism, raised through faith

4. Same as Washing / Cleansing

Bible Verse	Meaning
Acts 22:16	Be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name
1 Peter 3:21	Baptism is an appeal to God for a clean conscience

5. New Life Through Resurrection

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1 Corinthians 15:22	As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive

Flow in one line:

Blood → Death → Baptism into death → Cleansing from sin → Resurrection life

Correlation of Baptism Verses

Acts 2:38

Peter says baptism is “for the remission of sins” and tied to receiving the Spirit.

Here, baptism is placed at the entry point of forgiveness and new life.

Acts 22:16

Paul is urged, “arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

This makes personal what Peter preached—baptism is not symbolic only; it’s the moment sins are “washed away” in calling on Jesus.

Romans 6:3–4

Paul teaches baptism is a burial into Christ’s death and a rising into new life.

Instead of only forgiveness language, it emphasizes participation: sharing in Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection.

Correlation

- Acts 2:38 sets baptism as the response to the gospel for forgiveness.
- Acts 22:16 shows that personally, baptism is the point where sins are cleansed.
- Romans 6:3–4 pulls back the curtain: baptism works this way because it unites us to Christ’s saving death and resurrection.

Together: Baptism isn’t portrayed as an isolated ritual, but as the moment where faith, forgiveness, cleansing, and union with Christ converge.