

CALVARY CHAPEL FORT SMITH

"BIBLE BASICS STUDIES"

LESSON 7

WATER BAPTISM & COMMUNION

The topics for this lesson deal with two sacraments that Jesus gave to the church. All believers are called to be baptized as a testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20). In like manner, Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 tells us that Jesus instituted communion as one way believers can continually remember the sacrifice made for them upon Calvary and also look forward to the Lord's return.

READY TO GO!

Let's pray that God will reveal more of himself to us through this Bible study. Jesus said in John 5:39 that if we search the Scriptures we will learn of Him, for they bear witness of Him.

WHAT DOES THE WORD SAY?

Please read the following passages before proceeding to the questions: For baptism - Acts 8:26-39; I Corinthians 1:13-18; Exodus 14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2. For communion - Matthew 26:26-30; John 6; I Corinthians 10:16; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24.

(Please answer in your own words)

WATER BAPTISM

1. Is baptism necessary for salvation?
(Romans 10:9-10; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9).

2. What is the emphasis upon in Mark 16:16? What does it tell us in the reason for a person being damned? _____

3. In Acts 8:12 were those that were baptized already believers or did the act of baptism make them believers? _____

4. In Acts 8:36-37 what do you suppose could have hindered the eunuch from being baptized by Phillip? _____

5. In being baptized we are outwardly identifying with Christ's death and resurrection. What does it tell us about this in Romans 6:1-7 and Galatians 3:27?

6. Does baptism please the Lord? Should all believers be baptized? (Matt. 28:18-20)

COMMUNION - Go to 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

7. When did Jesus institute communion (1 Corinthians 11:23)._____

8. What does the bread and wine represent? (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)_____

9. Of what else does this feast of remembrance remind us? (I Corinthians 11:26)_____

(Go to John 6:48-63)

10. What does Jesus mean in verse 53 when He says, except we eat His flesh and drink His blood we have no life in us?_____

11. Was this a literal statement or a spiritual one? (John 6:52 & 63)_____

Jesus Himself instituted both water baptism and communion. Although baptism is not necessary for salvation, Jesus desires all believers to be baptized as an outward confession of our faith in Him. Communion was given to us as a place to come and remember the cost of our new life, the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross. As Christians communion should be an active part of our fellowship with God and baptism a time of testimony of our belief in Jesus Christ.

12. List below some reasons for baptism and communion that you see as important.

MEMORY VERSE

James 1.22 (NKJV) "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

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