

Baptism: from God or Man? Luke 20

Introduction: The doctrine of baptism has gone through many changes in the 20 centuries since the founding of the church. It is important for us to go back to the Bible to see what is the purpose of baptism. (Living water, Blessed water, just before death: last rites)

I. Context

Was John's Baptism authorized by God? Yes

Baptism unto remission of sins, looking forward to Kingdom, Mk 1:4

II. Baptism Today

A. Man says baptism is for young children

Acts 10 (Cornelius), Acts 16:15, 33 (Jailer); 1 Cor 1:16 Stephanas)

A1. The Bible says baptism is for believers and repenters.

Mark 16:16 believes and baptized, Acts 2:38 repent and bap.

B. Man says baptism is by Spirit, sprinkling, pouring

B1. The Bible says baptism is by burial in water

Acts 8:38 went down, Matthew 3:16 came up

C. The thief on the cross proves baptism is not essential

Luke 23:43 (Luke 5:20 paralyzed man), John 8:11 in adultery)

C1. The terms for salvation today are found in the church

Gal 3:27 baptized/clothed, 1 Cor 12:13 1 spirit into 1 body

What if you die on way to baptism? What if die before confession, before belief?

D. Man says baptism is a symbol: outward sign of inward grace

D1. The Bible says it is the point of transition into the Kingdom (GOOGLE)

Acts 2:38, 47 added to church,

Romans 6:3-4 (5:21 sin reigned, 6:1 continue in sin, 6:2 live in sin

6:5 united in death, 6:6 old man crucified, 6:7 freed from sin

1 Peter 3:21: Noah's ark, Red Sea, Jordan River, Namaan in 1 Kg 5

E. Man says baptism is a work of man

Ephesians 2:9 saved by grace through faith,

Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but

according to his mercy he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the holy Spirit.

E1. The Bible says baptism is a work of God

John 6:29 This is work of God, that you believe in him whom he sent

Col 2:12 buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him

through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead.

Conclusion: When you were baptized, was it to please God or man?