

Lesson 13

Baptism

1. Just before he returned to his Father in heaven, Jesus said to his followers:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19)

What did people everywhere become? D_____ of Jesus.

2. Jesus continued by saying:

“...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

(Matthew 28:19-20)

What are the two things which Jesus told his followers to do for the new believers?

They are to _____ them and to _____ them.

3. Who commanded believers to be baptized?_____.

4. If the Lord Jesus commanded baptism and you have not been baptized, is it important that you should be? Yes No



Now, let's look at the meaning of baptism.

5. When you first believed in Jesus all your sins were forgiven. The Bible says:

“...the blood of Jesus... purifies us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7)

When Jesus died on the cross, it was to lead us to God. He forgives our sins and p_____ our hearts.

6. When Paul believed in the Lord Jesus as his Savior and Lord, God spoke to him through a man called Ananias and said:

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Answers

1. Disciples 3. Jesus 5. purifies
2. baptize /teach 4. Yes

6. Continued.

"...Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name."
(Acts 22:16)

So in baptism we use water as a sign of cleansing. It is a sign others can see, which stands for Jesus p_____ our hearts from_____.

7. Just as water washes our bodies, so the blood of Christ p_____ our hearts from_____.

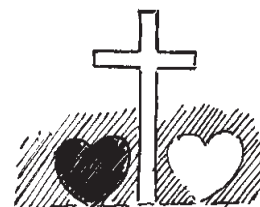
8. What is it that purifies our hearts from sin? The _____ of _____.

9. The Bible says:

"...everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."
(Acts 10:43)

When are we purified from sin? (Check the correct one)

- a. When we go to church.
 b. When we believe in Christ.
 c. When we are baptized.



10. We are not purified at the moment of our baptism but when we _____ in _____.

11. God forgives our sins at the moment we believe in Christ and receive him into our life. Our hearts cannot be purified by something that only touches our outward bodies.

This is the reason why baptism by itself does NOT bring forgiveness of sin and cleansing. It is a sign to everybody around us that our hearts have been purified from sin when we received Christ into our heart by faith. When we are baptized, we are saying to all people, "God has made my heart clean just like this water makes my body clean."

Why does God forgive us? (Check the correct one)

- a. Because we are baptized.
 b. Because we have done nothing wrong.
 c. Because we believe in Christ and his blood purifies us.

12. What does baptism represent? _____ from _____.

Answers

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| 6. purifying/sin | 8. blood/Christ | 10. believe/Christ |
| 7. purifies/sin | 9. b. | 11. c. |
| | | 12. Purification/sin |

13. Baptism is a visible sign of the purifying that God gives. Something invisible is something we cannot see.

So something visible is something we can _____.

14. We cannot see inside our hearts, so purifying us from sin is something invisible. However, baptism is a v _____ sign.

15. So, baptism does not make us pure from sin; on the contrary, it: (Check the correct one)

- a. is something that no one sees; it happens inside us.
- b. is a visible sign to others that God has purified our heart from sin.
- c. is unimportant.

16. From where is our sin washed away? (Check the correct one)

- a. From within our heart.
- b. From the outside of the body only.
- c. From the part touched by the water of baptism.

17. What is the visible sign that represents this inward purifying?

18. When are we purified from sin?

When we _____ in Jesus.

19. The time of a person's baptism is a happy one to be remembered. Our heart should be filled with joy and praise to the Lord for forgiving ALL our sins by the blood of the Lord Jesus shed for us on the cross of Calvary. Furthermore, the whole congregation should be excited by the things the Lord has done. What does baptism symbolize?

20. Who has commanded us to be baptized?

Answers

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| 13. see | 16. a. | 19. God has purified our hearts |
| 14. visible | 17. Baptism | from our sins |
| 15. b. | 18. believe | 20. Christ |

Why not take some time right now to thank God for cleansing you from sin!

Baptism also stands for other great spiritual truths but we cannot deal with them all in one lesson. As you read your Bible, you will learn more and more. Here are some further Bible passages you could read about baptism.



- A sign of cleansing from sin: Acts 2:38
Hebrews 10:22
1 Peter 3:21
- Identifies us with Christ: Galatians 3:27
Romans 6:3-6
Colossians 2:12

LESSON 13 REVIEW

1. Who commanded us to be baptized?

2. What does baptism symbolize?

3. At what moment are we cleansed from sin?

4. What is the visible sign of this cleansing?

