CHRISTIANS NEED TO REMEMBER THEIR BAPTISM
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INTRODUCTION
1. Many of the truths revealed to us in the New Testament on the subject of BAPTISM were not written to alien sinners, but to Christians -- have you ever thought of this?
2. These lessons on BAPTISM were to teach Christians some very vital lessons on HOW TO LIVE AND CONDUCT THEMSELVES AFTER THEY HAD BECOME CHRISTIANS.
3. Let us study some lessons we are to learn by REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM.

I. CHRISTIANS ARE NEW CREATURES BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED.
   1. Paul told the Romans that because they had been baptized they should walk in "newness of life" -- Rom. 6:4.
      (1) In baptism one has ended a life of sin and begun a life of righteousness -- Rom. 6:17 - 18.
      (2) One is now a new creature in Christ; old things are passed away -- 2 Cor. 5:17.
      (3) We have PUT OFF the Old man with his deeds -- Col. 3:9.
      (4) We have PUT ON the New man -- Col. 3:10; Gal. 3:27; Rom. 13:14.
      (5) Our affection is to be on things ABOVE -- Col. 3: 1-2

II. CHRISTIANS CONTINUE STEADFAST IN WORSHIP BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED.
    1. When the people on Pentecost gladly received the word and were baptized, they continued steadfastly in worship -- Acts 2: 41 - 42.
    2. Christians today are to do the same.
    3. If you have been scripturally baptized you are to be steadfast in worship.
    4. Remembering your baptism will help you to be steadfast in worship.

III. CHRISTIANS ARE UNITED BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED.
    2. One is baptized into one body -- I Cor. 12:13.
       (1) "members one of another" -- Rom. 12:5.
    3. Paul wanted the Corinthians to remember their baptism in time of DIVISION -- I Cor. 1: 10 - 13.
       (1) They had been baptized by ONE authority -- I Cor. 1:13; Acts 2:38; Matt. 28: 18 - 20.
       (2) His authority brought salvation -- Acts 4: 10 - 12.
    4. People from every nation, when they are baptized, are one in Christ -- Gal. 3:28.

IV. REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM PRESERVES PURITY OF LIFE.
    1. We were SANCTIFIED and CLEANSED when we were baptized -- Eph. 5:26; I Cor. 6:11.
    2. In baptism one is FREED from sin -- Rom. 6:3 - 4, 6, 16 - 18.
    3. We have been baptized AND we must live HOLY lives -- Rom. 6:22.
V. WE NEED TO REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM TO HAVE A GOOD CONSCIENCE
   1. I Pet. 3:21
   2. If we will remember our baptism and the good conscience we had then, and what we did
to have that good conscience, we can continue to have a good conscience -- if we will
continue to do God's will.

VI. WE NEED TO REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM TO KNOW WHOSE SERVANTS WE ARE.
   1. We became the servants of God when we were baptized -- Rom. 6: 16 - 18, 22.
   2. We cannot serve two masters -- Matt. 6:24.

VII. WE NEED TO REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM TO KEEP OUR AFFECTIONS IN THE
     RIGHT PLACE.
     1. Col. 3:1 - 2
     2. When one remembers his baptism he remembers he was baptized so that he might be
        saved from sin and go to heaven when he dies.
     3. One remembers he was baptized because of heavenly things -- Phil. 3:19.

VIII. WE NEED TO REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM TO REMEMBER WHOSE CHILDREN WE
      ARE.
      1. Gal. 3: 26 - 27
      2. We are in God's family, the church -- I Tim. 3:15.

IX. CHRISTIANS TEACH AND PREACH THE GOSPEL BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN
    BAPTIZED.
    2. Christians are debtors -- Rom. 1: 14 - 16.

X. CHRISTIANS EXPERIENCE A TRUE AND GENUINE JOY BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN
    BAPTIZED.
    2. Phil. 4:4

CONCLUSION
   1. I hope this lesson will help all of us to live better lives -- when we remember our BAPTISM!

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