CHRISTIANS NEED TO REMEMBER THEIR BAPTISM

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 them some very vital lessons on how to live and conduct themselves after they had become Christians.

3. Many times we think a lesson on baptism is only for an alien sinner, but this is not so.

4. Let us now study some lessons we are to learn by remembering our baptism.

I. THE EPHESIANS WERE TO REMEMBER THEIR BAPTISM "TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT"...

Eph. 4: 1 - 6

1. Remembering one's baptism helps preserve unity -- Gal. 3: 26 - 28

2. One is baptized into one body -- I Cor. 12: 13

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; Matt. 28: 18 - 20; Acts 2:38; Acts 19: 5; 10:48

   (2) His authority brought salvation -- Acts 4: 10 -12; Luke 24:47

4. Their baptism was one action

   (1) Baptism is immersion

   (2) Rom. 6: 4; Col. 2:12; Heb. 10:22; Tit. 3:5; Eph. 5:26

5. Their baptism had one design.

   (1) Salvation -- Mk. 16:16; Acts 22:16

6. If one will remember his baptism he will not follow after other standards of authority

II. THE EPHESIANS WERE TO REMEMBER THEIR BAPTISM TO PRESERVE PURITY OF LIFE

1. Eph. 5: 25 - 27

2. Paul taught this same lesson to the Romans on baptism -- Rom. 6: 1- 4

3. In baptism one is freed from sin -- Rom. 6: 15 - 18

4. He is completely separated from sin -- I Cor. 6:11
III. PETER TEACHES US TO REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM TO HAVE "A GOOD CONSCIENCE"

1. I Pet. 3:21

2. Peter had just told Christians in I Pet. 3:16 to have a "good conscience" in all they did -- I Pet. 3:8 - 21

3. If we will remember our baptism, the good conscience we had then, and what we did to have that good conscience, we can continue to have a good conscience.

IV. WE NEED TO REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM TO KNOW WHOSE SERVANTS WE ARE

1. Rom. 6: 16 - 22

2. We are the servants of God -- Rom. 6: 18, 22

3. Being the servants of God, we should live free from sin -- Rom. 6: 18, 20

4. We cannot served two masters -- Matt. 6:24

V. CHRISTIANS NEED TO REMEMBER THEIR BAPTISM TO CONTINUE STEADFAST IN WORSHIP

1. When people received the word and are baptized they then **continued steadfast in worship** to God -- Acts 2: 41 - 42

2. Christians cannot miss worship -- they have been baptized

VI. 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 that he might be saved from sin, and go to heaven when he dies.

3. He remembers he was baptized because of heavenly things -- Phil. 3:19

VII. 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

VIII. CHRISTIANS TEACH AND PRACTICE THE GOSPEL BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED


2. Christians are debtors -- Rom. 1: 14 - 16

IX. CHRISTIANS EXPERIENCE A TRUE AND GENUINE JOY BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED


2. Phil. 4:4
CONCLUSION:

1. I hope this lesson will help us to appreciate baptism a lot more.

2. Have you ever been baptized?

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