

BAPTISM - 02**ATTENTION:**

There is only one kind of human– the kind that needs to be saved!

³ *This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

1 Timothy 2:3-4

There is only one who is qualified to make that judgment!

¹⁰ *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

2 Corinthians 5:10

There is only one who can with authority say how to be saved!

¹⁵ *Then he (Jesus) said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

Mark 16:15-16

There is only one who has the power to save!

¹² *There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”*

Acts 4:12

- These are the kind of things that unite us and bring us together here from many different places and experiences.

ATTUNE: Lessons: Preach What We Practice

- We are taking some time to discuss why we do some of the things we do in order to make sure we all understand why we have chosen to do things in certain ways.
- We began last week to discuss baptism in order to communicate why we emphasis baptism as we do.
- Let’s continue that discussion this morning.

BODY:

One way of speaking about salvation and the practice of baptism is to discuss “spiritual blessings”

Paul makes an incredible statement in [Ephesians 1:3](#)

³ *Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ.*

What are these spiritual blessings?

- They are the blessings God gives us in Christ:
 - The word *blessing* is a translation of the Greek word *eulogy*, which means “*to speak well of.*”
 - God is the one speaking good things about us or speaking good things for us – speaking blessings upon us!
 - The good things/blessings God has spoken for us are beyond our ability to number and can be found through the scripture.
 - BUT let’s discover a few by looking at Paul’s words in the verses after his statement in v. 3 – spiritual blessings in Christ. ([Ephesians 1:4–13](#)).
- Blessing - Chosen in Christ before the foundation of world. [v. 4](#)
 - This is the good that God had prepared for His children before the world was even created.
- Blessing – Adopted as His children through Christ. [v. 5](#)
 - God granted us full status as His children - with all benefits!
- Blessing - Lavished His grace upon us in Christ! [v. 6](#)
 - The blood of Christ has taken away the guilt of our sins, and we stand before the Father as perfectly accepted.
- Blessing – In Him redemption through His blood/forgiveness [v. 7-8](#)
 - The payment to buy us out of eternal condemnation was fully paid by the blood of Christ.
- Blessing knowing the mystery of His will [v. 9-10](#)
 - God has given us insight into His plan to bring everything together in Christ = thing in heaven and earth.
- Blessing given an inheritance in Christ. [v. 11](#)
 - *Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him”* ([1 Corinthians 2:9](#)).

- The riches of glory, the presence of God, the eternal home – these don't even scratch the surface of all the blessings that belong to our inheritance in Jesus!
- Blessing sealed with the Holy Spirit. [v. 13-14](#)
 - When we become God's children, He places His mark of ownership on us

The list could go on and on and on!

- No condemnation – [Romans 8:1](#)
- New Creations – [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)
- Salvation – [2 Timothy 2:10](#)
- Eternal Life – [1 John 5:11](#)
- Spiritual blessing after spiritual blessing after spiritual blessing IN CHRIST!
- Just imagine all the amazing things that are ours IN CHRIST!

**BUT MARK, I THOUGHT THIS WAS
A LESSON ABOUT BAPTISM**

O that's right, let's tie these things together with our lessons on baptism!

What if I told you that there are only 2 passages that specifically tell a person how to get into Christ?

- Would you want to see them?
 - [Romans 6:3](#)
 - [Galatians 3:27](#)
- If you were to search the bible from beginning to end you would not find any other passages that say there is another way to get into Christ.

Let's search the Bible and see if that is really the case.

- Not that there are not other things involved in the process such as knowledge, faith, repentance, confession, etc.
- But the transition into that relationship occurs when everything culminates in being immersed into Christ.

PROJECT:

This is another reason we put such emphasis on Baptism

- It is so central to the call of God to us!
- It is in the center of the whole salvation process!
- It is a part of the salvation moment!

ACTION:

I want to ask each of us this morning the same question Ananias asked Saul who would soon be called Paul. It was time for him to make the decision to act on the will of God.

[And now, why are you delaying? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'](#)

[Acts 22:16](#)

BAPTISM VERSES:

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mark 16:15-16

¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Acts 2:37-38

³⁷ When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: "Brothers, what should we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

¹⁶ And now, why are you delaying? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

Romans 6:3-4

...all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.

Galatians 3:26-27

²⁶ for through faith you are all sons of God in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For those of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ.

1 Peter 3:21

²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you (not as the removal of dirt from the body, but the pledge (appeal) of a good conscience toward God) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ