

BAPTISM - 03**ATTENTION:**

“Preaching What We Practice” has taken us to 3 lesson series of BAPTISM

1. We will wrap up that part of our study this morning.
2. Next week we will discuss why we sing and why we sing acapella.

ATTUNE:

Even before He was born Jesus was identified with saving man

20 But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:20-21

- Jesus = Savior – Hebrew-Joshua = Jehovah’s Salvation, Jehovah saves
 - The NT says that Jesus came to save sinners – 1 Timothy 1:15
 - ...bring light to a dark world – John 12:46
 - ...destroy the devil and his work – Hebrews 2:14
 - ...give eternal life – John 6:51
 - ...give His life a ransom – Mark 10:45
 - ...seek and save the lost – Luke 19:5, 9-10

As Jesus grows to adulthood, He is busy with many things but at least 2 things that are important to our study this morning

1. Jesus came to die on the cross to save mankind.

21 From then on Jesus began to point out to his disciples that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be raised the third day.

Matthew 16:21

22 As they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus told them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men. 23 They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised up.” And they were deeply distressed.

Matthew 17:22-23

17 While going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the twelve disciples aside privately and said to them on the way, 18 “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death. 19 They will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked, flogged, and crucified, and on the third day he will be raised.”

Matthew 20:17-19

2. Jesus prepared the Apostles to continue His work.

- Hear Jesus charge the Apostles to go and do the work they had been prepared to do!
 - Jesus has been crucified and is about to ascend up into heaven with the disciples looking on.
 - This is a final message given by Jesus to the disciples
 - Three accounts of the same occasion

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.”

Matthew 28:18-20

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.

Mark 16:15-16

The disciples did just what they had been prepared to do.

- Soon after Jesus’ ascension the Jews in Jerusalem are convinced by Peter’s teaching that they had crucified Jesus their Messiah.

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... 41 So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them.

Acts 2:37-38, 41

- The Samaritans and Simon who had been a sorcerer and performed magic
¹² But when they believed Philip, as he proclaimed the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. ¹³ Even Simon himself believed. And after he was baptized, he followed Philip everywhere and was amazed as he observed the signs and great miracles that were being performed.
 Acts 8:12-13
- Ethiopian Eunuch
*³⁵ Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning with that Scripture.
³⁶ As they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, "Look, there's water. What would keep me from being baptized?" ³⁸ So he ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.*
 Acts 8:35-38
- Saul
*¹⁷ Ananias went and entered the house. He placed his hands on him (Paul) and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road you were traveling, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."
¹⁸ At once something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.*
 Acts 9:17-18
- Cornelius
Then Peter responded, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold water and prevent these people from being baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ He commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
 Acts 10:47-48
- Lydia
¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate by the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and spoke to the women gathered there. ¹⁴ A God-fearing woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, was listening. The Lord opened her heart to respond to what Paul was saying. ¹⁵ After she and her household were baptized,
 Acts 16:13-15

- A Jailer
*²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He escorted them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
³¹ They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him along with everyone in his house. ³³ He took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds. Right away he and all his family were baptized.*
 Acts 16:29-33
- Corinthians
⁸ Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, along with his whole household. Many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.
 Acts 18:8
- Ephesians
*⁴ Paul said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people that they should believe in the one who would come after him, that is, in Jesus."
⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.*
 Acts 19:4-5

PROJECT:

- Baptism was at the heart of what Jesus told the Apostles to teach
- Baptism was at the heart of what they taught
- Baptism was the response of everyone who became a believer in Jesus as the church grew in the book of Acts.

ACTION:

- The action of those who believed in Jesus as the Son of God was baptism
- This is the same response God calls for from everyone who comes to believe in Jesus today.
- Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and He died and was resurrected for you.

Have you been baptized?

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

Acts 22:16