

Friday, July 28

“He Who Believes and Is Baptized Shall Be Saved”

I. The ministry of John the Baptist

Matt. 3:6 And they were baptized by him [John the Baptist] in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins.

II. Jesus was baptized by John, fulfilling all righteousness

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John to be baptized by him.

III. Jesus charged the disciples to baptize all the nations, i.e., all people (Matt. 28:19)

28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

IV. Salvation, the kingdom of God, two steps, two sides, inward and outward, an old life and a new life, death and burial

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Rom. 6:4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

V. We are baptized into the Triune God, into Christ Jesus, into His death, and into the Body of Christ

Matt. 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Gal. 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Rom. 6:3 Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

1 Cor. 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

VI. Two types in the Old Testament

1 Pet. 3:20-21 Who had formerly disobeyed when the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared; *entering* into which, a few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through by water. Which *water*, as the antitype, also now saves you, *that is*, baptism, not a putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 10:2 And all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

VII. A pattern in the New Testament

Acts 8:27 And he rose up and went. And behold, an Ethiopian man, a eunuch, a man in power under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship.

28 And he was returning and was sitting in his chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah.

29 And the Spirit said to Philip, Approach and join this chariot.

30 And when Philip ran up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and said, Do you really know the things that you are reading?

31 And he said, How could I unless someone guides me? And he entreated Philip to come up and sit with him....

35 And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he announced Jesus as the gospel to him.

36 And as they were going along the road, they came upon some water, and the eunuch said, Look, water. What prevents me from being baptized?

37 And Philip said, If you believe from all your heart, you will be saved. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he ordered the chariot to stand still, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

VIII. Additional important points

A. The appeal of a good conscience

1 Pet. 3:21 Which *water*, as the antitype, also now saves you, *that is*, baptism, not a putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

B. In any kind of water

Acts 8:37 ...Look, water. What prevents me from being baptized?

C. No reason for delay

D. Calling on the Lord's name

22:16 And now, why do you delay? Rise up and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name.