

Grown-ups!!

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Baptism

Observation

“4 types of people by Dr. Allen Parr”

The Unspiritual

But the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God's Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually. 2 Corinthians 2:14

The Baby Christian

For my part, brothers and sisters, I was not able to speak to you as spiritual people but as people of the flesh, as babies in Christ. I Corinthians 3:1

The Carnal Christian

I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, since you were not yet ready for it. In fact, you are still not ready, ³ because you are still worldly. For since there is envy and strife among you, are you not worldly and behaving like mere humans? 1 Corinthians 3:2-3

The Spiritual

The spiritual person, however, can evaluate everything, and yet he himself cannot be evaluated by anyone. ¹⁶ For who has known the Lord's mind, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:15-16

Matthew 28:19-20 Go, therefore, and make disciples of^[a] 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,^[b] I am with you always,^[c] to the end of the age.”

I. What is Baptism

A. What does the word mean?

The word “baptize” itself means to submerge, to plunge or to dip.

Matthew 3:6 and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

Matthew 3:16 When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him,^[a] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him.,

II. When should baptism occur?

A. Baptism should happen right after salvation.

Acts 2:41 So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them.

8:12 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.

B. We should never confuse baptism with salvation

Eph 2:8-10⁸ For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift—⁹ not from

works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Rom 10:13 For **everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**^[a]

III. Why should we be baptized?

A. It's an act of obedience

Mark 1:9_In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. ¹⁰ As soon as he came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased."

Baptism separates the tire kickers from the car buyers.

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B. It's an act of identification. (Rebranding)

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body,^[a] I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

C. It's an act of telling (aka witnessing)

Matt 28:19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of[a] all nations,

III. What happens if I am saved and do not get baptized?

We need to ask ourselves a few questions.

A. Are we ashamed of Jesus?

Matt 10:32 “Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.

B. Are we too prideful?

James 4: ⁶ But he gives greater grace. Therefore he says:

**God resists the proud
but gives grace to the humble.**

IV. Should we ever be “re-baptized”?

A. Yes...If.....We were saved after we were baptized.

B. Yes...If.....We were never a choice.

--Infant

No

----Forced by momma (or others)

C. Yes...If We were never baptized the way Jesus was.
(Immersion)

Close:

Just as a wedding celebrates the fusion of two hearts, baptism
celebrates the union of sinner with Savior.

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