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Assembly Times

Sundays

Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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- Know Your Bible: Answers
1. Elisha (1–2 Kings)

2. Nathan (2 Samuel, 1 Kings)

3. Daniel

4. Jeremiah

5. Elijah (1–2 Kings)

This Week's Assignments & Events			
Sunday Worship		Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter:	Truett Blazek	Feb 1	Nothing
Announcements:	Tyler Blazek		
Encouragement Talk:	Josh Emerson	Feb 8	3PM Song Leader Training
Opening Prayer:	Paul Hainline		
Scripture Reading:	Kyle Crain	Feb 15	Nothing
	Luke 18:35–43		
Song Leader:	Arturo Orozco	Feb 22	Visitation Day
Table Talk:	John Franks		
Contribution:	Gary Tuttle		
Helper:	Corwin Richardson		
Fruit of Vine:	Kevin Buckner		
Helper:	Jorsan Thomas		
Helper:	Leighton Daniels		
Closing Prayer:	Scott McDearman		
		Wednesday Evening	
		Song Leader:	Corwin Richardson
		Speaker:	John Van Baale



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Scriptural Baptism

One of the distinctive attributes of the Lord’s church is the necessity of water baptism. When our friends learn we are a member of the Church of Christ, they often will only know of two things about the church: a belief in baptism and a belief in non-instrumental music. We must know how to give answer to both of these. This article will be dealing with baptism.

The Right Subject

Many people will tell us they have already been baptized and they believe they are in a right relationship with God. Many are baptized as infants. This is not the right subject for scriptural baptism. Acts 2:38 says “repent, and each of you be baptized...”. Repentance is a decision to turn away from sin. This requires that the subject be able to recognize sin in their life and be able to make a decision. An infant can do neither of these. Therefore an infant is not a proper subject for scriptural baptism.

The Right Means

Some who have already been baptized have not done so by the right scriptural means. They may believe they entered a right relationship with God based on a baptism of the holy Spirit (such as with the apostles in Acts 2 and Cornelius in Acts 10). This disagrees and ignores 1 Corinthians 13 which teaches miraculous gifts of the Spirit have ceased. Others point to a sprinkling of water or a pouring of water upon their head which is referred to as a baptism.

Scriptural water baptism is always an immersion in water. The word baptize is a transliteration from the Greek word baptizo. The English word was made up by the translators of the King James Bible to sound like the Greek. It did not convey the meaning of the Greek because that would have displeased King James. Nevertheless, baptize has come into the English language and is understood to be a religious action, but our understanding must match scripture. The Greek word baptizo means

to immerse. It originated in the process of dying a piece of cloth which would be submerged in the color. A literal translation of the Greek would be “repent, and each of you be immersed...” (Acts 2:38).

Jesus said, “unless one is born of water and the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:5). If a person has not been baptized with the right means of immersion, then scripturally they have not been baptized. They have not yet entered a covenant relationship with God. They yet remain in their sins.

The Right Reason

Some people are baptized in order to join a religious group. Some are baptized as an outward sign of their salvation which they understand took place at the moment they believed in Jesus. I’ve known some who were baptized to please their parents, or because their friend was being baptized. Some folks get baptized in order to win over a spouse. None of these are the scripturally correct reason for being baptized. If our motivation or understanding is wrong, then our baptism is not scriptural.

Again in Acts 2:38, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”. The correct scriptural means is for the forgiveness of sins. Paul argues we have been “baptized into His death” (Rom. 6:3) that our “old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with” (Rom. 6:6). Until we are baptized with the right understanding, for the right reason, we have not been scripturally baptized.

Conclusion

These simple three points are vital to our understanding and application of scripture. Yes, we do emphasize the necessity of water baptism because scripture does! Let us examine ourselves and see if we are of the faith.

Charles Willis

***Know
Your
Bible***

Prophets

- 1. This bald prophet was the performer of many miracles and the successor to another great prophet.
- 2. This court prophet confronted King David with his adultery.
- 3. This young prophet had a vision of a statue composed of different metals.
- 4. Who was “the weeping prophet”?
- 5. Which prophet was taken to heaven in a chariot of fire?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



Descriptions Of The Ungodly

You are encouraged to study from each of the descriptions in this list. Try the following:

- (1) Explain the meaning of the description
- (2) Look in Scripture for similar uses
- (3) Make an application to yourself

“The ungodly”
(Psalm 1:1)

“Enemies of the Lord”
(Psalm 37:20)

“The wicked”
(Ezekiel 33:8)

“Child of the devil”
(Acts 13:10)

“False prophets”
(Matthew 7:15)

“Enemy of all righteousness”
(Acts 13:10)

“The Hypocrites”
(Matthew 23:14)

“Haters of God”
(Romans 1:30)

“Deceitful workers”
(2 Corinthians 11:13)

“Inventors of evil things”
(Romans 1:30)

“Servants of sin”
(Romans 6:17)

“Unbelievers”
(1 Corinthians 6:6)

“Enemy of God”
(James 4:4)

“The unrighteous”
(1 Corinthians 6:9)

“Enemies of the cross”
(Philippians 3:18)

“Unholy and profane”
(1 Timothy 1:9)