

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

WATER BAPTISM 1

Acts 2:38-39 KJV Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

ATTITUDES TOWARDS GOD AND SPIRITUAL THINGS WE MUST BE ON GUARD TO KEEP IN CHECK:

Independence | Inconvenience | Insignificance | Irrelevance | Indifference | Embarrassment | Irreverence | Imposition

The word “Baptism” comes from the Greek word “baptizo” and it literally means immersion. So when we talk about baptism in water, we’re talking about full immersion into water. You must be immersed to be baptized. However, there are exceptions for people with physical handicaps and limitations.

LIMITATIONS OF WATER BAPTISM:

- Water baptism does not confirm a relationship with GOD, without faith in Jesus.
- Water baptism does not give access to the kingdom of GOD, without faith in Jesus.
- Water baptism does not confer the grace of GOD, without faith in Jesus.
- Water baptism does not make people children of GOD, without faith in Jesus.
- Water baptism does not cleanse from sin, without faith in Jesus.
- Water baptism does not transform the sinful nature of man, without faith in Jesus.

☆ **WATER BAPTISM REQUIRES FAITH IN JESUS FIRST TO HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE**

WHAT IS WATER BAPTISM:

- Water Baptism symbolizes the need for our sin to be washed clean. It represents the truth that our old person is gone, and the new has come.
- Water baptism is a symbol of Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection.
- Water baptism is an act of faith and obedience to the commands of Christ as written in Scripture.
- Water baptism is a public, outward testimony that indicates a personal, inward faith. It gives evidence of the inner change that has already occurred in the believer's life when he or she was “born again” through faith in Jesus Christ.

JESUS AND WATER BAPTISM:

- Jesus said it was necessary for Him to do all GOD requires.

Matthew 3:13-15 KJV Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. (14) But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? (15) And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus **it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness**. Then he suffered him.

- ❖ To humble himself unto the requirements of GOD the Father.
- ❖ To yield in willingness to the established order of His righteousness before GOD.
- ❖ To signify His total commitment to the call of GOD upon His life.
- ❖ To be an example of participation for all future believers.

- Jesus said it is necessary for people to enter into the kingdom of GOD.

John 3:3-5 KJV Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (4) Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? (5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, **he cannot enter into the kingdom of God**.

- water in baptism fitly represents the purification of the soul necessary to its enjoyment of heaven, this ceremony is very properly made the rite by which we publicly take upon ourselves the profession of the Christian religion, the dispensation preparatory to heaven.
- The outward sign and inward grace of Christian baptism are here clearly given.
- Water Baptism, the pardon of sin, which is preparatory, and which cuts our connection with the past; the communication of life by the Spirit of God, which prepares us for the future.

- Jesus said it is necessary for His disciples to baptize believers for salvation.

Mark 16:15-16 KJV And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

- ❖ Water Baptism must be coupled with faith in Jesus to experience the joys and assurance of salvation.
- ❖ Water Baptism is a public testimony of our faith in Jesus.
- ❖ Water Baptism is connected to the teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.