Sermon Notes 08.07.2021 – Water Baptism

The New Birth & The New Life – Born of Water and The Spirit

John 3:3 & 5 Jesus answered and said to him, "**Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God**." 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**. (Parallel found in Acts 2:38)

Faith in Christ is the Key that Opens Eternal Life

John 3:16-17 ""**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.** 17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Simply Stated – Jesus Commanded Us to Be Baptized and The Church Followed Him

Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit**, (See also: **Mark 16:15-16)**

The Great Trio: Faith, Repentance, and Baptism – "Repent and Believe," "Repent and…be baptized"

Mark 1:14-15 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."**

Acts 2:37-38 Now when they heard *this,* they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, **"Brethren, what shall we do?"** 38 Peter *said* to them, "**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. (Born of water and the Spirit)

FAITH in Christ Our Savior – What Does the Bible Proclaim?

- **Jesus Is God the Son** (Matthew 3:17; Acts 9:20; 1 John 4:15) (John 1:1-3)
- Jesus was born into the world and **became a man** (John 1:14; Luke 2; Philippians 2:1-11)
- **Jesus lived a sinless life** (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15; 1 John 3:5)
- Jesus suffered, shed His blood and **died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins** (Isaiah 53:1-12; John 3:15-17; Galatians 1:4; 3:13; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 2:9; 9:28; 1 Peter 3:18)
- **Jesus Rose from the dead** (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21; Acts 2:23-24; 10:40; Romans 1:4; 4:24; 10:9; 1 Corinthians 16:3-7)
- **Jesus will come again** to take the faithful to be where He is Forever (John 5:25; 1 Corinthians 15:12-58; 2 Corinthians 4:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20)

FAITH is a gift from God, that we exercise to believe and live in loving obedience to Him (John 6:28-29; Hebrews 11:6; 2 Peter 1:5-11; 1 John 3:23)

> **1 John 3:23** This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.

REPENTANCE - A Change for the Better (Faith in Jesus Christ leading to living faithfully)

God tells us that we are all sinners. / We have all disobeyed God

Romans 3:10; 5:12 as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; … all have sinned…"

We need to stop our rebelling and agree with God. /God Commands Everyone to Repent (Acts 17:30)

To Repent I Need To:

- **Agree with God** – Have a Change of Heart and Mind; Accept Responsibility for My Sins, and Admit that I need a Savior

> "And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. 14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death" .James 1:13-15 NLT

What Repentance Produces in Us

- I Turn Away From My Sins – I give them up & I Turn to God – I lovingly obey God
- I Continue Following God – I don't look back

The Result of Faith and Repentance is That All My Sins are Forgiven

> **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

> **Act 13:38-39** "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, 39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things…"

Because we believe in Jesus Christ, we repent, Because we repent we obey God

Baptism "Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." **Matt 3:15**

We Are Baptized into Jesus Christ

Galatians 3:26-27 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For **all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.**

The New Life Under New Leadership

Romans 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so **we too might walk in newness of life**.

The Water Represents Leaving the Old Life, Receiving New Life and Following A New Leader

Noah, The Red Sea, The Jordan, and the Baptism of John

By Immersion, By Your Leaders, Into Jesus Christ, In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit