What Happens When I Am Baptized?

Introduction

- It is no secret that what we teach concerning God's plan of salvation is different from many.
- While faith is the foundation of our response to God's grace, it is only genuine if we act on it.
- Faith only leads to salvation when we obey what He tells us to do.
- We describe what we do as obeying the gospel – **2 Thessalonians 1:8, 1 Peter 4:17**

Introduction

- Obeying the gospel involves:
  - Believing in Him (faith) – **John 3:16, 8:24**
  - Repentance – **Acts 2:38**
  - Confessing Him – **Romans 10:9-10, 1 Timothy 6:12-13**
  - Baptism – **Acts 2:38, 22:16, 1 Peter 3:20-21**
- BUT, what happens when I am baptized?

I am saved

- **Acts 2:38** – for remission of sins
  – means pardon or forgiveness (LSB, NASB)
  Ephesians 1:7 – In Him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins
- **Acts 22:16** – batized, wash away your sins
- **1 Peter 3:21** – baptism now saves us

I put on Christ

- **Galatians 3:27** – we put on Christ
  Note – we are baptized "into Christ" – it makes us a part of Him . **Colossians 2:12**
- We are "wearing Christ" (NASB, LSB – "clothed yourself with Christ")
- We are surrendering to Him – **Galatians 1:10, Romans 6:17-18, 22** – bond servants of Christ
- We are seeking to be like Him.
- Imitating Christ – **Matthew 16:24, 1 Corinthians 11:1, Ephesians 5:1, Romans 8:29**

I put to death the man of sin

- Becoming a Christian means you are being changed.
- **Acts 2:38**, Repentance means making a change. It precedes baptism
- **Romans 6:1-6** – we put to death the old man of sin and bury Him (in baptism).
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** – such were some of you
  1 Peter 4:2-4 – we no longer live pursuing the lusts of the flesh
- We cannot conform to His image while trying to hold on to our past – **Galatians 5:16-17, Matthew 6:24**

I put on the new man

- The process is not complete until you are *raised to walk in newness of life* - **Romans 6:3-4**
- NOW you are different!
  2 Corinthians 5:17 – a new creation
  Ephesians 4:22-24 – put on the new man
  Colossians 3:9-10

I put on the new man

- **Matthew 12:43-45 –** His ways must occupy us now.
  When you fill yourself with His ways,
  there is no room left for Satan to return.
  - We think based on His word – **2 Cor. 10:5, Phil. 4:8**
  - Time devoted to serving Him – **Eph. 5:16**
  - Resources devoted to pleasing and promoting Him
  - You prefer those who prefer Him

  Your outlook takes you in a different direction
  Your goal – Satan has been "evicted" and he is not welcome back

I put on the new man

- You are spiritually healthy - We think based *Soundness* – the basis of our English word hygiene
  – **Titus 1:9, 2:1** – sound doctrine
  - **1 Timothy 6:3** – wholesome words
  - **2 Timothy 1:13** – sound words
  - **Titus 1:13, 2:2** – sound in the faith
- We often emphasize healthy lifestyles physically. Will we also take care of the "new man"?

I am added to His body, the church

- **Ephesians 1:22-23** – Christ is head, the church is His body.
  Acts 2:47 – added to His body
- **1 Corinthians 12:13** – we are baptized into His body.
- The text leads into a discussion of supporting the local church. We join together to do collective works.
- We need each other!

I am added to His body, the church

- The Christian life is not to be one of isolation - **Hebrews 10:25**
- **Ephesians 4:16** – every part does it share causes growth…
- IF we desire to grow and mature in the faith, a faithful body of His people ought to be part of our lives.
- **Acts 9:26** – Paul sought to join them in Jerusalem. There was work to be done.
- Being a part of His body is more than just having our name in the directory! It is a commitment…

I have a greater hope

- This is the ultimate point of becoming a Christian
- It is a choice that will impact every area of your life AND those around you.
  It comes at a cost and is not always easy.
  Ultimately, it is about where you will spend eternity.
- **Hebrews 10:22-23** – our bodies washed… let us hold fast the confession of our hope…
- **1 Peter 1:3, Hebrews 6:19-20, 11:40**
- **Romans 8:18** – the sufferings of this life…

Concluding thoughts

- May we in this lesson see that baptism is more than "getting wet".
- It is choosing a life for Christ and others that is different from most in the world.
- It is choosing to live a life with a purpose that transcends anything and everything that can happen while on earth.
- It is not always an easy life, but the reward is "out of this world".

Have you obeyed the gospel?

If so, may this lesson serve as a reminder of why?

If not, why not now?