

Baptism is a fundamental command in Christianity and should not be taken lightly. Since Satan understands its significance, he tries to prevent people from being baptized altogether or misleads them into receiving baptism improperly while making them believe it was done correctly.

There are many benefits of baptism, but today, we will focus on one key aspect: baptism delivers us from God's judgment upon our enemies and the enemies of the Lord.

Baptism as a Symbol of Salvation

When God decided to save Noah, He used water to destroy the sinful world while keeping Noah and his family safe in the ark. The same water that brought judgment upon the wicked also ensured Noah's safety. The Bible compares this event to baptism:

1 Peter 3:20-21

"...In the days of Noah, while the ark was being built, only a few people—eight in all—were saved through water. And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of

dirt from the body, but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

Similarly, when God delivered the Israelites from Egypt, He used water once again. Instead of sending plagues or fire to destroy Pharaoh’s army, He led the Israelites through the Red Sea and drowned their enemies behind them. This event is also compared to baptism:

1 Corinthians 10:1-2

“For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.”

In both cases, water separated God’s people from their enemies. Likewise, baptism symbolizes our transition from a sinful past to a new life in Christ. It signifies the defeat of our spiritual enemies—sin, oppression, and demonic influences—while we emerge victorious in Christ.

Why Baptism Must Be in the Name of Jesus

The Bible states that the Israelites were “baptized into Moses” when they passed through the Red Sea. Moses was their leader, bringing them out of Egypt into the Promised Land. Today, Jesus is our Moses—the one who leads us out of spiritual bondage into eternal life.

For this reason, baptism must be done in the name of Jesus, as shown in:

Acts 2:38 - “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”

Acts 8:16 - “...They had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Acts 10:48 - “So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.”

Acts 19:5 - "On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

If you were baptized by sprinkling or in a different name, consider correcting it by following the biblical example of believers in Acts 19:1-5, who were re-baptized in the name of Jesus.

Take the Step of Baptism Today

Baptism is essential, and there is no reason to delay. You do not need to go through special classes to qualify—faith is the only requirement. The Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8 was baptized immediately after believing in Christ, without attending any preparatory lessons.

If you haven't been baptized yet, find a church that baptizes by full immersion in the name of Jesus and take this important step. Baptism is free and an essential part of your spiritual journey.

Conclusion

Baptism is not just a religious ritual; it is a powerful act of obedience that marks a believer's separation from their past life and entrance into a new life in Christ. It signifies salvation, deliverance, and a fresh start.

Take time to understand all the benefits of baptism and share this truth with others.

May the Lord bless you.

Maranatha!

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