

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

2015 VISION: Redeem the Time!

Current Book: The Gospel According to Mark – Message 3

Scriptures for Today: Mark 1:9-11

Title of Today's Message: *Jesus Christ the Obedient Servant – our pattern in baptism!*

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we looked at *the beginning* of **THE** gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (a.k.a. God the **SON**). We also saw how John the Baptist was born to be **the messenger** of the Almighty God and **to prepare the way** for His Christ. Today, we will see the entrance of the Lord Jesus Christ in the book of Mark and His willingness as God and also as a man to be our great example of an obedient servant of the living God. Jesus will be **BAPTIZED** as **an EXAMPLE for us** to follow of submission and obedience in baptism. Virtually every religious group in existence teaches some form of baptism as part of their doctrine, and the diversities of the teachings are wide. The Bible has clear teachings on baptism. There are several types of baptism mentioned in the Bible. Today, we will look at *believer's baptism* for the **CHURCH** age. We will see the incredible humility of our Lord as **He willingly yields in submission** to the will of His Father in heaven – **who declared that He was well pleased with His beloved Son** after He was baptized. Consider this passage...

"Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

– **John 13:13-17** (Jesus as the servant leader, Lord and Master who gives us an example to follow)

PREACHING NOTES

1. Jesus was **baptized** by John the Baptist – **SUBMITTING** to *the will of His Father*. 1:9

- ✓ John **initially forbid him** – not understanding **the big picture of the gospel** being preached...
Matthew 3:13-15; Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 10:14; 11:8; 1 Samuel 16:7; Isaiah 55:8-9

Matthew 3:13-14 – Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. **But John forbid him**, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

- Jesus did not need to be baptized...
- God wanted Jesus to do something that those who would later trust Him by faith would also do...
- Baptism in the Bible is a beautiful picture of the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Romans 6:3-5 – Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life**. For if we have been planted together in the **likeness of his death**, we shall be also in the **likeness of his resurrection**:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 – For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures**:

- Peter did a similar thing related to Christ speaking on His death, burial and resurrection...

Matthew 16:21-22 – From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, **and be killed, and be raised again the third day**. Then **Peter took him, and began to rebuke him**, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: **thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men**.

- ✓ Jesus said **SUFFER** (*allow*) it to be so – establishing **our example** to follow of **what is right...**
Matthew 3:13-15; John 13:13-17; Matthew 26:42; Luke 11:2; 22:4; 1 Peter 3:21

Matthew 3:13-15 – Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? **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.

NOTE Baptism is the **FIRST** act of **obedience** in the service to the Lord. **Anyone can be baptized; it takes no special talents or effort.** The only requirement is that you are truly saved – that you have trusted Christ by faith alone for salvation and to escape God’s judgment and wrath to come. **If you are SAVED, the Bible says you are to be baptized in obedience to your Lord’s command.** The point of submission and obedience is the most important thing to understand and realize regarding baptism. Through baptism, we show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour; and our identification with the Saviour in death to sin and resurrection to new life – a public recognition of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. **If you are saved, believer’s baptism by immersion in water is the answer of a good conscience toward God** (1 Pet 3:21) – making a public statement that **Jesus Christ is YOUR Lord and personal Saviour!**

2. God the Father was **well PLEASED** with His **beloved Son following His baptism.** 1:10

- ✓ Jesus was baptized by **complete immersion in water...**
Matthew 3:16; Acts 8:38-39

Matthew 3:16 – And Jesus, when he was baptized, **went up straightway out of the water:** and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

- ✓ The **heavens opened, the Spirit** descended, and God’s **voice from heaven** said He was **well pleased** with His **beloved Son...**

Luke 3:22; John 1:32-36; Matthew 3:16; 25:21-23; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:31-34; 3:14-21; 5:20-23; 12:28-30; 2 Pet 1:17, 18; Mk 9:7

Matthew 25:21 – His lord said unto him, **Well done, thou good and faithful servant:** thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of they lord.

NOTE God was pleased with the willful obedience of His beloved Son. Do you want to please God? Why are we so stubborn at times? To be “baptized” **scripturally**, a born-again believer must go **under the water completely!** “*Sprinkling*” as a mode of baptism is not found anywhere in the Bible. Baptism is **NOT** essential for salvation (Eph 2:8-9). However, it **IS essential** for service and spiritual growth. If your desire is to **PLEASE** God as a **good and faithful servant (and child)**, then you **must be faithful** in this **FIRST** act of **obedience** to your Lord.

3. Jesus made baptism an **ordinance for His church** – or **COMMAND** for **believers to obey...**

- ✓ Jesus told His disciples to **GO** and **TEACH** and **BAPTIZE:** teaching to **obey ALL things...**
Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 8:36-39; 10:47-48; 16:25-33

Matthew 28:19-20 – Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

- When the Gentile Ethiopian eunuch got saved, He was immediately baptized...

Acts 8:36-39 – And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch: and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

- When the Gentile Cornelius and all those at his house got saved, they were immediately baptized...

Acts 10:47-48 – Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord...

- When the Gentile Philippian jailor and all his house got saved, they were immediately baptized...

Acts 16:29-33 – Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

- When the Gentile _____ (insert your name) got saved on _____ (insert date of your salvation), when did they get baptized?

NOTE Matthew 28:19-20 (“the “great commission”) proves that baptism – although **NOT** essential for salvation – **IS** essentially **IMPORTANT!** Jesus was baptized before He began His public teaching ministry. Before anyone can be taught to follow Jesus Christ, they must be willing to submit to the first act of obedience. If you will not obey the Lord in the first point, you will not obey the Lord in future points. This is why Jesus said in Matthew 3:15, “Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.” When we “fulfil all righteousness” we are doing what we know to be “**right**” in the sight of God. Baptism is the first “**right**” thing.

❖ Personal Application

- Are you saved? Have you been **scripturally** baptized in obedience to Jesus’ **command**? If no, then **when will you obey your Lord** and follow Him in this very important area of obedience?

A TIME OF DECISION

There are no coincidences with God. You were here today to hear a message **from God...**

❖ **Unbeliever**, listen to the voice of your **conscience right now**.

* The Bible says you must **confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and **believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead**. You must turn to God and trust Christ alone to save you from God’s wrath to come.