

Lesson 4: Christ's Baptism

Introduction:

- The purpose of baptism was to teach Israel about sin, about uncleanness through the Levitical priesthood; however, it was used by God to teach Israel about sin when God would reform the nation to consecrate them to be a kingdom of priests.
 - A carnal ordinance imposed until this time - the last water baptism unto the identification of the Israel of God.
 - A carnal ordinance to teach a spiritual truth
 - A water baptism that would take the word of God and indict the nation of their sin
 - This isn't what we use water baptism for today and in fact that time of reformation has come and gone.
 - Not only that, but the time in which it was no longer necessary has come and gone
- Yet, what about Christ's baptism

Preview:

- Following Christ into His Water Baptism
 - Faulty Logic
 - The Reason for Christ's Baptism
 - Cannot follow Him in
- We are not sent to water baptize

Sermon:

Faulty Logic

- Should follow Him into everything?
 - Luke 2:21-24
 - Circumcision (Lev. 12:1-5)
 - Galatians 5:1-3, 6
 - Galatians 4:1-5

The Reason for Christ's Baptism

- Cannot follow Him in baptism
 - John 1:31-34
 - Matthew 3:13-17
 - Isaiah 42:1
 - King of kings
 - High Priest (Heb. - after the order of Mel. (Ps. 110))

Paul and Water Baptism

- John 1:33
 - 1 Cor. 1:12-18 - sent not to baptize

Conclusion:

- Why was Paul not sent to water baptize, but why did he water baptize?
- What is the connection to the preaching of Jesus Christ?
- Look into the "one baptism".....