

Lesson 3: Water Baptism

Introduction:

- Water Baptism
 - Multiple
 - Most common:
 1. Carnal Ordinance
 2. Limited - imposed until the time of reformation
 3. 1 of 3 Baptisms for their cleansing
 - Ezekiel 36:21-29
 - Joel 2:28-32

Preview:

- A water baptism to commence the time of reformation
 - A bridge from the law and the prophets to the reformation
- Carnal ordinance to teach the coming revelation of their new identity
- This is a pre-redemption sanctification of Israelites unto the Israel of God
- Water Baptism
 - Initiation rite for consecrating priests
 - Israel to be a kingdom of priests (1 Peter 2:1-5)
 - Purification not simply by "water", but "the water of the word"
- Drive home that which "water baptisms" always taught that is an uncleanness
 - This one in connection with their sins

Sermon:

- Leviticus 26:23, 40
 - "reformed" - "confessed sins"
 - "re" - again
 - "form" - structure, organize
- Hosea 14:1-2
 - "take away all iniquity"
 - "receive us graciously"
 - "words" and "render the calves of our lips"
- Special Prophet to lead the reformation, institute this water baptism, preach the kingdom and confession
 - Luke 16:16: Law and the prophets until John
 - JTB - the reformer
 - Isa. 40:1-11
 - Mal. 3:1-3

- Ezekiel 36:21-29
 - Water (word)
 - John 3:1-9
 - Isa. 40:1-11
 - Mal. 3:1-3
 - John 4:1ff
 - Luke 7:24-30 - the counsel of God against Israel (1 Peter 3:20-22)
 - Salvation from the apostate element of Israel
 - 1 Cor. 6:11
 - Ephesians 5
 - 1 John 5:6-8
- Once the reformation would take place (the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ) then the carnal ordinances wouldn't be used anymore at least not by those who knew about the "reformation".
 - A Kingdom of Priests
 - 1 Peter 2:1-5

Conclusion:

- Notice, we have been talking all about "water baptism" and "Israel" - there is a reason for that!
- This begs the question what about Christ's water baptism - shouldn't we follow Him in water baptism?