



# Baptism: Our Public Proclamation

# Recap

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- The Greek word **baptizo** - to make whelmed which is fully wet
- A derivative also means to be dipped or to sink; to be ceremonially washed
- Jews used a pool or mikveh - it was a place of spiritual cleansing
- We first see scriptures referencing baptism with John the Baptist (Matthew 3)
- The early church gave special instructions and teachings to those about to be baptized
- Why? It shouldn't be taken lightly

# Rituals in Culture



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- Many things define culture
- This could be music, heroes, stories, values, rituals

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- Dictionary definition: *Ceremonial; actions according to a religious law; done in accordance with social custom or normal*
- Fraternity and sorority pledges
- Swearing in of a political office
- Baptism

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- Baptism is not a cultural event that we do
- There is more meaning behind this
- Baptism is our public proclamation that we belong to Jesus
- *Acts 2:41 - Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand souls were added to their number that day*



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- Part of who we are in Christ
- Romans 6:3-4 - *Or do you now know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His Death? Therefore we have been buried with him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*
- Galatians 3:26-27 *“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”*



# Baptism

- Public display of us being washed anew
- We are publicly saying that Jesus has washed away our sins
- We cannot be baptized if we have not repented.
  - *Mark 1:4 - And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*
- The submerging represents the washing that our Father does to us when we repent
- *Acts 22:16 - “And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized, and wash your sins away, calling on his name.”*

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- Public declaring that you are a follower of Jesus
- Putting away our old ways and walking in Christ

# Baptism

- When we come up from the water we come up as a new person
- When we get baptized we join a multitude of people who have made the same commitment
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 *“Just as a body, though one, has many parts/ but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit to form one body whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free as we were all given one Spirit to drink.”*
- Ephesians 4:4-6 *“There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”*



# Commissioning

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- We must remember that we have a call on us
- Now that we have changed we must go out and preach the gospel
- Matthew 28:19-20 - *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

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- We must be ready at all times
- God is speaking at all times
- The question is are we listening

9 <sup>1</sup>Because of his strength I will give heed unto thee; For God is my high tower,  
 10 My God with his lovingkindness will meet me: God will let me see my desire upon mine enemies.  
 11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: Scatter them by thy power, and bring them down, O Lord our shield.  
 12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, Let them even be taken in their pride, And for cursing and lying which they speak.  
 13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, so that they shall be no more: And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob, Unto the ends of the earth.  
 14 And at evening let them return, let them howl like a dog, And go round about the city.  
 15 They shall wander up and down for food, And tarry all night if they be not satisfied.  
 16 But I will sing of thy strength; Yea, I will sing aloud of thy lovingkindness in the morning:  
 For thou hast been my high tower, And a refuge in the day of my distress.  
 17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises; For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.

Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help.

For the Chief Musician; set to Shushan Eduth, Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aramzobah, and Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the Valley of Salt twelve thousand.

60 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken us down; Thou hast been angry; oh restore us again.

<sup>1</sup> Acc. to Sept. and Vulg. My strength  
<sup>2</sup> Or, them that lie in wait for me. <sup>3</sup> Or, Make them wander to and fro. <sup>4</sup> That is, The lily of testimony

2 Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast rent it: Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.  
 3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things: Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.  
 4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, That it may be displayed because of the truth. [Sé'láh  
 5 That thy beloved may be delivered, Save with thy right hand, and answer us.  
 6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult; I will divide Shé'chem, and mete out the valley of Súc'côth.  
 7 Gîl'ê-âd is mine, and Mâ-nâs'séh is mine; E'phrá-im also is the defence of my head; Jû'dáh is my sceptre.  
 8 Mô'âb is my washpot: Upon E'dóm will I cast my shoe: Phi-lis'ti-â, shout thou because of me.  
 9 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who hath led me unto E'dóm? <sup>1</sup>Hast not thou, O God, cast us off?  
 10 And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.  
 11 Give us help against the adversary:  
 For vain is the help of man.  
 12 Through God we shall do valiantly;  
 For he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

Confidence in God's Protection.  
 For the Chief Musician; on a stringed instrument. A Psalm of David.

61 Hear my cry, O God; Attend unto my prayer.  
 2 From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed:

<sup>1</sup> Another reading is, me. <sup>2</sup> Or, taxgister  
<sup>3</sup> Or, Unto. <sup>4</sup> Or, Who will lead me, &c.  
<sup>5</sup> Or, Will not thou, O God, who hast cast us off, and goest . . . hosts? <sup>6</sup> Heb, salvation  
<sup>7</sup> Or, faintest

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.  
 3 For thou hast been a refuge for me,  
 A strong tower from the enemy.  
 4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever:  
 I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. [Sé'láh  
 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:  
 Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.  
 6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life; His years shall be as many generations.  
 7 He shall abide before God for ever:  
 Oh prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him.  
 8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,  
 That I may daily perform my vows.

God alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.  
 For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

62 My soul waiteth in silence for God only:  
 From him cometh my salvation.  
 2 He only is my rock and my salvation:  
 He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.  
 3 How long will ye set upon a man,  
 That ye may slay him, all of you,  
 Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?  
 4 They only consult to thrust him down from his dignity;  
 They delight in lies;  
 They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. [Sé'láh

5 My soul, wait thou in silence for God only:  
 For my expectation is from him.  
 6 He only is my rock and my salvation:

<sup>1</sup> Or, a rock that is too high for me. <sup>2</sup> Heb, tent. <sup>3</sup> Or, given a heritage unto those &c.  
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# Commissioning Acts 8:26-40