

Sermon Outline

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August 18, 2024

“**Why Shouldn’t I Be Baptized?**”
Pastor Corey Kugle

Acts 8:26-39

Introduction

1. **The Building Blocks of Baptism** (vv. 26-35)

A. The Rescuing God (vv. 26-29)

- i. Provided a remedy for sin (Gen. 3:15), wants people to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9)
- ii. Pursues the spiritually lost (Luke 15:1-7; 19:10)
- iii. Providentially leads Philip to an Ethiopian Eunuch (v. 26, 29)

B. The Rescuing Gospel Message (vv. 30-35)

- i. Speaks of a Suffering Servant who dies for the sins of others (vv.32-33; Is. 53:7-8)
- ii. It is all about Jesus, and is powerful to save (v. 35; Rom. 1:16)
- iii. It must be proclaimed, heard, and believed (Rom. 10:14,17)

2. The Essentials of Baptism (vv. 36-39)

- A. Expresses/proceeds faith in Christ (Acts 2:41; 8:12;18:8)

- B. A command of Christ (Matt. 28:19)

- C. Symbolizes cleansing from sin (Titus 3:5-6)

- D. Symbolizes union with Christ (Rom. 6:3-4)

- E. For everyone who believes in Christ (v. 36)
 - i. It is *not* about spiritual maturity

 - ii. It is *not* about ethnicity, social status, limitations, or past history (Acts 9:18)

- F. Produces joy (v. 39)

*** *Baptism is for Everyone Who Places Their Faith in Jesus* ***

What's Next?

- August 25, "*Be Watchful – Part 1*" – Mark 13:1-23, Pastor Corey Kugle
- September 1, "*Be Watchful – Part 2*" – Mark 13:24-37, Pastor Corey Kugle