

YOUNG WARRIOR SESSION 3

Baptisms

I. 6 Foundational Doctrines of Christ

Hebrews 6:1-2 (amp)

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands of resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.”

- 1.) The repentance of dead works
- 2.) Faith towards God
- 3.) The 3rd Foundational Doctrine of Christ: Baptisms
 - a.) water baptism
 - b.) baptism of the Holy of Spirit
 - c.) baptism of fire
 - d.) baptism of suffering
 - e.) baptism into Christ's death

The Law of First Mention: Use when studying the Word

When truth is first revealed in the bible it sets the precedent upon which you interpret that truth for the rest of the Word of God.

EXAMPLE: The scripture that talks about how Lucifer wanting to make himself like the Most High God; but the phrase “the Most High God” wasn't first used there in Ezekiel. It was first used in Genesis when Abraham mentioned Melchizedek. It was speaking about Abraham being blessed according to the Most High God.

- 1.) Most High God means the possessor of Heaven and Earth.
- 2.) Lucifer wanted to be like God and possess Heaven and Earth.

II. Water Baptism

Matthew 3:4-7

“Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

- a.) Baptism means to be immersed.
 - b.) The Jordan River was a filthy river: sort of the local sewer
 - They had to humble themselves to be baptized in dirty water.
 - They were serious about getting cleansed by God.
 - c.) The washing was a symbol of ceremonial cleansing.
 - washed from the guilt and stain of sin
- 1.) There is a supernatural spiritual experience that is suppose to happen when you get water baptized.
 - 2.) You are not suppose to be water baptized and then come back up as the same person you were before.
 - 3.) 2 True Elements of Water Baptism

a.) Humble yourself: become broken before God and recognized Him as the ruler over your life. You have to realized that you have nothing and you are desperate for Him to wash you and cleanse you.

-Humility: The exaltation of God's Word above everything else in our lives.

b.) Confess your sins: There is a power in confessing our sins out loud to God.

James 5:16

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

-take verbal responsibility; you have sinned against God

Proverbs 28:13

"He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."

III. What is Water Baptism?

1.) Water Baptism is a supernatural experience that is suppose to bring about a transformation.

2.) Water Baptism is *not* just a natural act of being washed with water, but it is suppose to bring about a supernatural cleansing on the inside and breaks the power of sin.

IV. Great Evangelist: Charles Finny

1.) Well known in American history

2.) How he taught others about water baptism:

a.) He asked the people who were getting water baptized to make list of what they did wrong. Anything they could remember.

b.) He would then have them confess them, one by one, out to God.

V. Confession

1 John 1:9

"But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."

1.) Confession is not just feeling bad about your sins, it is specifically telling God all the sins you committed.

EXAMPLE: I lied, I cheated, I've had lust in my heart etc.

2.) There is power in confessing your sins.

EXAMPLE: Pastor Steve was in a meeting a few years ago and all of a sudden the young people began to confess there sins to one another, and then they proceeded by confessing their sins on a microphone to everyone. That meeting went on for hours, and the people were so broken before God. They were all being changed and transformed, and there was a power released from Heaven to deliver them from their sins.

3.) The Devil wants you to keep your sins hidden but God says if you confess them He will set you free.

VI. Fire Baptism

Matthew 3:11

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

a.) John the Baptist is speaking in this verse.

b.) John the Baptist says that Jesus will baptize them with fire.

1.) Fire speaks of 2 things

a.) judgement

b.) purification

2.) When a pile of metal is put into fire, the impure metals began to separate from the pure metal. When the impure metals float to the top, they are then scraped off and taken away from the pure metals.

3.) Some people believe that one you get saved everything will be fine and peaceful, but God will allow you to walk through some hard times.

a.) God loves you so much that He is willing to take you through hard times in order to discipline you and to burn all the junk out of you.

Hebrews 12:6

"For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each on he accepts his child."

a.) Chasten: to flog or to whip

4.) Comfort is the curse of a compromised gospel, true change only comes by confrontation.

a.) God will not set you up to fail.

b.) Confrontation, sin is exposed, we confess, God sets us free

STUDY QUESTIONS

1.) What are the 5 baptisms in the Bible?

2.) What does baptism mean?

3.) Why was it so significant that John the Baptist baptized people in the Jordan river?

4.) What are the two True Elements of water baptism?

5.) Why is confession so important?

6.) What two things does fire speak of?