

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 10-3-21
Understanding the truth about Baptism

1. Introduction:

a. This is a blessing to witness:

1) Isn't it a blessing to get to witness someone being obedient?

b. Why is this moment so important?

1) Some have not rightly divided the Word and have lead some down a wrong path.

2) Some believe that baptism imparts salvation.

3) If baptism is what saves a person, wouldn't that then mean that salvation is be works?

2. What is the Gospel, how can I be saved?

a. These verses provide clarity and understanding.

1) The Gospel – Jesus life, suffering, death, burial and resurrection.

2) "Gospel" – it is Good News

b. I Corinthians 15:1-4

1) What does Paul feel compelled to remind them of?

2) Paul said the Gospel he preached to them is what they were saved by. Verse 2

3) What did define as the Gospel in verses 3-4?

c. Ephesians 2:8-9

1) Why is grace a part of this?

2) Salvation is by grace through faith!

3) What is the gift of God here?

4) Why is it that salvation cannot be by some work that you do?

3. If baptism doesn't save you, why is it important?

a. Obedience:

1) It is a matter of obedience and being unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

b. Consider Matthew 28

1) Look at verse 20 – "teaching them" Who is the them? Isn't it "all nations"

2) Teach them what? "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you"

3) Baptism is then a step of being obedient to the commandment of the Lord.

c. Baptism is a picture of what happened when you repented and believed:

1) Identification – Romans 1:16

2) Burial and Resurrection – Romans 6:3-4

3) Washing away of sin - Colossians 2:13

4. Today's Take Away:

a. I hope you can see it

1) Baptism is a picture of what took place in that moment when you repented and believed.

You were already saved before you ever stepped into the water or you were misled to think that by stepping into the water and being baptized you were saved.