

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Kyle Pool

Opening Prayer: Luka Herrera

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ben Grant

Assisting: Cam Christian
Rob Sparks

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Julius Cook

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Wink Oxendine

Pantry Item

Snack Size Trail Mix/Nuts

Sermon Notes *Choose Righteousness*

I. *God Is* _____

II. *Man Obsessed Over* _____

III. *Man Has Not* _____

IV. *Jesus Is The* _____

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Welcome!

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Service Times
Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

Elders
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“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

Baptism and Salvation (cont'd)

By Garland Robinson

One does not become a son of God by accident. It is not accomplished simply by pronouncing certain words or believing it in the heart. One becomes a child of God by being “born again.” We become children of our parents by being born and we become children of God by being born again. Jesus told Nicodemus, “...*Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ... Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again*” (John 3:3-7).

Being “born again,” the new birth, is one act that consists of two elements: water and the Spirit. Through the teaching of the Holy Spirit, one submits to being “buried” in water and is raised to walk a “newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). The old man of sin is destroyed in baptism (Rom. 6:6). Being THEN made free from sin, we become the servants of righteousness (Rom. 6:18). We are adopted as sons of God. “*Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ*” (Gal. 4:5-7).

Sons of God are obedient to the heavenly Father. “*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*” (Rom. 8:14). The Spirit of God “leads” through the words which He teaches. We are begotten by the Gospel (I Cor. 4:15). When we obey His word and are guided by His word, we are His children. “*For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ*” (Gal. 3:26-27). We are children of God “by faith.” The point at which faith saves (we become children of God) is when we “put on Christ.” The only act by which we “put on Christ” is when we are baptized into Him (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3).

A person is baptized **in order to become a new creature.**

When one is “born again” it necessarily follows he is a new creature. *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”* (II Cor. 5:17). The only way to be “in Christ” is to be baptized into Him. *“Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life**”* (Rom. 6:3-4). Water baptism begins our new life in Christ which we never experienced before. Being a new creation requires a new life-style. We must now “...walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Col. 1:10).

A person is baptized **in order to be saved (forgiven) from their sins**. Jesus made it so plain in Mark 16:16 that one needs help to misunderstand it. Sadly, there are many willing and eager to provide such help. Jesus said, *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”* Ask any first grader what the Lord said do in this verse in order to be saved and the response will always be, **believe and be baptized**. To say anything else is to deny the Lord’s word! The apostles understood it. They were infallible in these matters because they were being directed by the Holy Spirit. They not only preached baptism to be forgiven of sins (Acts 2:38), but they practiced it as well (Acts 2:41). The whole New Testament is in complete compliance with what was done on the day of Pentecost. Baptism washes sins away. *“...Be baptized, and wash away thy sins...”* (Acts 22:16). See also Romans 6:3-6,17-18 and Colossians 2:12.

Peter made it ever so clear when he wrote, *“The like figure whereunto even **baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ”* (I Peter 3:21).

A person is baptized **in order to be cleansed of sin by Christ’s blood**. *“Without shedding of blood is no remission”* (Heb. 9:22). *“...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood”* (Rev. 1:5). *“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...”* (Eph. 1:7). Christ died on the cross and shed his blood that we might have forgiveness. *“They washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb”* (Rev. 7:14). *“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life”* (Rom. 5:8-10). Jesus shed his blood in his death and we contact His saving blood when we are baptized into his death. *“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death”* (Rom. 6:3)?

(Cont’d next week)

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 8/3	B.C.: 25	Daily Bible Readers: 10
Chapters Read: 215	Worship: 58	Wednesday: 23

Family News and Notes

Jan Keen is still undergoing chemo. Please pray for her family members caring for her as well. **Chad Futrell’s** dad is in High Point Regional hospital. **John McDougale, Geraldine Harrington’s** uncle, is not doing well. **Carole Pearson,** Dave Carver’s cousin is still recuperating from a stroke. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **Gwen Jennen** is having health problems. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** dad, is in hospice care and not doing well. **Barbara Norris** is also struggling with her health. **Ally** is in West Virginia with her grandparents to help out and Jeanette is spending as much time there as possible before school begins. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon,** is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins’** parents need prayers.

Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Wade & Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry & Melany Hatcher, Frances Salaz, Linda Hernandez,** and the **Davis** family.

Bible Reading Plan

Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16
Job 7-8	Job 9-10	Job 11-12	Job 13-14	Job 15-16	Job 17-18	Job 19-20
Ps 27	Ps 28-29	Ps 30-31	Ps 32-33	Ps 34	Ps 35	Ps 36

Events

Teachers’ Meeting: Today following the morning worship. In the Teachers’ Workroom.
Silver Linings: Friday, August 15th at 11am.
Labor Day Fellowship: Monday, September 1 at the church building. Bring sides & desserts. Hamburgers & hotdogs provided.
Loris Lectureship: August 30, 10am. Kerry Duke & David Hill speaking.

