



LIFE ON THE EDGE

Radio Bible Study #16

Study: Baptism (B)

Intent of Study: Baptism by immersion is the public declaration of faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Focus It: Baptism is a representation of the death that Jesus died for us that we may have LIFE eternal.

1. John 3:1-8
2. Galatians 5:19-25
3. Mark 16:16
4. Ephesians 4:5
5. Mark 1:9,10
6. Acts 8:36-39
7. John 3:23
8. Romans 6:1-6

Three Biblical Preconditions to Baptism

9. Matthew 28:18-20
10. 1 John 5:4-6
11. Acts 8:26-37
12. Acts 2:38

Appeal

13. 2 Corinthians 6:2

Share It:

1. **John 3:1-8** - How does He know that Jesus is come from God? *Because of the signs He performs.*
- 2 - Nicodemus focused on the external miracles of Christ.
- 3 - Jesus focused on the greatest miracle of all. Being born from above - conversion.
- 4 - Nicodemus is still focused on the external
- 5 - What does it mean to be born of the Spirit?

6 - What does the flesh produce? *Flesh*. What does the Spirit produce? *Spirit*.

2. Galatians 5:19-25

Does the flesh inherit the Kingdom of God? *No*.

- Everyone must be born of the Spirit in order to inherit the Kingdom of God. To be born of the Spirit means to be converted, no longer producing the flesh, but producing the fruits of the Spirit.

The water is a clear reference to baptism.

3. Mark 16:16 - He who believes (is converted) and is baptized will be saved. He who does not believe will be condemned. Baptism is a natural result of conversion.

4. Ephesians 4:5 - One

Let's look at some examples of baptisms in the Bible. We will begin by looking at Jesus' baptism. He is our example so it is important to find out the manner of His baptism.

5. Mark 1:9,10 - Jesus comes up out of the water indicating that He must have been in the water. "was baptized of John" The word there "baptized" in Greek "baptidzo" means to immerse, submerge, to make fully wet

Let's look at one more example . . .

6. Acts 8:36-39 - "and they went **down into the water** . . . And when they were **come up out of the water** . . ."

It is interesting to see what caused John the Baptist to choose the location he chose for baptisms . . .

7. John 3:23 - Why did John choose this location? "because there was much water there". Why was it important that there was much water there? You need much water to fully immerse someone in it.

The method of baptism is dictated by the meaning of baptism. Let's see that in . . .

8. Romans 6:1-6

Baptism is a symbol of:

1. The death of Jesus - cessation of breath
2. The burial of Jesus - being put under or in something
3. The resurrection of Jesus - coming out of, or out from under what you were put in

So that we are no longer producing the work of the flesh

How many types of baptism have you seen in your life? Immersion, sprinkling.

The only method that fits all three points is immersion.

Three Biblical Preconditions to Baptism

9. **Matthew 28:18-20** - Understand Jesus teachings
10. **1 John 5:4-6** - Have faith
11. **Acts 8:26-37** - example of understanding and believing
12. **Acts 2:38** - Repentance

Can a child comply with any of these steps? NO. Then we can conclude that the Bible doesn't support/approve the baptism of a child until he/she is old enough to understand the teachings of the Bible and to repent from his/her sins.

If you were baptized as a baby, your parents intentions were to put you in the hands of God. But, your parents best intentions can not take the place of God's Word!

Appeals: 2 Corinthians 6:2

Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you will receive the Holy Spirit. Prior to baptism the Holy Spirit works from the outside in, after baptism the Holy Spirit begins working from the inside out.

Is there anything that would keep you from being baptized?

Jesus told Nicodemus that unless a man is born from above he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Is it your desire to enter into the kingdom of God?

Extra:

Matthew 3:1,5,6

Acts 22:16

James 2:14-20