Faith In Christ Results In Baptism

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Text: Romans 6:1-7 Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:26-29

### Intro

1. The subject of baptism, an important topic, divides the Lord’s church from denominations.
   1. Jesus said go preach the gospel and the means to obey it – *Mt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15-16*
   2. Consequence for not obeying it is eternal separation from God – *II Thess. 1:7-9*
2. There are those who teach a separation of faith and baptism:
   1. They deny the necessity of baptism.
   2. They teach “salvation by faith alone,” then the “saved” person may be baptized.
   3. There are even those who claim Paul never taught baptism because he wasn’t sent to baptize (I Cor. 1:17).
      1. They ignore the previous verses, in 1:12-16: There were factions over who was baptized by whom, and he said he baptized a few of them.
      2. They ignore the context: Paul wasn’t sent to gather numbers, but to preach the gospel. If any obeyed, they had to be baptized. *He wasn’t keeping score!*
   4. In Romans 6, Galatians 3, & Ephesians 4: Paul clearly taught baptism. Those who say he didn’t, teach he is talking about a “Spirit” baptism since it doesn’t say “water.”
      1. We have pointed out to such that it also doesn’t say “Spirit.”
      2. Context implies “water” as does the word used *(Gr. baptizo Str. 907).*
   5. Some also teach Paul went to Gentiles so commands to be baptized were for Jews…
      1. Acts 10:44-48: Holy Spirit fell on the Gentiles assembled but still Peter ordered them to be baptized (with water) afterward.
      2. Neither Peter nor those he “ordered” could command the Holy Spirit to do anything, so he wasn’t ordering them to be “Spirit baptized.”
3. Romans 6:1-7: Paul plainly teaches on baptism and its importance.
   1. To teach faith and baptism are separate from each other is to err.
      1. Jesus connected faith and baptism – Mark 16:16: To faith and being saved.
      2. Paul connected faith and baptism – Colossians 2:12: To burial and faith.
      3. Baptism is the gospel of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection symbolized.
4. Faith in Jesus is to have faith in His plan: resulting in baptism!

#### Faith In the Blood of Christ

* 1. To believe (have faith) in Christ is to have faith in His blood.
     1. Rom. 3:23-26: Propitiation for sins comes through Christ’s blood (I John 4:10). *Note: The emphasis on faith in His blood as propitiation (3:25).*
     2. Rom. 5:6-10: Justification comes through Christ’s blood.
     3. Rom. 5:10: Reconciliation to God comes through Christ’s blood.
     4. Rom. 3:23-24: Redemption comes through Christ’s blood (I Peter 1:18-19).
     5. *The religious world agrees with the above points of His blood!*
  2. Since Christ’s blood is what redeemed & reconciled us to God, *how do we have contact with it? (Rom. 6:3-6)* 
     1. *The religious world disagrees as to how His blood is obtained!*
     2. Revelation 1:5 (NKJV): Washed from sin by His blood.
        1. Acts 22:16: “Be baptized and wash away your sins.”
     3. Matthew 26:28: His blood was shed for “forgiveness of sins.”
        1. Acts 2:38: “Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins.”
  3. So, *what is the correlation of baptism and the blood of Christ? (Rom. 6:3-6)*
     1. Baptism is the obedient act of obtaining the saving power of Christ’s blood!
     2. To deny the saving power of baptism is to deny the saving power of His blood!
  4. One must be baptized to “wash away” sin and obtain “forgiveness of” sins!

#### Faith In A New Life

* 1. Those baptized ***into*** Christ (Rom. 6:3), are raised to a new life (Rom. 6:4).
     1. They are “born again” through water and the Spirit (John 3:3-5).
     2. Their spiritual state is changed (Colossians 1:12-14).
     3. They are to walk in “newness of life” (Romans 6:4), in a manner “worthy of the Lord” (Colossians 1:9-10).
  2. This new life refuses to let sin:
     1. “Reign” in our new life – Rom. 6:12
     2. Have control or be master over our lives – Rom. 6:14
     3. Keep us in bondage – Rom. 6:6, 16
  3. Baptism into Christ frees us from sin so that we may become slaves to righteousness! (Romans 6:3, 17-18)
  4. Baptism into Christ manifests our faith and puts us into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27).
  5. Baptism into Christ puts us into the body (the church – Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18) of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:4-6).
  6. Through baptism we are “born again” unto a “newness of life!”

#### Faith In the Reward of the New Life

* 1. Results (fruit) of old life: Death – Romans 6:20-21, 23
     1. The old way of life was futile and its outcome was death!
  2. Results (fruit) of new life: Eternal life – Romans 6:22-23
     1. The free gift of God is eternal life found in Christ (Rom. 6:8-10: Jesus broke the bonds of death so that we may live with Him).
     2. I Peter 1:3-5: We were “born again” to receive an imperishable inheritance, a reservation in Heaven! (Made alive in Jesus! – Ephesians 2:4-7)
  3. Contrast the results of before and after baptism:
     1. Old life (disobedient to gospel): Death (Rom. 6:21) & eternal separation from God (II Thess. 1:7-9).
     2. New life (obedient to gospel): Eternal life (Rom. 6:22-23) & “always with the Lord” (I Thess. 4:17).
  4. Baptism into His death is the hope of resurrection to eternal life! (Romans 6:5)

## Conclusion

1. Faith and baptism cannot be separated…
   1. Faith and baptism put one into Christ and makes one a Christian and child (descendant) of Abraham, an heir of the promise to Abraham! (Galatians 3:26-29)
2. True baptism comes from an obedient heart *(Romans 6:17)* for the forgiveness of sins *(Acts 2:38)* into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit *(Matthew 28:18-20).*
   1. Baptism without faith is meaningless *(James 2:26: Faith without works is dead).*
   2. Baptism without faith is just getting wet *(James 2:19: Even the demons just believe).*
   3. Baptism from faith is God’s means of repentant sinners to receive “newness of life” *(Romans 6:4).*
3. To deny baptism is to deny the saving power of Christ’s blood!
4. If you haven’t, won’t you be obedient to the gospel that you may have eternal life?
   1. Repent – *Rom. 2:4-8*
   2. Confess the Lord as the Son of God – *Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37*
   3. Be baptized – *Rom. 6:3-7; Acts 2:38*
   4. Walk in obedience – *Rom. 6:4; Jn. 8:31-32; 15:10*
5. Demonstrate your faith in Christ (in His blood) by obedience to the gospel through baptism!
6. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent and be baptized into His name!
7. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!
8. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!