

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Baptism Service - Galatians 3:23-29 - Put on Christ - 11.17.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?

If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?

2. I shared toward the top of the sermon the following list of baptisms in the book of Acts (not including recounting of baptisms):

Acts 2:38, 41 - Peter w/ app. 3,000 in Jerusalem

Acts 8:12 - Philip w/ men & women in Samaria

Acts 8:35-36, 38 - Philip w/ the Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 9:17-18 - Ananias w/ Saul at his conversion

Acts 10:47-48 - Peter w/ Cornelius & other Gentiles

Acts 16:14-15 - Lydia & her household in Philippi

Acts 16:30-33 - Paul/Silas w/ the Philippian Jailer

Acts 18:8 - Paul w/ Crispus & other Corinthians

Acts 19:3-5 - Paul w/ twelve disciples in Ephesus

As you look at each of these passages, what do we learn about baptism as a practice in the early church?

Who would be baptized, when did they do it, why did they do it, and how did they do it?

How should these realities shape our practice of baptism in the church today?

3. As you look at Galatians 3:23-29, where does baptism get mentioned here and how does it relate to the Church in Galatia?

What do these verses reveal about the nature of the relationship of those in Christ to the Law?

How does faith in Jesus change how we see the Law and seek to find fulfillment in meeting the requirements of the Law?

Read verse 27 - how does the understanding of the word "baptized" help us to see what it means to "put on Christ."

**As I shared, "baptize" in the Greek is a word used for a full immersion into something (used to describe the pickling process).*

What is the result for those who've "put on Christ" as outlined in verses 28-29, and where do you see this in the Church today?

4. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?

God gave us the Law to reveal our need for Jesus!

The perfection God requires is met only in Christ!

Faith moves us from the guardianship of the law!

By faith in Christ we've become true children!

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the great equalizer!

True unity is a real byproduct of life in Christ!

Being baptized in Christ means putting on Christ!

As we're immersed in Jesus, we're covered in Him!