

BAPTISM AND REPENTANCE

The word “baptism” means to submerge, to immerse, or to dip repeatedly.

That does not mean we need to get baptized over and over again.

Water baptism is symbolic in several ways.

We need to be immersed in the Lord daily, in His word and in His presence, to be cleansed daily.

Baptism is a sacred rite; it signifies initiation, identification, and purification.

In the old testament, baptism was used not only to cleanse people, but also certain objects.

God told Moses to tell the people to wash themselves and their clothes, to make themselves ready for the presence of God.

That is a key phrase, “Make yourself ready,” like a bride makes herself ready for her wedding.

We don't know when Jesus will return, but we are to be ready continually.

John the baptist's baptism was a baptism of repentance.

Baptism is immersion in water which represents sins being washed away, the person's old life dying, being raised up again into new life.

We are to produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

What the Holy Spirit wants to produce in your life can only happen if your “keeping with repentance.”

Repentance is not a religious thing, it is a relational thing.

When we celebrate a birthday or a holiday, it takes preparation to get ready for that event.

The word holiday comes from Holy Day and to be holy is to be set apart, so a holiday, or Holy Day is a day that is set apart.

God is saying this over and over and over again, “I want you to be set apart, I want you to be set apart, I want you to be set apart.”

Being set apart from the world, first of all, means having time set apart to be with God.

If you have been baptized, are you living set apart?

Baptism is an identification not only with Jesus, but also with the church (in general, not a specific church).

Water baptism is a public testimony that you are being set apart.

Baptism does not mean we cannot get drug back into the things of the world.

We need to encourage one another to remain set apart.

Baptism is an identification with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

Baptism does not mean we will be perfect, but we are to be set apart.

Sin is NOT our master anymore, the grace of God gives us power over sin!

Repentance is not saying you are sorry, it's not asking for forgiveness, it's turning away from our sin.

If we sin, it grieves God, it breaks God's heart; may it break our hearts like it breaks God's heart!

SCRIPTURE LIST

Exodus 19

Mark 1:1-8

Matthew 3:11-17

Mark 1:9-11

Mathew 28:19-20

Romans 6:1-14