**WATER BAPTISM**

* **Text: Mark 16:16**
* **He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.**
* **INTRO:**
* **What is the difference between adult and infant baptism?**
* Why do we need to be baptize in water?

AIM:

* FOR US TO HAVE A WIDER UNDERSTANDING REGARDING WATER BAPTISM

I. WHAT IS WATER BAPTISM?

* Is a public declaration of your faith and repentance
* Is the cleansing of sin by dipping or submerging in water
* to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe
* “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire-Matt 3:11
* **Is a major sign of your response to the gospel**
* Matt 3:5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him
* **6**and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.
* **Is also a preparation for the baptism of the Holy Spirit**
* **Matt 3:16**When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and Hesaw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.
* **Is also a requirement by God**
* **Is a preparation of the Lord’s way**
* **Matt 3:15**But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.**[a]**” So John agreed to baptize him.(NLT)
* **Is a preparation making us fit into a ministry**
* **Jesus started his ministry only after being baptized**

**II. REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER BAPTISM**

**A. You must believe the Lord Jesus Christ**

* **He who believes and is baptized will be saved**
* **Baptism without faith is non-sense**

**B. Repentance-a change of mind**

* MATT 3:11 “I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. NLT
* “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance NKJV

**C. Confession**

and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins- Matt 3:6

* I John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

D. **Renunciation**

* **The act or instance of renouncing**
* To give up (a title, for example), especially by formal announcement.
* To reject; disown.
* **Sin, a relationship, a habit, tradition, amulets, anything that is contrary to the will of God**
* **Acts 19:19** Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their **books** together and burned *them* in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and *it* totaled fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.
* **I Corinthians 10: 20**Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.
* **Jer 44: 17**But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For *then* we had plenty of food, were well-off, and saw no trouble.
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* **18**But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine.”
* **19***The women also said,* “And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make
* cakes for her, to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her without our husbands’ *permission?*”

**E. Denunciation**

* To condemn openly as being evil or reprehensible.
* To give formal announcement of the ending of (a treaty).

**III. CAN WE BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHOUT UNDERGOING WATER BAPTISM?**

* **Yes**
* **If you believe, repent, confess your sins, renounce sin and anything not pleasing to God, and denounce them**
* **Acts 10:44 44**While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.
* **Acts 8:16**For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17**Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
* **18**And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money

**IV. EXPECTED RESULTS OF WATER BAPTISM**

1. **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**
2. **Breakthrough from sin**
3. **Different perspective to sin**
4. **You will hate what you used to love and hate what you used to hate**
5. **Serving in the ministry**

**V. WHAT HINDERS FROM BEING BAPTIZED?**

1. **Ignorance**
2. **Being ashamed**
* **Ashamed of renouncing their tradition or religious beliefs**
* **Ashamed of receiving the Lord**
* **Ashamed of who they are**

**C. Unwillingness to give up what you hold dear or let go of it**

**D. Fear of failure to bear fruit of repentance**

* **Fear of persecution**
* **Fear of the unknown**

**E. Indecisiveness**

* **Can’t make up their minds**

**CHALLENGE:**

* **Do you now understand what is water baptism?**
* **What hinders you from being baptized?**

**CONCLUSION:**

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