

Water Baptism Sunday: LifeHouse Church 9.1.24

- 10:00am – Service begins
 - Andy Harrington calls everyone to take a seat / Maggie begins to strum
 - Doug welcomes and gives explanation of the morning
 - Diane seats the group getting baptized into groups of three
 - Doug begins to give brief teaching

Today we are going to celebrate like mad! – all of these followers want to make a public declaration

What is water baptism?

- Water baptism is one of two ceremonies (ordinances/sacraments) of the church that Jesus **commanded** us to do. Jesus never spoke of baptism until after resurrection – but because of the finished work He now commands His disciples.

Mt. 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the **name of** the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

- Baptism is both a symbolic representation and a spiritual reality:
 - **Symbolic**- it is a clear physical picture of our sins being washed away and a clear representation of our death, burial and resurrection with Christ.

Rom. 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Acts 22:16 Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

- **Spiritual reality**- ¹provides blessing of God's favor that comes with all obedience, ²joy that comes through **public confession**, ³reassurance of having a **clear picture of death, burial and resurrection in Christ**.

The practice of baptism in the NT was carried out only one way:

- The term baptism – *gk baptizo* – means washing, dipping or immersing in water as part of a purification ritual.
 - John's baptism of Jesus suggests full immersion, "He came up out of the water" Mk. 1:4, 10, Jn 3:23, Mt 3:15) ○ Phillip baptized the Ethiopian – "They both went down into the water...they came up out of the water" (Acts 8:38-39)

What am I saying when I baptize each person?

- What we say is important, but the greater emphasis is on what we believe.
- "Name, I baptize you in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, lowered in His death, and raised unto newness of life" –
- We believe in a triune God (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) – His Name is the fullness of the Godhead.

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were ^[ai]pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ³⁸ "[ak]Brethren, ^[al]what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, ⁴¹ "[am]Be saved from this perverse generation!" ⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand ^[am]souls. ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and ^[ao]to prayer.

10:10am – Baptism begins / Diane delivers the **first 3** to the front and center

- Doug briefly interviews the 3 of them – **Name and why are you getting baptized?**
- Worship starts immediately after 3rd interview
- Andy Antal is standing by – to help gather and direct each into the water
- Worship continues through the 1st cluster of 3 baptisms
- **After each person raises up from water, we celebrate like mad...**
- After each baptism – the person exits water “**quickly**” dries off and grabs a sign and gets a photo (not photo booth)
- After the 3rd Diane releases the 2nd cluster of three
- Repeat

People needed:

- **Setup team- Andy Antal /Mark Hamel**
- **Director of constant flow and movement of people- Diane**
- **Interviewer – Doug**
- **Assistant in baptisms – Andy Antal**
- **Towel person -Mike Herl**
- **Photo/sign person-Jennifer**
- **Photo booth-Diane**