

MESSAGE NOTES

March 31, 2013 Easter

Living Church: Baptism, Pt 2
Acts 2:36-41
Pastor Jeff Nelsen

- Easter & baptism both _____ Jesus' death, burial, resurrection.
- We let things _____ in the _____ of being baptized. Acts 8:36; 22:16

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said...
"What shall we do?" Acts 2:37

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

- Peter's answer is two-fold: _____ & be _____. Lk 24:46-47
- Repentance (Greek: *metanoia*) = _____ your _____. Mark 1:15
- Think as God thinks: _____ is _____. Acts 2:36; 16:31; Rom 10:9,13; Col 2:6
- Believe that Jesus as _____ of your life is a _____. Lk 9:23-26; Rev 3:20

3 BIG IDEAS OF BAPTISM

- ① COMMAND. _____ gave to _____ believer. Matt 28:19; Acts 2:37-38
- ② FORM. _____ into, placed fully _____ & up out of _____.
Baptizo = dip, immerse, submerge _____. Mark 1:10; Acts 8:38-39
- ③ TIMING. _____ & _____ baptized. Mk 16:16; Acts 2:41; 8:12-13; 18:8

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
Acts 2:38

HOW DO I PRACTICE BAPTISM?

- Not yet baptized as a believer? Humble myself & _____ baptized.
- Already baptized as a believer? _____ my baptism _____. Gal 2:20

Copies of today's message can be downloaded free at www.cherryhillsfamily.org. Also available on cd after 11:00 service or mark your card (ready Tuesday afternoon) for suggested donation \$2. Questions? Call 217-546-4818. ©2013 Jeff Nelsen

Baptism FAQs

Frequently asked questions about baptism

Q: Do I have to be baptized in order to be saved?

No.

We're saved by grace through trusting in Jesus as Lord (Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8). Yet verses like Mark 16:16 suggest believing & being baptized are connected. Baptism is often an evidence of whether or not Jesus is truly Lord of our lives.

Q: Do I have to be baptized by immersion to be a member of Cherry Hills?

Yes.

You can participate in nearly every activity of the church without being a member, but we do require baptism by immersion (placed completely under water) for membership because this seems to be the most accurate interpretation (Acts 18:26; Romans 6:3-4).

Don't be baptized to join the church, but because Jesus wants you to do so.

NOTE: If you have physical limitations or other concerns, please talk with us.

Q: Do I have to be baptized in a church service?

No.

But we encourage this because it is such an important witness.

The Ethiopian official & Philippian jailer were baptized in other settings (Acts 8:36; 16:33).

If, as a believer, you've been baptized by immersion at a camp, swimming pool, another church or privately, we recognize this as obedience to Christ's command.

Q: When should children be baptized?

We don't baptize infants. If you were sprinkled as an infant or small child, thank God (and your parents) for this blessing, but reaffirm your faith in Jesus by being baptized as a believer.

As children are nurtured & taught by their parents, we think when they reach an age of understanding, they will, of their own free will, say, "I want to be baptized." Don't force this, but encourage it. Contact Family Pastor, Brian Schwarberg with questions (217) 546-4818.

Q: When, if ever, should I be re-baptized?

If you weren't baptized as a believer, we invite you to affirm your faith in Jesus by doing so. Perhaps you don't feel you understood what you were doing, or got away from the Lord.

In most cases, we urge you to now "live" your baptism each day.

But if you have questions, talk with one of our pastors or elders after the service.