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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "SOME THINGS IN HELL THE CHURCH NEEDS"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "STOP SWEARING"

GUS NICHOLS SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL EMPHASIS THURSDAYS AT 6TH AVE.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES

WE WILL GO CAROLING AFTER EVENING SERVICES ON DEC 9

THERE WILL BE AN ORNAMENT PARTY FOR THE LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION AT SHEILA WINDHAM'S HOUSE DEC 11 AT 6 PM

OUR HOLIDAY MEAL WILL BE AFTER EVENING SERVICES ON DEC 16

BIRTHDAYS:

Dec 4: Tammy Whitfield & Sandy Richardson

7: Jason Chambers

ANNIVERSARY:

Dec 6: Gene & Linda McDonald

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

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SOME THINGS IN HELL THE CHURCH NEEDS

(Luke 16:19-31)

I. He learned that the _____ is not hell.

- A. His burial was not the _____.
- B. We learn that the soul, if lost, is not _____ when the body is buried.

II. He faced the _____ of his need.

- A. If he had been told while living that he needed _____ he would have said "No way."
- B. He now sees his need but it is too _____.

III. He was willing for _____ to help him.

- A. What a change of _____ this man had now that he was dead.
- B. Asking Lazarus, while on earth, would have been _____ too low.
- C. We need to learn to be _____ while living.

IV. He gained the knowledge that God's law is _____.

- A. All his objections could not change the fact that the gulf was _____.
- B. Psalm 119:89.
- C. Notice that he did realize this because he never asked to _____.

V. He knew his brothers were _____.

- A. He did not try to _____ his brothers or make excuses for them.
- B. He said that all of them needed to _____ what Lazarus could tell them.
- C. He saw a need for their _____.

VI. He learned the need for _____.

- A. What do you think he wanted _____ to preach about?
- B. Surely, he would have wanted the _____ preached.
 1. I believe the rich man knew the folly of _____.
 2. Saving peoples feelings does not mean they'll be _____.

VII. He learned the power of the _____.

- A. Abraham told him that his brothers had _____ and the _____.
- B. They did not need some direct revelation to be where _____ was.

VIII. He learned nothing can be changed after _____.

- A. It was too late to _____ his life.
- B. It was too late to change his _____.
- C. He could not change God's way of _____ with sinful men.
- D. He could not change God's way of _____ the lost.

IX. There are things in the _____ that should be in _____.

- A. _____.
- B. _____ of the world.

DOES IT MATTER WHY ONE IS BAPTIZED?

Bob Pritchard

The second chapter of Acts describes the beginning of the Lord's church almost two thousand years ago on the day of Pentecost. Hearing Peter's words, "Repent, and be baptized every one of

you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), "they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). According to Acts 2:47, "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be [or, those who were being] saved." Thus the Lord added three thousand people to His church as they obeyed the teachings of the apostles by being baptized.

While the administrator of baptism is unimportant, the purpose in baptism is of the utmost importance. Anyone properly baptized, as those three thousand were on the day of Pentecost, is "added unto" the Lord's church. A person baptized for the wrong purpose, however, has no assurance that the Lord will add him to His church. For example, if a man was baptized simply because his wife wanted him to be baptized, and he made no real commitment to the Lord, then the Lord certainly would not add that man to His church, because pleasing or obeying a wife is not the Lord's purpose in baptism. We see, then, that it is important to know and understand the Lord's purposes in baptism.

Jesus commissioned his disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16). The purpose of baptism, then, as stated by Christ, is to save the believer. Scriptural baptism then, is preceded by belief in Christ. Peter told those gathered on Pentecost, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). So Peter said that the purpose of baptism of the penitent believer is for the remission (forgiveness) of sins.

Ananias commanded Saul of Tarsus, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). Here again the purpose of baptism is stated, to "wash away" sins. Paul declared to the Galatians, "as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). Thus baptism puts the obedient believer into Christ, where there is salvation. Peter compared baptism to Noah's ark, saying, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21). Peter clearly said, "baptism doth also now save us." The scriptures show that baptism is an immersion in water for the forgiveness of sins, upon which the Lord adds that penitent and obedient believer to His church. A baptism administered merely as a denominational ordinance to those who have already been saved, or to a child that is unaware of the significance of baptism, does not fit the New Testament pattern for baptism.