

Lessons 45-46 - October 27, 2010 - The Blessings and Power of Baptism (Q265-271; pgs.220-229)

1. Didn't we receive forgiveness when Jesus died on the cross? Why do we say we receive it when we are baptized?
2. Which is better to say, that a) God forgives our sins in Baptism or b) that in Baptism, God assures us that he has forgiven us?
3. Katrina thought it was wrong to say that Baptism guarantees eternal life, because she knew of some people who had been baptized but were no longer Christians. How would you respond to Katrina?
4. Often when Martin Luther felt discouraged, he would say to himself, "Surely I am baptized." Explain.
5. Reggie explained Baptism this way: "Baptism symbolizes the way God forgave me when I turned my life over to him." What's wrong with Reggie's statement?
6. What's wrong with this statement? If we have been baptized, we have done everything we need to do to be saved. _____
7. Which symbol do you think is better to have on top of a baptismal font: a cross or a dove? Why?
8. In Unitarian churches pastors baptize children but they don't say "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." Do those children receive forgiveness of sins?
9. In Mormon churches people are baptized "in place of" people who have already died. Do those dead people receive eternal life in that way?
10. Melinda says to you, "You just had a water baptism. You didn't have a Spirit baptism. When you get baptized in the Holy Spirit, you feel light all over and filled with love for Jesus. It happened to me one day in church when the preacher was preaching from the Word of God. It just swept over me." How would you respond to her?
11. If the only power in Baptism is in the Word, why does the pastor make the sign of the cross over the person who is about to be baptized?

Assignment for November 3, 2010

Review: Questions 272-278 (pgs.230-236)

Memorize: Galatians 3:26,27 or Titus 2:5

Project: Choose between –

- a) Have your parents locate your baptismal certificate so that you can see it, and then memorize the date.

OR

- b) On paper with pencil and colors (paint, felt, crayons, colored pencil, markers etc), design a new banner for baptism Sundays at church.

