

Series: Baptism – What Does the Bible Really Teach?

Tonight’s Lesson: “Water Baptism After Paul” – Part 2

Introduction

- We learned last week that Paul was not one of the twelve apostles, but received a special commission by direct revelation of Jesus Christ from heaven.
- Do we see water baptism associated at all with Paul’s distinct message and ministry? What role did it play in Paul’s ministry? Let’s do a Biblical overview of Paul’s ministry and get answers to these questions.

Paul’s baptism at salvation

1. After Jesus appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus and Paul believed, Christ instructed Paul to go into Damascus and wait for instruction. Acts 9:6
2. Up to this point, only the _____ program that Peter preached had been revealed. Baptism was an essential part of this program and Ananias knew it. Acts 9:17-18
3. As a Jewish believer, Paul was baptized as any other _____ believer would have been at that time. Belief on Christ as the risen Messiah, repentance of sins, and water baptism all were simultaneous events under the kingdom program. Acts 22:16

Paul’s first missionary journey

1. Acts 13 and 14 record Paul’s first missionary journey.
2. During Paul’s first missionary journey throughout the regions of Galatia, water baptism is _____ mentioned one time.
3. Many people trusted Christ during this first missionary journey, but there is _____ record of any baptisms at all. Acts 14:21-23
4. When Paul returns to his home church in Antioch, he told them how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Acts 14:27

Paul's defense at the Jerusalem Council

1. In Acts 15, some of the Jewish believers were causing a stir among the Gentile converts, insisting that they must be circumcised and keep the law of Moses in order to be saved.
2. It ends up turning into a showdown at Jerusalem. The conclusion was that the Gentiles did not have to do these things.
3. But one command did come out of this meeting: the Gentile believers needed to be sensitive to the Jewish believers and not knowingly _____ them.
Acts 15:19-21
4. This meeting apparently had a great impact on Paul because we see Paul doing things on his second missionary journey that he did not do on his first journey.

Paul's second missionary journey

1. Immediately we see Paul exercising a greater sensitivity to the Jews. He takes _____ and has him circumcised. Acts 16:3
2. We also see Paul shaving his head due to a Jewish _____ he had taken.
Acts 18:18-21
3. We also see Paul baptizing converts for the _____ time on this journey.
Acts 16:14-15, 30-33, 18:8
4. Paul is never seen **preaching** baptism. We do not see it mentioned in any of his messages. It clearly is not seen as part of his gospel, nor do we ever see him requiring it, but we do see it practiced or mentioned _____ times.
5. The Jerusalem Council made an impact on Paul, and he was passionate about wanting to reach his own Jewish people with the _____. Romans 10:1