

The Story of Jesus  
(Lesson 5)

Introduction:

1. We are presently studying "The Story of Jesus" to help us grow in our knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18).
2. In this lesson we are studying passages that teach us about "Jesus' baptism."

Discussion:

- I. IN THE GOSPELS WE READ ABOUT THE BAPTISM THAT JESUS RECEIVED
  - A. Jesus' baptism is recorded in:
    1. Matthew 3:13-17
    2. Mark 1:9-12
    3. Luke 3:21-23.
  - B. By carefully examining these passages we learn the details of Jesus' baptism.
    1. Jesus traveled from Nazareth to the Jordan River to be baptized (Mark 1:9).
    2. Jesus was baptized by John (Matthew 3:13; Mark 1:9).
    3. John at first tried to prevent Jesus from being baptized (Matthew 3:14).
      - a. When John baptized people, they confessed their sins (Matthew 3:5-6).
      - b. John's baptism was based on "*repentance*" (Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3).
      - c. John's baptism was "*for the remission of sins*" (Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3).
    4. The purpose for Jesus' baptism was "*to fulfill all righteousness*" (Matthew 3:15).
    5. When Jesus was baptized,:
      - a. He prayed (Luke 3:21)
      - b. the Spirit descended upon Him (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32-34)
      - c. the Father identified Jesus as His Son (Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22).
    6. Jesus was about 30 years old when He was baptized (Luke 3:23).
    7. After His baptism Jesus was led into the wilderness (Mark 1:12).
  - C. These passages in the Gospels indicate that Jesus' baptism was a very important event.
  - D. Jesus also included baptism in His plan of salvation.
- II. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WE READ ABOUT THE BAPTISM THAT CHRIST COMMANDED
  - A. Jesus included baptism in His Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).
  - B. By carefully examining a number of passages we learn the details of New Testament baptism.
    1. The baptism that Jesus authorized is "*for the remission of sins*" (Acts 2:38).
    2. Baptism is a likeness of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4).
    3. We are "*baptized into one body*" (1 Corinthians 12:13).
    4. We are "*baptized into Christ*" (Galatians 3:27).
    5. There is only one true baptism (Ephesians 4:5).
    6. Baptism is a burial (Colossians 2:12).
    7. We are saved when we are baptized (1 Peter 3:21).
  - C. In Acts we read about many people who were baptized, including:
    1. the 3,000 on Pentecost (2:41)
    2. men and women in Samaria (8:12)
    3. Simon (8:13)
    4. the eunuch of Ethiopia (8:38)
    5. Saul (9:18; 22:16)
    6. Cornelius and his household (10:47-48)
    7. Lydia and her household (16:15)
    8. the jailer in Philippi (16:33)
    9. 12 men in Ephesus (19:5).