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THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT – LESSON 26 BECAUSE IT TEACHES & ADMINISTERS SCRIPTURAL BAPTISM

- Few Churches Completely Disavow Baptism** There have been so many renegade churches and rogue preachers in the last two decades (Circa 2000) it is difficult to keep track of their beliefs. Formerly only the Quakers and Christian Scientists repudiated baptism. Does the fact that most religious bodies practice “some kind of baptism” indicate that most folks believe it important? ____
Baptize means to dip, immerse, or to submerge – not sprinkle or pour.
- Taught Persons Are Eligible** One has to understand why he/she is being baptized. Jesus said (Mt 28:19), “Go ye therefore, and _____ all nations, _____ them in the _____ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” The phrase “in the name of” means *by the authority of*. It would be ridiculous to baptize anyone who didn’t know why they were being baptized. Such would be mockery. The eunuch confessed faith in Jesus (Acts 8:27). Was he aware that he was lost due to his sins? ____
- Believing Persons Are Eligible** (Mk 16:16) “He that _____ and _____ shall be _____; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” Note (Rev 21:8): “But the fearful, and _____---shall have their part in the _____ which burneth with _____ and _____: which is the second _____.” Those who refuse to believe will be eternally lost because they are ineligible to receive scriptural baptism for remission of sins.
- Penitent Persons Are Eligible** On Pentecost Day Peter commanded (Acts 2:38), “_____, and be baptized _____ in the name of Jesus Christ for the _____ of sins.” If one’s attitude hasn’t changed regarding his lifestyle, why would he contemplate coming to Jesus? _____
Repentance is a change of attitude.
- Those Who Confess Jesus As Son Of God Are Eligible** Jesus said (Mt 10:32), “Whosoever therefore shall _____ before men, him will I confess also _____ which is in heaven.” How confession is made: (Rom 10:10) “With the _____ confession is made _____.” The Ethiopian confessed Jesus (Acts 8:37) before Philip baptized him. If we deny Jesus, he will deny us (Mk 8:38; Mt 10:33).
- Water Salvation?** The Bible doesn’t teach any such thing. Some s believe there is something magical in the water. They sprinkle little babies who aren’t taught, are incapable of believing, have done nothing from which to repent, and cannot confess Jesus as Savior with the mouth. Water is simply the element God specified. The cleansing effect comes from (1 Pet 3:21) “*the answer of a good _____ toward God.*” Infants can’t answer from a penitent heart but accountable people can/must if they are to receive forgiveness.

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