

6. **Has Christ Risen?** This is the fundamental question. If He hasn't – He isn't the Son of God. (1 Cor 15:19) “*If in _____ life _____ we have _____ in _____, we are of all men most _____.*” Why? It is because we would have no hope beyond the grave. Robert Lowry (1826-1899) wrote *Low in the Grave He Lay* (sometimes titled *Christ Arose*) in 1874. We truly believe (from Bible teaching) that “*He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.*” God (Acts 17:25) “*giveth to all _____, and _____, and _____ things*” but (Jn 9:4) eventually “*the _____ cometh, when no _____ can _____.*”
7. **Is Baptism All That Important?** Is it important enough that some will even be baptized on behalf of the unbaptized dead? It is to them (ie: the Mormons), but what about from a scriptural standpoint? We recommend TPBS Lessons #52-#54, **Baptism**. Jesus commanded it (Mt 28:19-20; Mk 16:15-16; Lk 24:47). Ananias (Acts 22:16) told Saul of Tarsus, “*Arise, and be _____, and _____ away thy _____, calling on the _____ of the _____.*” He subsequently preached and commanded it. But was a dead person ever baptized *de facto* or by *proxy* in the NT? _____
8. **When Did “The Spirit Of Christ” Operate?** In connection with Q#5 of this lesson we aver that God (Eph 3:11) “*_____ in Christ*” an “*_____ purpose.*” Christ is (1:23) “*the _____ of Him that _____ all in all.*” Yes, he was (Jn 1:14) the Word “*made _____*” and was manifest (Gal 4:4) “*when the _____ of the _____ was come*” but (Jn 1:1) “*in the _____ was the _____.*” That’s why and how (1 Pet 1:11) “*the _____ of _____*” was in the OT prophets causing them to _____ “*what, or what _____ of time*” these inspired prophecies would occur. It happened just so (1 Pet 3:20) “*in the days of _____.*”
9. **Baptism Of Desire vs Baptism For The Dead** We earlier quoted (Q#4) from Catholic Questions. After correctly stating the status of accountability our [Catholic](#) source says: “Neither is their lack of baptism an obstacle. Scripture reveals that sometimes the graces that normally come through baptism are given early, to those who have not yet been baptized (Acts 10:44-48). Such people have what the Church terms “baptism of desire” and are united to God through their desire to do what he wants of them.” They add: “They simply do not know that God is the truth. Consequently, they also can be saved through baptism of desire; therefore, a proxy baptism is superfluous, either before their death or after it. They are already united to God, even if they are not fully aware of it in this life (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 847-848, 1257-1260).” Our question: Where do you find the “Baptism of Desire” in the Bible? _____ The baptism we find commanded in the NT is (Acts 2:38) “*in the _____ of Jesus Christ for the _____ of _____.*”
10. **Mormon Contradictions** “The doctrine of baptism for the dead was first given to the Mormon church by Joseph Smith in 1836 and is found in his *Doctrine and Covenants*, (but not, as we'll see, in the *Book of Mormon*).” (Ibid) Now take note: According to (Alma 34:35-36) “those who die as non-Mormons go to hell, period.” (Ibid) A deceased non-Mormon can be saved by “baptism for the dead” in *Doctrine and Covenants* but (according to Alma 34) “if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance even until death-----the power of the devil is over you, and this is the final state of the wicked” – a patent contradiction. In (Jn 10:35) Jesus said, “*The scripture _____ be _____.*” God’s Word is as immutable as the seasonal changes, law of gravity, or the rotation of the sun. (Jn 17:17) “*Thy _____ is _____.*”
11. **What Have We Learned?** Hopefully not to trust in man. Paul said (1 Cor 4:6) “*that ye might _____ in us _____ to _____ of _____ above that which is _____.*” There is a saying in real estate that it’s all “Location. Location. Location.” A truism in Bible study is “Context. Context. Context.” Paul wouldn’t have commanded (Eph 5:17) “*understanding what the _____ of the _____ is*” if it couldn’t be understood. We should well understand (Eccl 9:11) that “*time and _____*” is impartial and our lives are (Jas 4:14) “*even a _____*” that soon “*vanisheth _____.*” If we fail to (Gal 3:27) “*put on _____*” in baptism now, we won’t have that opportunity after death. Have you been baptized to *wash away your sins*? _____