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Does God Care how we Serve Him?

If God's Tells us how he wants something done and in a certain manner — do you believe that it would be wrong to do it otherwise?

What scriptures and passages from our lesson lead you to this decision?

Would Sprinkling be just as good as immersion?
What are the Biblical Examples?

Does it matter why one is baptized? Or When?

Examples of Baptism - What can we learn?

Pentecost - Acts 2

Ethiopian Officer - Acts 8

Romans 6

Galatians 3:27

1 Peter 3:20-21

Can you find other verses that tell us more about baptism?

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A Study of Matthew

Matthew 3:13-17

Lesson 3

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 4:1-11

Memory Verse — Matthew 3:15

One of Jesus first public recorded acts, that began his ministry, was his baptism by John. Some may think it strange that the Son of God would want to be baptized. Many may ask why the savior would do this? Did Jesus need forgiveness of Sin?

Jesus was not baptized for forgiveness of sin, because we know that he had no sin.(Heb 4:14-15 KJV) Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, **yet without sin**. So why would the savior be baptized. Look at Jesus words to John when John forbade him to be baptized. Christ said, "Permit it now, for it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." Christ being God's son had to be baptized in order to obey God's command. Christ could not refuse to Obey a command of God and fulfill all righteousness; therefore, it was necessary that he do this to obey, because that was God's command to all man kind and for Jesus not to have obeyed this command would have been wrong.

The idea of the Christ seeking baptism that he might fulfill all righteousness should stress to us the importance of following all of God's wishes for us. We should see from Jesus example that God desires that all his commands be done. Christ at one time reprimanded the Pharisees with the following words, (Luke 11:42 KJV)

“But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.” Christ criticized the Pharisees because they had only done that part of the law which they wanted and not the whole. We need to make sure that we seek to know what God’s will is for us and then do it all. If Christ would submit to baptism, to fulfill all righteousness, then we must understand that God desires and demands that we seek to keep all of his will and word.

Following Christ baptism we see all three members of the God head present. The spirit came down on him like a dove, and the Father said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” We see that both the Father and the Spirit acknowledge Christ. In just these few verses in Matthew we see three witnesses to Christ’s divinity - John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit, and the Father. What a tremendous sight that must have been to behold.

Lesson 2 - Across - 1. Jordan, 3. Wilderness, 8. Heart, 9. Camel, 10. Vipers, Down - 2. Repent, 4. Isaiah, 5. Water, 6. Locust, 7. Fruit

Examples for our learning -
God demands obedience

1. Nadab and Abihu

(Lev 10:1-3 KJV) And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. Then Moses said unto Aaron, ~~This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.~~

a. What did Nadab and Abihu do wrong?

Review

Number the Events in Order and Tell which Chapter the Events occurred In

_____ a. John came preaching in the Judean Desert preaching that Heaven’s kingdom has drawn near.

_____ b. Wise Men Came to Jerusalem seeking to know where the King of the Jew was to be born.

_____ c. Joseph fled with Mary and Jesus to Egypt because Herod sought to kill the child.

_____ d. An Angel appeared to Joseph to tell him that the Child in Mary was of the Holy Spirit and that they should call him Jesus.

_____ e. Jesus came to John to be baptized of him in the Jordan river to fulfill all righteousness.

_____ f. Herod gave orders that all the children from two and under be killed in Bethlehem and the area round about.

_____ g. After Herod died Joseph and Mary returned with Jesus and settled in Nazareth.

which he suffered; And being made _____, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that _____ him;

7. (Mark 11:30-33) The baptism of _____, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.

And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From _____; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a _____ indeed. And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Upclose - Read Acts 19:1-7

1. What was John's Baptism About?

2. How did Paul know these men had not heard of Christ's Baptism?

3. Why were the men Baptized in the Name of the Lord?

4. How did these men receive the Holy Spirit?

5. What can we learn from this passage?

- b. What does God demand from all men?
2. Naman

(2 Ki 5:9-14 KJV) So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abana and Parpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

- a. Would the Rivers in Syria have been as good?
- b. What is the lesson taught here?
3. The Prophet of God
I Kings 13:1-30
 - a. What was the prophet not to do.
 - b. Why did he do it?
 - c. Did God keep his word?
 - d. What do we learn from this lesson?
4. Serpent in the Wilderness
Numbers 21:6-9
 - a. What was the purpose of the Brazen Serpent?
 - b. What do we learn from this text?

Questions????

- 1 Why did Christ go to John?
- 2 Why did Christ want to be baptized by John?
- 3 Who acknowledge Jesus at his Baptism?
- 4 Did Jesus Sin?

Complete the Scriptures

1. (1 Sam 15:22) And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in _____ the voice of the LORD? Behold, to _____ is better than _____, and to hearken than the fat of rams.
2. (Mat 23:23) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of _____ and anise and cummin, and have _____ the weightier matters of the law, _____, _____, and _____: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other _____.
3. (Gen 6:22) Thus did Noah; according to all that God _____ him, so did he.
4. (Acts 5:29) Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to _____ God rather than _____.
5. (Rom 6:16) Know ye not, that to whom ye

_____ yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye _____; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto _____?

6. (Heb 5:8-9) Though he were a Son, yet learned he _____ by the things which