

Sermon Study Guide – January 14th, 2024

"It Begins with Baptism"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ Today, we start our journey following Jesus' ministry, and we begin with Jesus' baptism... Why was Jesus' baptized? How was this the right way for him to begin his work to save us?
- ◆ How do our Christian lives begin with baptism too? Is our faith as simple as getting baptized? Why or why not?

2) Today's Message: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

3) What does God want you to hear today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...

1. How does our sermon text reinforce the basic tenets of our faith?
2. What more does our sermon text emphasize about Christian living?
3. How does Baptism *not* seem to offer all that God says it will?
4. What role did baptism play in Jesus' ministry?
5. How can we use baptism in the same way that Jesus did?
6. In what way are there "easy fixes", and how does baptism fit in?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *review* Isaiah 49:1-6, Mark 1:4-11 **Thursday:** Matthew 19:16-29

Tuesday: *review* Psalm 2

Friday: *read/review* Romans 6

Wednesday: 2 Kings 5

Saturday: Romans 7