

INTRODUCTION

1. Envision a baptism - Rm 6:1-5.
 - i. Paul assumes readers were bapt's & understood signif of bapt.
 - ii. v1 [v3, v6, v9]; *believe* [v8] -> 1st command - v11 [1Jn 1:6; 3Jn 1:3]
2. What truth as Xn practiced when s/he was bapt'd?

1st: What Does "Baptize" Mean?

1. *Do you not know* the meaning of "baptize?" Immerse into; submerge; plunge beneath; dip. The thg baptized bec/s identified w/ that into wh/ it is bapt'd - ex: hammer nail into wall & nail is now the wall.
2. *Baptize* is not *rantize* [sprinkle - Hb 9:13; 10:22; Mrk 7:3-4. Jn Stott: "the symbolic truth of dying to the old life & rising to the new remains, whatever mode of bapt is used" [175]. No, death & res symbolized by *bapt*.

2nd: What Does "Baptized into Christ Jesus" Mean?

1. Transliterate: b-a-p-t-i + suffix -ism. Translate = immerse into: unite in.
 - i. JnB - Jesus wld bapt w/ *HS* & w/ *fire* [Mat 3:11]
 - ii. Mrk 10:38-39 drink cup & be bapt'd - united to Jesus in suffering
 - iii. 1C 10:1-4 v2 *bapt'd into Moses* - warn of sacramentalism. Moses as mediator of OCov - Jesus as mediator of NCov.
2. How are we bapt'd into Christ? Gal 3:24-29 by faith: justification.
3. Rm 6:3 - is this water bapt or bapt as metaphor of union w/ Christ? Both - provided the reality of union w/ Christ is what is signified in ord of water bapt. Stott: "personal, vital identification w/ Christ set forth in bapt."
4. At what point are we united to X? [Eph 1]. Our "personal & vital union" at point of regeneration ["vital"] - new birth wh/ is then evidenced by faith in X = personal & vital union w/ X.
5. 1C 12 - HS equips each Xn & places in Body: Church - function.
 - i. v11-13 emph on unity: each ind functions for body - v7 Many membs are *one body so also is X*. X is synonym for Ch, mutually defined.
 - a. Each memb is necessary: v15-26 - 27. Inds w/ corporate identity.
 - ii. v12-13- X is synonym for *1 body*: Ch. To be bapt'd into X => bapt'd in 1 body: the church. [Do you see that?]

- a. Shld *bapt'd* be translated or transliterated? Both: Paul sees Xns at the point of being united to X & joined to church - both are entailed in *baptism*.
 - b. *drink of 1 Spirit* - not "2nd work;" or LT - HS as living water? To drink of HS = to live by HS in X & to demonstrate life in X by exercising gifts in church.
 - c. We all drink of HS when our gifts nourish, refresh, revitalize us.
 - d. Paul guides away from divisions: *Jews/Grks* - ethnicity; *slaves/free* - economic/societal. The polarizing politics of Cor society has no place in body of X.
6. R 6:3a *bapt'd into X & into 1 body* - translated & transliterated - Jn 13:35

Applic #1: Union with Christ is the Definition of a "Christian"

1. Bapt = union w/ X: legal & living - v11.
2. Internalize this truth - 2C 5:17. v11 *consider* - Prv 4:20-27
 - i. Whose words? whose voice? What seed/word is *in the midst of your heart*? From heart flow your words, decisions, use of time & \$, friendships - all thgs Solomon teaches sons in Prvs. The life lived is expression of heart = location of words - docts - convictions - fndtnal knowledge of self as an actor - the life lived.
 - ii. *Fear of the Lord* - life lived before God: wisdom: Prv 9:10-12 [14:26]

Applic #2: Union with Christ is Demonstrated in Our Churchmanship

1. Xn cannot be content to live detached from Body - Eph 4:15-16.
2. The Ord of Bapt signifies vital union w/ X & is administered at the entrance into the Church.
3. The Church is as healthy as each ind memb. Ponder that... my spiritual health affects the spiritual health of the church.
4. Learn to love church w/ X's love for church & prove to be His disciples.