



# HOW GOD WORKS IN YOU

## THE ROLE OF WATER BAPTISM

ACTS 22:12-16

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**Acts 22:12** “And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, **13** came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. **14** And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; **15** for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. **16** And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’ (ESV)

1. Understand \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fixate \_\_\_\_\_

3. Never \_\_\_\_\_

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17-18**. Describe the circumstances surrounding the time when God "reconciled you to himself" and you were placed "in Christ" and became a "new creation."
2. Read **Psalms 51:1-5** and **Isaiah 1:18**. Why is a clarified sense of our sin and guilt before our Maker so important to understanding the profound relief of cleansing and forgiveness before a holy God?
3. Read **Colossians 1:12-14** and **Titus 3:4-7**. Why are "pouring" and "washing" in Titus 3 such helpful metaphors for the feelings and experience of being fully forgiven and qualified for "the inheritance of the saints"?
4. Read **Hebrews 4:15** and **Matthew 3:13-15**. Why is the fact that Jesus continued to "fulfill all righteousness" by submitting to the water baptism of John a helpful reminder of the role of water baptism in a life that pleases the Father?
5. Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. What would you say to someone who says they don't plan to be baptized in water because Jesus already fulfilled all the righteous acts God wants us to do, and has imputed them to us?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 22-20 – **Grace & Works**
- Msg. 12-61 – **The Role of the Church in the Christian Life: Baptism**
- Msg. 08-15 – **How to Get Eternal Life: The Only Right Response**
- Msg. 21-21 – **Courage to Be Identified with Christ**
- Msg. 09-19 – **Making Sense of Abraham's Faith & Works**
- Msg. 13-57 – **Regeneration & The Baptism of the Holy Spirit**
- Msg. 16-53 – **Roman Catholicism**

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> .....	Ex.16-18 & Mt.19:16-30
Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup> .....	Ex.19-21 & Mt.20:1-16
Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup> .....	Ex.22-24 & Mt.20:17-34
Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup> .....	Ex.25-26 & Mt.21:1-22
Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	Ex.27-28 & Mt.21:23-46
Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	Ex.29-30 & Mt.22:1-22
Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup> .....	Ex.31-33 & Mt.22:23-46
Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup> .....	Ex.34-36 & Mt.23:1-22

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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