

LIFE AFTER BAPTISM
COLOSSIANS 2:11-15

INTRODUCTION:

1. Too many are converted to Christ, but their lives do not reflect a true conversion of the heart.
2. **COLOSSIANS 2.11-15:** Three comparison to help us understand who we are to be after we are baptized.

I. BAPTISM IS A CIRCUMCISION

- A. **COLOSSIANS 2.11:** *“In Him you were also circumcised”*
 1. A covenant was a special relationship. (Gen. 17.1)
 2. God established this covenant relationship with Abram through circumcision. (Gen. 17.10-13)
- B. Baptism is the moment when we enter into a special relationship with God.
 1. Circumcision was symbolic. (Col. 2.11; 2 Cor. 5.1,2)
 2. It is putting off sin. (Col. 2.11; Gal. 5.16,19; Rom. 8.8)
 3. Circumcision represents baptism. (Col. 2.12; Gal. 3.26,27)

II. BAPTISM IS A RESURRECTION

- A. **COLOSSIANS 2.12,13:** *“baptism, in which you were raised”*
 1. Sin results in a spiritual death, separation from God. (Isa. 59.2; Rom. 6.23; James 1.15; Eph. 2.1)
 2. **COLOSSIANS 2.13:** *“And you, being dead in your trespasses...He has made alive”*
- B. When we are baptized, we are raised from the dead.
 1. **ROMANS 6.2:** *“we who died to sin”*
 2. **ROMANS 6.4:** *“we shall also walk in newness of life”*

III. BAPTISM IS A CANCELLATION

- A. **COLOSSIANS 2.13:** *“having forgiven you all trespasses”*
 1. Forgiven (charizomai): Literally, grace.
 2. **COLOSSIANS 2.14:** Having wiped out the debt.
- B. Sin is a debt that we owe, but it has been wiped out by the blood of Jesus. (Ps. 51.1; Rom. 5.9)

CONCLUSION: Being baptized, we are in Christ. (Col. 2.4,8,16)

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

FORGIVENESS THROUGH THE CROSS

It is easy to be forgiving when you feel good. When things are going your way, you might be in a more forgiving mood. The real test of character comes when we are called upon to be forgiving when we are still hurting from the offenses of others.

Jesus was willing to forgive even as He suffered the agony of crucifixion. With His hands and feet stapled to the course wood, Jesus displayed His character. Barely able to breath, let alone speak, Jesus said, *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do”* (Luke 23.34).

Jesus was willing to forgive even those who mocked Him. The two thieves who were crucified with him *“reviled Him”* (Matt. 27.44) and *“blasphemed Him”* (Luke 23.39). One of them had a change of heart and defended Him (Luke 23.40-42). To this criminal, Jesus offered forgiveness saying, *“today you will be with Me in Paradise”* (Luke 23.43)

Even today, the children of God are involved in crucifying Jesus through their apostacy. Every time we sin, we *“crucify again...the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame”* (Heb. 6.6). Though we drive the nails in His hands over and over again, Jesus offers forgiveness to us when we repent (1 John 1.7-10). What a blessing to know the forgiveness of God through Jesus!

UNWRAPPING THE GIFTS OF GOD

EPHESIANS 2:8

INTRODUCTION:

1. Do you struggle finding the perfect gift? (Matt. 7.9-11)
2. God is the perfect gift giver. (James 1.16,17)
 - a) Every gift that God gives is good. (cf. Acts 10.38)
 - b) Every gift that God gives is perfect. (cf. 2 Tim. 3.17)
3. Consider the good and perfect gifts that God offers to man.

I. UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

A. ROMANS 5.17: "the gift of righteousness"

1. ROMANS 5.15: The sin of Adam resulted in spiritual death. The gift of God resulted in justification.
2. ROMANS 5.16: "The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned."
3. ROMANS 5.17: We are made right with God.

B. How do we unwrap the gift of righteousness.

1. ROMANS 5.1: "Therefore, having been justified by faith"
2. ROMANS 5.2: "we have access by faith into this grace"

II. UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

A. ROMANS 6.23: "the gift of God is eternal life"

1. ROMANS 6.17: The cause of sanctification.
2. ROMANS 6.18: The result of sanctification.

B. How do we unwrap the gift of eternal life?

1. The form of doctrine refers to baptism. (Rom. 6.3,4)
2. Though this life is temporary, there will come a day when I will enjoy eternal life. (Heb. 9.27; Ecc. 3.20)

III. UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. ROMANS 8.15: "you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption"

1. ROMANS 8.16,17: The gift of Holy Spirit we receive today is the gift of confidence and assurance of salvation.
2. EPHESIANS 1,13,14: The Holy Spirit is our guarantee.

B. How do we unwrap the gift of the Holy Spirit?

1. ACTS 2.38: "receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"
2. ACTS 2.38: The gift is conditional.
3. ACTS 2.39: The gift is universal.

CONCLUSION: The gift of God is the gift of His grace. (Eph. 2.8)

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME

*'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.*

*The children were dressing to crawl into bed.
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.*

*When out of the East there arose such a clatter.
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!*

*When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!*

*The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.*

*In the Book of Life which He held in His hand
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said "it's not here" my head hung in shame.*

*The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound.
While all the rest were left standing around.*

*I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.*

*In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!*