

## THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS COLOSSIANS 2:11-15

### INTRODUCTION:

1. To be a true disciple, Jesus Himself tells us that baptism is a requirement. (Matt. 28.19; Mark 16.16)
2. Our text uses two beautiful descriptions that help us understand how blessed we are to be baptized believers.

### I. BAPTISM IS A SPIRITUAL CIRCUMCISION

- A. God instituted circumcision when He established a covenant relationship with Abraham.
  1. **GENESIS 17.11:** *“and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign...”*
  2. Circumcision is a cutting off of the flesh. (Ex. 4.24-26)
- B. Baptism is illustrated by circumcision.
  1. **COLOSSIANS 2.11:** *“In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands”*
  2. **COLOSSIANS 2.12:** *“buried with Him in baptism”*
  3. Like circumcision, baptism is a cutting off of the body *“the sins of the flesh”* (Col. 2.11).
  4. A covenant relationship is established at baptism.

### II. BAPTISM IS A SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION

- A. **COLOSSIANS 2.12:** *“buried with Him in baptism”*
  1. We were buried because we were dead. (Col. 2.13)
  2. Death is always a separation. (James 2.26; Isa. 59.2)
  3. We were dead, separated from God *“in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your heart”* (Col. 2.13).
  4. When we were baptized, *“He has made alive together with Him”* (Col. 2.13).
  5. What did God do to resurrect us? (Col. 2.13)
- B. Using similar language, baptism is compared to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. (Rom. 6.1-14)
  1. We have died to sin. (Rom. 6.1-4)
  2. We have been delivered from sin. (Rom. 6.6,7)
  3. We are to be disobedient to sin. (Rom. 6.12)

**CONCLUSION:** Sin put us into a debt that we cannot pay, but Jesus took that debt and *“nailed it to the cross”* (Col. 2.14,15)

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-Mark 16.15

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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**

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## THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

It must have been a day of great anticipation for the children of Israel. The prophet Zechariah foretold of a day when there will be a great cleansing. **Zechariah 13.1:** *“In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness”* How hopeful they must have been to know that the day was coming when sin and uncleanness would be washed away.

To understand the term, *“in that day”* we need to go back into the text. In the verses prior, the prophet writes about someone that was going to be put to death. The prophet writes that *“they will look upon Me whom they pierced”* and they will mourn over Him *“like one grieves for his first son”* (Zech. 12.10,11). When we turn to the New Testament we find that this prophecy was applied to Jesus Christ (John 19.34-37).

In the day that Jesus Christ would die on the cross, His blood would be shed. His suffering and death would open up a fountain in which we could be cleansed. John described the power of His blood when he wrote that *“if we walk in the light, as He is in the light...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”* (1 John 1.7). This fountain brought forth by Christ is free and available to all would come to Him. CLP

## WHEN JESUS PRAYS

### HEBREWS 5:7

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. It must have been impressive to hear Jesus pray. It was His prayer that moved the disciples to ask about prayer. (Luke 11.1)
2. Did you know that Jesus approaches God on your behalf and makes requests for you?

#### I. JESUS PRAYED IN THE PAST

- A. Who was praying? (Heb. 5.7; cf. Matt. 5.21)
- B. When did Jesus pray? (Heb. 5.7; cf. Rom. 1.3; Heb. 10.5)
- C. What did Jesus do?
  1. **HEBREWS 5:7:** “*Jesus offered up prayers*” Lit. begging.
  2. **HEBREWS 5:7:** “*supplications*” Lit., peace offering.
  3. **HEBREWS 5:7:** “*with vehement cries*”
  4. **HEBREWS 5:7:** “*tears*” Lit., crying on the inside.
- D. Why did Jesus pray? (Heb. 5.7,8)

#### II. JESUS PRAYS IN THE PRESENT

- A. The high priests of Old Testament times.
  1. There is a connection. (Heb. 5.1)
  2. There is compassion. (Heb. 5.2)
  3. There is a commission. (Heb. 5.3)
  4. There is a calling. (Heb. 5.4)
- B. Jesus is our High Priest today.
  1. Christ connects with us. (Heb. 5.5; cf. John 1.14)
  2. Christ is compassionate toward us. (Heb. 5.7)
  3. Christ has a commission. (Heb. 5.9)
  4. Christ was called. (Heb. 5.10)

#### III. JESUS PRAYS IN THE FUTURE

- A. Jesus felt loneliness.
  1. In Gethsemane, Jesus wanted company. (Matt. 26.38,40)
  2. When you are feeling alone, Jesus understands.
- B. Jesus felt desperate.
  1. In Gethsemane, Jesus called God, “Abba.” (Mark 14.36)
  2. When you are feeling desperate, Jesus understands.
- B. Jesus felt agony. (Luke 22.44)

**CONCLUSION:** A strong prayer life will give us strength when the winds of life blow.

## THE LIES WE TELL

Some people will lie to others to protect themselves from the consequences that come if the truth is known. Some people will lie to themselves by living a different life than what they claim to live. Some people will even lie to God.

The closest apostle and friend of Jesus wrote three times about the lies that people will tell. If we are not careful, we might find ourselves lying about our relationship with God.

First, there are those who lie about knowing God. In 1 John 2.4, the apostle John wrote, “*He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*” To know God is to be in a relationship with God. Ask most people in the world and they will tell you that they know God. Yet their lives do not reflect a relationship with God because they do not keep His commandments. Jesus warns, “*Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven*” (Matt. 7.21). If you claim to know God but are not living by His word, the Bible says that you are a liar.

Second, there are those who lie about the deity of Jesus. 1 John 2.22 says, “*Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ.*” We may not say that we do not believe that Jesus is the Christ. We may not openly claim, “*I do not know the Man*” (Matt. 26.72). Yet we can deny Him to the world by the way we choose to live (Titus 1.16). When our friends and family see us choosing sin over obedience, we are saying to them by our actions that we do not believe in Jesus. If you live a life that says to others that Jesus is not the Christ, the Bible says that you are a liar.

Third, there are those who lie about loving God. John tells us that “*If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar*” (1 John 4.20). How we treat our fellow man indicates how we feel about God. The two greatest commandments are to love God and love your neighbor (Matt. 22.37-40). In context, Jesus is telling us that we love God by loving our neighbor. If you claim to love God but are not doing what is best for your fellow man, the Bible says that you are a liar.

God is very clear about what He thinks of lying. In a strong warning, we are told that the lake of fire is waiting for “*all liar*” (Rev. 21.8). It isn’t just those who verbally say something that isn’t true. All liars include those who live a lie claiming to know and love God, but living a life that says otherwise.

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