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Module 1: What Do I Believe
Student's Notes

Lesson Six - Baptism

Key Takeaway

You can take a step of obedience to be water baptised.

Introduction

1. When we receive salvation, a transformation takes place on the inside of us that is like a new birth.
2. Through baptism, we declare that we have been born again in Christ.
3. Christians are baptised in water as modelled and instructed by Christ Himself.

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptised will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. Mark 16:15-16

I. JESUS MODELLED AND COMMANDED BAPTISM

Jesus Himself was baptised (Matthew 3:13-17).

Jesus instructed His disciples to be baptised.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

II. THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

Baptism means 'to put in completely'

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Baptism is a declaration.

Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Romans 6:3-4

Those who believed what Peter said were baptised and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. Acts 2:41

Baptism is for believers (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38,41; 8:12).

III. THE MODE OF BAPTISM

Baptism should be by immersion (Mark 1:9-11, Acts 8:36-39).

Baptism should be done in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

Conclusion

1. A defining characteristic of our Christian faith is that what happens within us (salvation, transformation, etc.) has an effect on those around us.
2. By publicly declaring our union with Christ through water baptism, we celebrate and live out our new identity as children of God before the world around us.