



Outline - Sunday, July 27, 2014

Sermon Title: Baptism, the Only Way

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:17-28

1. Baptism is an illustration of the righteousness of God:

- a. God's Justice to punish sin—Mt 3:7-10/Heb 11:7
- b. His power to raise from the dead—Eph 1:18-23/Rom 1:16-17

2. The sufferings of Christ as the sinner's substitute: Luke 12:50

- a. Delighting to do His Father's will—Ps 40:7
- b. Fixed on His call to suffer—Isa 50:4-7

3. The *Union* of Christ with His people: Mt 3:15

- a. Weak and impotent sinners were His companions—Luke 22:29-34
- b. The violent transgressor has hope only in Christ—Luke 22:35-38
- c. These are symbols of a spiritual battle to come—John 18:10-11

4. The union of the believer with Christ: Rom 6:1-4

- a. Buried with Him—Gal 2:20
- b. Raised together with Him—Col 2:9-12

5. The symbol of our confidence in His resurrection: 2 Pet 3:21-23

- a. The justification of the conscience—Rom 4:25; 5:1
- b. The freedom it produces—Rom 8:1, 33-35
- c. The analogy of this liberty—Lev 14:1-8

6. A public confession to all that Christ is LORD: Mt 3:6

- a. The calling upon God—Rom 10:9-13
- b. The Ethiopian illustration—Acts 8:36-39

7. A promise of His return and our resurrection with Him.

- a. The voice of Christ—John 5:28-29/1 Cor 15:23
- b. The Rule of Christ—Acts 17:31