



## *Water Baptism—Four Things Realized (Part Two)*

*Acts 2:36-39*

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*Objective Sentence: Everyone should know four things relating to Water Baptism because they are the basic elements of salvation.*

- 1) *Realized What They Had Done*
- 2) *Realized What They Had To Do*
- 3) *Realized what Jesus had Done*
- 4) *Realized What They Could Do*

*Introduction: Thought for Today; 10-12 The Long Walk:* A young African gave his teacher a beautiful seashell for Christmas. "Where did you get this?" she asked. He told her that such shells are found only on a certain faraway beach. The teacher was deeply touched because she knew the boy had traveled many miles on foot to find the shell. "You shouldn't have walked so far just to find a gift for me.," **The boy smiled, "The long walk is part of the gift."** God whose kingdom is located high above the cosmos came to earth in the person of Christ. He was born in poverty; He experienced pain, endured temptation, healed the sick, forgave wrongdoing and loved even His enemies. **He walked the long road of difficulty that ended on a hill where he was killed by crucifixion between two thieves. He rose from the dead, ascended back into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit back to the earth, continuing His mission of love for people.**

**I. Realized what Jesus had done** (*Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*)

**A. Pastor Dan:** *The Jews were very much acquainted with the idea of remission of sin through a blood sacrifice in order to protect them from the penalties associated with sin and rebellion against God. The best illustration of this is seen in the first Passover. The Jews had been enslaved by the Egyptians before God sent Moses to liberate them through ten plagues. The final judgment was against the firstborn of every man and animal in Egypt. Those who refused to acknowledge God by not eating the Passover Meal or applying the blood of the Passover Lamb to the lintel and doorposts of their houses were judged by the Death Angel who passed through Egypt. The angel passed over only those homes where the blood of the lamb had been applied to the door. That day they made the association that through Christ's blood we are forgiven.*

- 1. Made Righteous** (2 Cor. 5:21 *God made Jesus to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God.* )
- a. Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ
  - b. *Pastor Dan:* In a metaphorical sense when we accept Christ as our Savior you and I are transported back and nailed to the cross with Him. As far as God is concerned we suffered death with Him, we descended into hell with Him and we were raised from the dead with Him to walk in newness of life.
  - c. Ro. 8:1 There is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus who live not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
  - d. Heb. 9:21-22 And in the same way, he sprinkled blood on the Tabernacle and on everything used for worship. <sup>22</sup> In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness
  - e. *Vines Definition of Baptism (907—bap tid zo):* Baptism means to make fully wet, wash, to submerge, cover or engulf. The word was used among Greeks to signify the dyeing of a garment or the drawing of wine by dipping a Cup into a bowl. The immersion or dipping of a believer in water symbolizing the complete renewal and change in the believer's life and testifying to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the way of salvation.
  - e. *Jewish Background:* As with most Christian practices and beliefs, the background of baptism lies in practices of the Jewish community. The Greek word *baptizo*, which means “immerse, dip, submerge” is used metaphorically in 2 Ki. 5:14 for Naaman's dipping in the Jordan River seven times for cleansing from his skin disease.... At some point close to the time of Jesus, Judaism began to place a heavy emphasis on ritual washings to cleanse from impurity. This goes back to priestly baths prior to offering sacrifices (Lev. 16: 4, 24).
  - f. Ez. 36:25-26 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. <sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.
  - g. Tit. 3:5 Not by works of righteousness ....
  - h. *Water of purification* Num. 19:1-9,17-20; 31:22-24
  - i. *Brazen laver:* The Jews practiced ritual cleansing or baptism and understood the message of the symbolism associated with it. When the priest came to do service in the Temple of God he had to first offer a sacrifice for his sins at the Brazen Altar. The next thing he did was stop at the Brass Laver and ceremonially cleanse himself. He was then free to enter the temple and do service for God. Ex. 30:17-21 God said to Moses “Make a bronze wash-basin...the priests must wash their hands & feet there ...
- II. Realized What They Could Do** (Acts 2:38 *Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit)*
- A. Acts 2:14-17** *Peter stood up ... raised his voice and said ... these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the 9 AM But this is what was spoken by the prophet*

**Joel it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh .... God's miracle power was at work using the sound like that of a (Acts 2:2, 6) roaring mighty windstorm, a rushing mighty wind, causing crowds to gather at a place where they would hear the Gospel of Christ. They also heard the (Acts 1:14) 120 followers of Jesus speaking in languages that they had never learned—their native languages—they were speaking in unknown tongues. Some asked (Acts 2:11), "What can this mean?" Others ridiculed them saying (Acts 2:13), "They're just drunk, that's all."**

1. **Desire and Power (Phil. 2:13 God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.)**
  - a. **Ro. 8:9** If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ he or she is not His.
  - b. **Phil. 3:10-12** That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.
  - c. **Ro. 8:11-14** If the Spirit of Him that raised Christ from the dead; then He that raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, brethren, we are debtors— not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God (Acts 1:8 You will receive power ...)
  - d. **Pastor Dan:** You are not a mistake or accident. God brought you into the world and He has a plan for your life that is so wonderful; so big; so impossible for you to accomplish—except through the Holy Spirit's influence and power. (Eph. 3:20 There is greatness in you) From the beginning I sensed God's calling on my life to preach to Gospel, but I didn't know what that meant. Six years later (1977) because of inconsistency I the idea of ministry and became a teacher. The Lord said to me "I see in you what you don't see in yourself." Those the Lord calls He empowers. You can overcome fear, addictions, inability, fleshly weakness, guilt, sin, demons that influence you in such a way that your passions mingle with your spiritual gifts and calling.
  - e. **Ro. 8:29** ... whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

**Closing and Invitation: The Long Walk 10-12** The young African who traveling a great distance to obtain a special prize for someone he loved, parallels an important truth concerning the sacrifice of **Christ. He journeyed to earth, offering the gift of eternal life to all who believe in Him.** It's a treasure that contains forgiveness for all wrongdoing. No doubt, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: God appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Holy Spirit ... and taken up in glory (1 Tim. 3:16). **The greatest gifts are not to be found in a store nor under a tree, but in the hearts of true friends (Cindy Lew).** Jesus said to His followers, "No longer do I call you servants ... but I have called you friends." Christ, the sole expression of God's glory ... the perfect image of His nature radiates God's passion and love. Christ traveled a great distance

in order to win the hearts of those He loves more than all else. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son (John 3:16).

When I look at my life and feel as though I am the least of the least, unworthy of God's love; I say to Him, "How could You love someone like Me? How could You have left the splendor of your dwelling to come and die for humanity and for me in particular?" You came so far and endured so much." And in those moments He declares, "The journey is part of the gift."