

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

- Bible Study 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

News @ NSD

WELCOME VISITORS!

Remember to pray for our deployed military members:

- **Ernest Peeples** – deployed in the Persian Gulf.

Keep those who are sick or recovering in your prayers:

- **Martha Holloway** – recurring back and heart condition.
- **Jeanne Lynne** – undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- **Vicki Barton's** mother, Lisa, will have surgery this month and is facing a 10 month recovery period.
- **Chuck Holloway** (Ken's brother) and **Benjamin Hoskins** (Daniel's Dad).

And don't forget those who are travelling

- **Dema Franklin** – in El Centro.
- **Jason Henderson** – travelling for work.

April Birthdays

5th - Gloria Ongsioco

Classes

Sunday AM: Acts
Wednesday PM: Ecclesiastes

THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM

Mark Larson
Part 2

Clearly, baptism is no mere symbol or ritual. Baptism is what enters us into union with Christ! Baptism into Christ establishes a real spiritual connection to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Baptized Into the Death of Christ

All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death (**Rom. 6:3**).

Buried with Christ

We have been buried with Him through baptism (**Rom. 6:4**).

Raised with Christ

Just as Christ was raised or born again from the dead, we too are raised or born again to a new life after baptism (**John 3:3, 5**).

Salvation Through Christ

Jesus is still the means of our salvation, eternal life is still a free gift (**Rom. 6:23**), we are simply meeting the Lord's condition for salvation as commanded in Scripture.

Added to the Body of Christ

When a person is baptized into Christ, they are also, at the exact same moment, added to the body of Christ: *"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:13)*. His body is the church: *"And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all" (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18)*. →

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (**Rom. 6:3-4**)

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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

*... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with
thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16*

Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,
the world and those who dwell in it
Let the rivers clap *their* hands;
Let the hills be joyful together
before the LORD
For He is coming to judge the earth.
With righteousness He shall judge the
world and the peoples with equity

Psalm 98:7-9

Jesus came down from Heaven
Doing his Father's will
He gave His life a ransom
There upon Calvary's hill

Jesus arose triumphant
Over the grave for me
He took away the death sting
Christ won the victory

Now I believe in Jesus
E'en though I did not see
His nail-scarred hands
His wounded side
Jesus is dear to me

R. J. Stevens

[Spiritual Significance of Baptism]

To belong to the Lord's church, there is no waiting for a "church committee" to give their approval. Instead, when you are baptized into Christ you are automatically added to His church and belong to the saved! *"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... Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them... And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:38-47, Heb. 12:22- , 23).*

Make Sure You Have Been Baptized Into Christ. No one is a disciple of Christ until he or she has been baptized into His name (**Mat. 28:18-20**). No one is "in Christ" a part of Christ, or has fellowship with Christ until he or she comes to Christ in faith to be baptized into Him. *"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:26-27)*. If you have faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (**John 3:16; Acts 16:31ff.**), are willing to confess Jesus as Lord (**Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37**), and repent of your sins (**Acts 2:38**), then you are ready to be baptized. If you have not yet done so, be baptized into Christ today.

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FAITH + LOVE = POWER

Three key words in the New Testament: faith, love and power. I don't think power will be given or manifested in the believer's life unless his motivation is that of love applied by the attitude of faith. Jesus never used His power for Himself, but always for others. This demonstrates the basic goal of the Christian life: to love. This truly is the secret of a man's own heart before you, but the power (which we are probably not even aware of) will be visible through impact to other people in the form of love.

A formula: *faith* (the attitude that the principle of love is the key to life in giving or receiving) + *love* (the inward motive and desire to meet the needs of others with no desire for personal gain) = *power* (the outworking of the presence of Christ being manifested in and through our thoughts, words and deeds).

Conclusion: Your glory for changing the heart of man through grace.

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7). But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

ELDERS: Dan Austin, Robyn E. Hamilton

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