

A Confession of Christ in the Midst of Misery

A Lesson from Baptism When All is not Well

1 Peter 3:18-22 | Pastor Adam | March 22, 2020

I. Baptism Points to Christ.

II. Christ's Death Purposefully Saves Sinners (1 Pet. 3:18).

III. Christ's Resurrection Crowns Him With Power (1 Pet. 3:22)

IV. Believer's Baptism Proclaims Christ (1 Pet. 3:19-21)

Discuss these questions with your Community Group

1. How are you doing? How is the quarantine? What is the lesson of baptism which is applicable to the "all is not well" time we find ourselves in?
2. Since true faith always expresses itself in obedience (Jn. 14:15), baptism should be seen as an act of obedient worship to Christ (Matt. 28:19). What are some other positive reasons Christians should be baptized?
3. Read Romans 6:3-4. In the sermon the preacher outlined how the ritual act of baptism - immersion into water - pictures the inner act of baptism performed by the Holy Spirit at the point of salvation (see 1 Cor. 12:12-13). Talk about how water baptism pictures the baptism which Paul points to in Romans 6.
4. At the close of the sermon, the preacher talked about how ancient Christians and some persecuted Christians, at risk to themselves, were/are baptized. What does this tell us about the supremacy of worshiping Christ, even when life seems miserable? How does obedience galvanize the heart to worship God? How does the worship of God galvanize the believer to obey God? Read 1 John 5:2-4.
5. Spend time contemplating Christ's goodness to you. Pray for yourself for the coming weeks. Pray for our church, and people you know. Pray for boldness and wisdom, opportunity and joy, to show the love of Christ and tell others about Him.