

REPENT AND BE BAPTISED

Matt. 3:1-3

December 6,20

Matt. 28:18-20

We have such a great privilege this morning to celebrate the two ordinances that our Lord left to the His church. BAPTISM / COMMUNION. We will also celebrate the second Sunday of advent.

ADVENT: means the coming. The first Advent of Jesus was at His birth some two thousand years ago. The second Advent will be when Jesus returns for His church. We celebrate that first Advent this morning and we look forward with great hope and expectation of His return. When He comes again it will be as King of King's. We who belong to Him will be caught up to meet Him. We will receive our resurrected bodies, glorified perfect bodies, and we will reign with Jesus for eternity and be in the presence of the triune God.

What a joy it is to see these three young people publicly declare their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior:

BAPTISM: AN OUTWARD / VISIBLE SIGN
OF AN INWARD SPIRITUAL CHANGE

YOU BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY Today
AS A DISCIPLE.
CHURCH: IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO
TEACH, MENTOR, ENCOURAGE Them
IN Their WALK.

Is a command for all who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and have trusted in him, personally.

ROM. 6:2-11

We see here the meaning of Baptism

- 1) Those Baptized into Jesus are Baptized into His death
- 2) As Jesus was raised from the dead for the Glory of the Father, we are raised Up also that we might walk in the newness of life in Christ.
- 3) If we are united in the likeness of His death, so also are we united in the Resurrection.
- 4) Our old self is crucified with Christ. We are no longer held captive by sin

5} If we have died with Christ we shall also live with Him. This is his promise to Us of our resurrection.

6} We are dead to sin but alive in Christ. We are in Him and He is in us. We are Joined to Him, connected for all eternity. In this life and in heaven

THE SYMBOLISM IN BAPTIZEM IS CLEAR:

- As one is lowered down into the water, it is a picture of our dying to sin.
- While under the water, it is a picture of our death and burial to our old self and our sinful nature.
- As we are raised up out of the water, it signifies our resurrection into our new life without sin cleansed by the blood of Christ. Sealed by the Holy Spirit for all of eternity.
- Baptism signifies a new birth in Christ. We are a new creation, Our old self has been crucified with Christ. We are raised form the dead.
- The Holy Spirit now dwells in us. He is our comforter, our teacher, the one Jesus promised to send after he went away.

Eph. 1:1-8 Tells us clearly, than God choose us to be Holy and with out blame, to be His adopted children by reason of His good pleasure and by His good will. To be joint heirs with Christ. ALL THIS WAS DONE TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE.

Acts 2:38-39 The Apostle Peter tells us: Repent and be Baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. And you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is to you – your children to as many as the Lord will call

Jennifer, Zachery, and David, By your Baptism:

- You have declared that you have chosen to identify with Christ
- You have committed yourself to the discipleship process. To be a Christ follower. To strive to be more like Jesus and less like the world.
- To seek first the kingdom of God

- That you desire to obey god's word and give Him control of your life. Know that you can not do this alone, the Spirit will guide and direct you and Jesus says that He will never leave you or forsake you.

Matthew 3: 1-17

Matthew 28: 18-20

John 1: 29-34

Mark 1:1-11

It will be important for you to stay in God's word and pray to him daily. Give Him priority of you time. Be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 22:37-39

The greatest commandment: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul.

The second is like it love your neighbor as yourself.

If you will keep these two commandments, the others will follow.

Perhaps some of us would like to renew our commitment to the Lord that we have made when you were Baptized. Let us remember this great gift of salvation that the Lord has so graciously given to us.