



IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM.

Baptism is a very basic commands, it's not something to be overlooked. And because the devil knows this, he tries every means to keep people from being baptized at all, or they undergo an improper form of baptized; while they believe in their hearts that they are already baptized.

There are so many benefits of baptism, but today we will look at one great benefit of all. Whereupon after knowing that, we ourselves will make the decision whether to be baptized or not. And the benefit itself is to be saved from God's wrath upon our enemies and the enemies of the Lord.

When God wanted to save Noah, He had to destroy the whole world while Noah was in it. But the secret is that flood waters killed Noah's enemies and those of the Lord, while Noah was left safe. The act is likened to baptism as far as Noah is concerned.

1 Peter 3:20-21; "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while in the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls we're saved by water.

The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

The baptism of Noah and his house was for the purpose of destroying the evil that surrounded him.

In the same way, when God wanted to destroy Pharaoh's army in order to stop their pursuit of the Israelites, he did not inflict them with illness, neither did he bring down fire from heaven. He brought an end to the army when they drowned in the Red Sea, hence all were destroyed.

1 Corinthians 10:1-2; "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And we're all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea."



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During the ordeal, the flood waters destroyed the Lord's enemies and Noah was saved. Similarly, the Red Sea killed all the Lord's enemies and the Israelites were left in safety. Baptism by immersion signifies destruction of the Lord's enemies in one's life and the one being baptized remains safe.

Being immersed into water and coming up out of it is like crossing through the Red Sea. Since you are hemmed in from both sides by walls of sea water, that is, you are in Christ; you ascend out of the water in safety. In the process, all your enemies (hardships, problems, evil spirits, among others from the evil one) are destroyed. Just like the Pharaoh's army were destroyed without Enemy. The water is meant not to harm you but keep you safe from works of the Enemy, that would otherwise cause misfortunes along your journey.

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Why is baptism in the name of Jesus alone? This is because the scriptures say that while the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, "All were baptized into Moses, in the cloud and in the sea." And our Moses of the new testament is Jesus Christ; who draws out of our spiritual Egypt and takes us to Canaan (heaven). He therefore, commands each one of us to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Read Acts 2:38, Acts 8:16, Acts 10:48 and Acts 19:5)

If you have not been baptized yet, look out for a church where you will undergo baptism. Ensure that it is the right form of baptism, and it's done in the name of Jesus. Do it as quickly as possible.

Baptism is free. One does not need to go through any class for you to meet the requirements for baptism. As soon as the Ethiopian eunuch from Cush believed, he was baptized there and then, by Apostle Philip.

God bless you.



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Maran atha!