

Matthew 28:16–20

Baptism: Hope in Jesus's Heavenly Help Strengthened by His Earthly Sign

Pastor leads his family in a passage that supplements the morning sermon for the coming Lord's Day. Matthew 28:16–20 shows how Jesus exercises power in the conversion of sinners on earth and gives baptism as a sign that it is He Who is doing this from heaven.

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Matthew 28 verses 16 through 20. These are God's words. Then the 11 disciples went away into Galilee to the mountain, which Jesus had appointed for them.

When they saw him, they worshiped him. But some doubt it And Jesus came and spoke to them saying all authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth go therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you and low.

I am with you. Always to the end of the age. Amen.

So, the 11 go to Galilee where they were supposed to meet Jesus. And it says that when they saw him, they worshiped Him but some doubt it. I'm very extraordinary thing. These some of the 11 who are doubting, Jesus tells them almost immediately go make disciples of all the nations.

They aren't even. Sure of him of his resurrection of the accepted atonement in our behalf of the arrival of the kingdom, when he's telling them make disciples of all nations. Well, I said almost immediately because in between their doubting and his saying, as you go into all the nations or going there for into all the nations make disciples or as you go there for sorry, make disciples of all the nations make disciples as the command.

Before he says, he says, all authority has been given to me in heaven. And on earth, This is an extraordinary statement because They've been expecting since the baptism of John Jesus's cousin that Jesus would pour out the Holy Spirit. Remember even in our memory verses week from Acts 11, Then I remembered

How he said? So, is that what it is? And as I began to speak the Holy Spirit, fell upon them as upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord how he said John indeed baptized with water. But ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

So they are expecting to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit is poured out from heaven, this statement lets them know who it is. Who did it? Jesus has all authority and heaven and on earth And that's by his authority. And by His Spirit that they would be able to make disciples.

Now, what they did not expect is that they would be baptizing Because John had baptized with water and he said Jesus will baptize the Holy Spirit and also the Holy Spirit end with fire. And you remember the tongues of fire that came down upon the apostles, the day of Pentecost, But in the middle of Jesus's ministry, They were challenged saying the Pharisees baptize and John and his disciples baptize but you don't baptize.

Why aren't you baptizing? So from earlier, in the ministry, they didn't expect to be baptizers. They thought that Jesus is baptism from heaven with the Holy Spirit. That, that would be the baptism in Christian and the right, because it's Jesus, when he pours out his Spirit it's Jesus who is with them, as they make disciples and teach them to obey all that He commanded as Jesus, who helps them to preach.

It's Jesus. Who helps them to teach. It's Jesus. Who gives the hearer life to believe. It's Jesus, who gives faith. It's Jesus who enables us to do, all that. He has commanded, and he does all of that. By his spirit, that's the baptism that matters. That's the baptism that we need.

When someone says Can you go to heaven without being baptized? I say absolutely not and they're worried. I'm one of those heretics that actually, there's a lot of them that live around our church. And in the area we we live in because they think I'm talking about water But water is not the primary.

Christian, baptism. The Holy Spirit is the primary, Christian baptism. But because we are doubters because we forget that it's the authority of Jesus in heaven to pour out the Spirit and the authority of Jesus on earth, by His Spirit, carrying out his work. That, that is what all of being made a disciple and learning to do learning to keep all that.

Jesus has commanded us and that when Jesus does that in us by his Spirit, it's not just his spirit who is with us, long distance, and, and Jesus is waiting to be with us again when he returns. But in two ways, first of all, Jesus's divine person with a complete divine nature and a complete human nature.

So he is with us by his spirit, because he and the spirit are one. Just as much as he and the Father are one, but he's also with us by his spirit. Because even in his human nature, he was filled with the spirit and the same spirit by whom he in his divinity, sustained himself in his humanity for his entire earthy ministry.

That's the same spirit He gives you. And so there's a very close fellowship with the Jesus. The man, according to his human nature that we have by his Holy Spirit who ministers to us, not just the omnipresence of Jesus in his divine nature. But even the nearness I've already demer of the God-man.

And of course, You can't press that too far because it's heretical to draw too much of a distinction between the two natures. It's the person who acts according to each nature, as is appropriate to the nature And so baptism is very important, It's water. Baptism is very important. It's just what?

Doubters need When you are discouraged when you don't feel like your Christian life is working. When you're worried that your faith might not be real, when you hear much of what Jesus has commanded us, or all of what Jesus has commanded us. And you feel like you've kept hardly any of it When he seems distant and far, because you're appreciation of his love and and apprehension.

That's the word of his love is nothing. Close to what his love actually is. For all of those things, He has given us a baptism on earth that corresponds to the baptism that he gives us from heaven. He pours out the spirit from heaven and his commanded, his church to pour out the water on earth.

You knows that all who come to faith in him will not have perfect. Faith and consistent faith and must have the same encouragement that some of the 11 did in Galilee. You're not the first to doubt and the Lord has given a remedy that worked for them and by his spirit whom he pours from oven, he makes the remedy effective to us and we are strengthened to minister when you're a mom or dad.

And your word, your children or unconverted or strengthened to minister if you get called to ministry of preaching or teaching in the church or strengthened to minister to your brothers and sisters in the church. As we speak the truth to one another in love or strengthened for ministering, We're strengthened for believing or strengthened for keeping all that he has commanded and or even strengthened for knowing his presence with us.

So Can you go to heaven without water baptism? Yeah, you can. But you don't want to because the one who takes you to heaven by spirit baptism. Has given you the water baptism to help you along the way. Oh man. Let's pray.

Lord, we pray that you had help us to take this to heart. They're so little.

Faith in us and we don't hear much of the scriptural teaching on baptism. A lot of that is my fault. Lord that I don't make more application to it. So forgive me and help me to correct this and help us all by your spirit. To remember the pouring of the water.

Every time we see it, Lord help us to remember what you have done and are doing from heaven. And that it is you who are doing it on earth and that, you know, are tendency to doubt. And that you've given us something to encourage us help us Lord to rejoice in your authority to rejoice in your instruction to rejoice in your power with us by your spirit to rejoice in your presence to us.

Make us to know that you are with us for. We ask it in your name, Lord Jesus. Amen.