



Acts 8:36-39

Sermon Outline

Main Objective: Unless we _____ to take care of the fundamental necessities, our Christian walk will not go very far. In other words, we must be obedient to the _____ acts of faith before we can be obedient in later acts. The very first act of obedience after receiving salvation, by faith, is to be _____. _____ is not necessary for salvation, but baptism is _____ for obedience (Eph 2:8-9; Matt. 29:19-20; Matt. 3:13-17; Acts 2, 8, 16). Baptism is the symbolic demonstration of _____ to sin, _____ of the old life, and resurrection to _____ in the new life. By our obedience we _____ the closeness we have with God through Jesus and experience in a greater way the _____ of the Spirit.

1. Baptism is a Symbolic Demonstration
 - a. John Weirick: Baptism is an _____ expression of an inward change. It's a public declaration of how Jesus _____ your life. Being baptized shows others that you've decided to follow Jesus, and allows them to _____ this decision with you.
2. Baptism Symbolizes _____ Experiences (Rom. 6:1-11)
 - a. Baptist _____ and Message (Doctrinal Creed)
 - b. _____ to Sin (v. 6-8)
 - c. _____ of the Old Life (v. 4)
 - d. Resurrection to _____ in New Life (v. 9-11) (Col. 3:1-4)
3. What does it mean for me?
 - a. Obedience _____ the closeness to God provided through the _____ of Jesus; leading to a greater experience of the fruits of the Spirit.

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 [--- _____ Holiness ---] [--- _____ Holiness ---]
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Baptism is the _____ step of obedience in the Christian walk because through baptism we _____ that, by faith, we are positioned _____ God; and we are committed to _____ in the new life.