

JOHN THE BAPTIST

“WHY BAPTISM?”

John 1:6-42

Lesson #4

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REVIEW:

A. Sent From God..... John 1:6-18

- 1) A man sent from God
- 2) To be a witness
- 3) Even though John bore witness of who Jesus was and His ministry, When Jesus came, His own did not receive Him.
- 4) The right to become children of God is given to those who receive the Jesus the Christ.
- 5) The Word became flesh ... and we beheld His glory
- 6) For the Law was given through Moses...
- 7) But grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

B. John's Testimony..... John 1:14-28

- 1) Who are you?
- 2) “Why do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”
- 3) Jesus spoke of the baptism of John - Matt 21:23-27
- 4) No one seems to question the action or ordinance of baptism in water.
- 5) Cleansing of a house (Leviticus 14:49-53)
- 6) Baptism - used of a boat sinking in the water, or to dye a garment. (Rev 19:13 - **dipped** in blood)

- 7) The Cleansing of a priest (Exodus 29 - 30)
 - a) Unleavened bread
 - b) Washing at the door of the tabernacle
 - c) Garments of the priest (Ex. 28)
 - d) Anointing oil
 - e) The killing of animals (sacrifices)
 - f) Sprinkling and pouring of blood (animals)
 - g) The bronze laver - washing of feet and hands
- 8) Baptism - outward indication before people that we forsake the works of the previous life, and begin the works of the kingdom of God.
 - a) It is not a confession, admission, or accounting of sins.
 - b) So when Jesus comes He is not declaring anything untrue.

C. John's Encounter. John 1:29-42

- 1) The next day...
- 2) This is He...
- 3) The next day ... Looking at Jesus John says “Behold the Lamb of God.”
- 4) Was anyone around when Jesus came to John the first time?
- 5) John was certainly telling people afterwards of what he saw and who Jesus was.
 - a) Jesus would not allow His disciples to testify of who he was.
 - b) But it was okay for John to.

APPLICATION: What about being baptized for the dead?