

The Benefits of New Testament Baptism

Class 2

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The benefits of baptism in the New Testament are incredible, and if you have a godly perspective then you know they are all encompassing... they are what life is all about, because when you are baptized you literally pass from death to life... from poor to rich, darkness to light. Baptism is the place where man's faith and obedience meet the grace of God... there... and only there does the Christian walk begin.

Baptism therefore represents a complete change of the condition of your life and relationship with the Almighty. When we are baptized we go from having no hope at all... to all hope in Christ. All of a sudden all of the promises and blessings read about in the New Testament become personally meaningful... and they should because when you are baptized they now ALL have direct application to your life... keep in mind the promises and blessings talked about in the Scriptures are intended for faithful Christians and will have no application to anyone who has not obeyed the gospel of God's precious Son, Jesus Christ.

All of this is wonderful and is descriptive to a certain level, but what are the distinct, direct benefits of obeying the Lord's command to be baptized? Let's look at scriptures and see what they tell us directly about the benefits.

Paul tells us in **Ephesians 3:8** that the riches that we have in Christ are "**unsearchable**"... meaning you cannot search them all out... and he also tells us in **Ephesians 1:3** that we receive **EVERY** spiritual blessing in Christ when we are obedient to the gospel command to be baptized, we become deficient in nothing.

We will not try to look at everything we are blessed with this morning, but we are going to go over what the vast majority of the revealed blessings are, so that you can understand, enumerate them, and be lifted up by having them recounted to you. It is always wonderful to revisit what God has done for us through His Son.

- **We become "obedient to the faith"** - Matt. 28:19& 20 (into the possession of the Lord), Mark 16:15 & 16, Acts 6:7, Romans 6:17, Romans 16:19 & 26
- **We are given remission of sins and we are cleansed of sin through contact with Christ's blood** – Matthew 26:28, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, Zechariah 12:10 & 13:1, Rev. 1:5, Rev. 7:14, Isaiah 1:18-20, Eph. 2:13, 5:25-27
- **We are given the gift of the Holy Spirit** – Acts 2:38, Eph. 1:13&14, Eph. 4:30, Romans 5:5, 1 Cor. 6:19
- **God adds us to the church... the body of Christ** – Acts 2:47, 1 Cor.12:20, 24, 27 & 28, Eph. 1:22&23, Col 1:21&22
- **We become saved** – Acts 2:40&41, 1 Pet. 3:21, Titus 3:5

- **We are “in Christ”** - Romans 6:3-4 (see Romans 8:1 re: no condemnation), Gal. 3:26&27, Col. 2:212, 3:1-4
- **Jesus becomes our Intercessor** – Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25
- **The Holy Spirit intercedes for us in our prayers** - Romans 8:26 & 27
- **Jesus becomes our Mediator** – 1 Tim. 2:5, Hebrews 8:6, 9:15, 12:24
- **Jesus becomes our advocate** – 1 John 2:1
- **Our prayers are now heard** – Isaiah 59:1-2, John 15:7-8, Proverbs 28:9
- **Jesus makes us kings and priests** – Rev. 1:6, 1 Pet. 2:4&5, 9&10
- **We now have bold access to God** – Heb 4:14-16
- **We now have grace imparted to us** – Eph.2:5-8, 4:7, Philippians 1:7
- **We are strengthened in Christ** – Eph. 3:16&17, Philippians 4:13
- **We have peace with God** – Col. 1:19-22, Eph. 2:11-16
- **We now have citizenship in heaven and are in the Book of Life** – Eph. 2:19, Philippians 4:3, Rev. 3:5, 21:27
- **We become translated into the kingdom** – Col 1:18&19, Rev. 1:9
- **We now have the promise of eternal life** – Romans 6:23, Titus 3:7, 1 John 2:25, 1 John 5:13
- **We now have treasure and riches** – 2 Cor. 4:7, Eph. 1:18, 3:8, Col.2:2&3 (see Matt. 6:20)
- **We become vessels for honor and instruments of God’s will** – 2 Tim. 2:20&21, Eph 2:10, Romans 6:13