

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE



### “Baptism” -Water Baptism and Your Responsibility

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The church often struggles under the cancers of traditionalism, legalism, denominationalism, and faddisms. For example, there was a time when certain denominations worked with the state to make laws, “declaring that anyone who accepted adult baptism after being baptized as an infant would be subject to the death penalty.” (The Foundation Series for Youth, Believer’s Baptism; Published by Brethren in Christ, Writer Owen Alderfer) The secret to overcoming the cancers that afflict the church is to have the spiritual heart that reflects a life that says, “It is not what I want, but what God wants for me.” When a person’s heart is in tune with God’s heart, that person will not focus on what he or she wants in the baptism celebration ceremony, but their focus will be on what pleases God.

I propose to you that the Lord is not bound to the doctrine of men, but longs for Christians to have Holy Spirit illumina-

tion of God’s Word regarding water baptism.

Jesus gave clear instructions to His church: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of

the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 18-20)

Water baptism was administered by John the Baptist. (Matthew 3:5-12; John 3:23; Acts 13:24) Water

baptism was sanctioned by Christ’s submission to it. (Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:21-22) Jesus adopted baptism into His ministry. (John 3:22; 4:1) Water baptism is the appointed ordinance of the true Christian church. (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16) Water baptism is to be administered in the names of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

Just what does the Word of God say about Water Baptism? What is the purpose of this declaration? What is your responsibility? Over the next several Biblical teachings, I will present these truths:

Sacrament of water baptism is a very important step in the Christian’s life

Modes of this Christian celebration

You are expected to live the life

Baptized opens the spiritual heart to more of God’s will

**Weekly Scripture Reading**

- 1 Corinthians 12:1-31
- 1 Corinthians 14:1-25
- 1 Corinthians 16:1-24
- Acts 1:1-26
- Psalms 47
- Psalms 50
- Galatians 1:1-24

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

# Mom

A new life is brought into this world and our lives change. Along with diaper changes and schedule changes, come changes in a mother’s heart. Her heart softens with love and patience and stretches with a capacity for love larger than life. As the Creator sends us the infant that transforms the heart, he can send us His love that will transform the soul with a faith, peace and joy that we have never known. The best skills for motherhood are learned through the Word of God. Worship this week and honor our mothers love and remember His love; the best love of all.



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9	1	8	3	4	7	2	5	6
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