Acts 2:38, And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; ..."

I. "_________ and be ... baptized."

A. In the context of this scripture, "repent" refers to a __________ to God, away from one’s disobedient rebellion. True repentance includes a "godly ___________" for sin which manifests itself in a forsaking of sin followed by obedience to God.

B. The word "baptize" means "immerse." While biblically the word "baptize" is used in reference to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and outpouring of God’s wrath, in this text it means to be ___________ in ___________.

   1. “Repent and ______________ your repentance by being immersed in water.”

II. "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ the forgiveness of your sins."

A. The word "for" is very important. It is translated from the Greek word “eis” which is often translated “__________.”

   1. Here “for” indicates direction and speaks of the consequential ___________ that marks what a person becomes. As a result of repentance a person becomes ___________. Zodhiates writes, “Literally, ‘for’ means ‘for the purpose of ____________ you with’ the forgiveness of sins.”

B. Water baptism is not a means of salvation, but the obedient ___________ to salvation.

   1. Church, the Apostles tie repentance and water baptism together so often because as they taught what Christ taught, they would not fathom that one would come to accept the ____________ of Christ and then immediately disobey Him.

   2. Why then do so many within the church go un-baptized? pastoral ____________.

C. While Christ commanded that believers be baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19), Peter under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit emphasized the need to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. While not denying Christ’s command, he put special emphasis on the need to be ______________ with Jesus of Nazareth, ______________ Him to be the Christ.
III. Some ___ & ___.

A. How ___________ is water baptism?
   1. ___________ ___________ was baptized. (Luke 3:21-22)

B. Are we ________________ to be baptized?
   1. Matt 28:18-19, "And Jesus came up and spoke to them saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ...’"

C. What is the _____________ of baptism?
   1. The word “baptism” means “immersion.” When Jesus was baptized He ___________ ___ _________ the water (Matthew 3:16). When Philip baptized the Ethiopian, they came up out of the water (Acts 8:39).

D. What is the ________________ that qualifies one for water baptism?
   1. Salvation is not dependant upon baptism, but baptism is _____________ upon salvation - a good conscious (1 Peter 3:21).
   2. In Acts 8:36-37 we find the Ethiopian asking Philip, "... What prevents me from being baptized?" 37 [And Philip said, "If you _____________ with all your heart, you may."
   3. The believer’s baptism is for the _____________!

E. What does water baptism ________________?
   2. According to Romans 6, water baptism identifies us with Christ in His death, burial, and ________________.

   “Repent and be baptized.” While one is the result of the other, are ________________. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?

Heritage Christian Fellowship
11104 Menaul NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112
505.323.0557
maxwell_timothy@hotmail.com