

***STUDIES
IN
MARK***



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LESSON 69

MARK 16:15-16

REVIEW:

How do you know that Christ really came alive after He had been dead 3 days?

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READ MARK 16:15-16

JESUS' LAST WORDS

1. Luke tells us that Jesus led His disciples out of Jerusalem after His resurrection. He gathered them around Him on a hill in Bethany. It is likely that the disciples listened to Jesus' last words better than they had ever listened before.

When someone we love is going to die, we want to hear the last words they speak to us before they go away. Jesus was not going to die again. He had already died and was risen from the dead. But now He was going to leave them and go back to His home in heaven. He would not walk with them in the flesh anymore. Jesus had some very important things to say to His disciples before He left them.

In Mark 16:15, where did Jesus tell the disciples to go? .

What were they to do? .

To how many were they told to preach? .

2. Jesus sent His disciples to tell the Gospel (Good News) to all the world.

What was the good news?

1. The good news that Jesus died for all sinners.

2. God will forgive every sinner when he repents and believes.
3. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, will make the sinner clean from all sin. (1 John 1:7)
4. Forgiven sinners will go to heaven when they die.
5. Jesus will come back again.

What is not good news:

Some people try to tell others the good news about Jesus when they are not really living for Jesus themselves. It is not any use for us to preach to other people till they can see that the good news has changed our own lives.

Some more good news:

When our words and our changed lives show others what Jesus has done for us, they may want to listen to the good news too. Someone may get saved, and then:

- 1) we will be very happy.
- 2) the angels in heaven are happy when someone believes the good news about Jesus, and Jesus saves them.
- 3) God, the Father, and Jesus and the Holy Spirit are happy too.
- 4) the person who becomes a Christian will be happy.

The devil does not like it when a person believes in Jesus, so he tries to keep sinners from becoming Christians. We do not want to please the devil. We want to please the dear Lord Jesus who loved us enough to die to save us.

3. Verse 16 tells us that not all who hear the Gospel will be saved. Some will not believe. What will happen to all those who do not believe?

. Let us think about what verse 16 says about the person who does not believe on Jesus as his Savior.

When a judge finds a man in court is guilty, he must condemn the man. The guilty man must be punished. He may be sent to jail. When a person does not repent of his sins before he dies, he must be judged in God's court. God, the

judge of all the earth, must condemn the guilty sinner. That sinner has never had his heart made clean by Jesus' blood. God will not send the guilty sinner to jail.

Where will God send the unforgiven sinner?

What does Hebrews 9:27 say happens after death?

4. Let us see what happens to the person who believes in Jesus as his Savior. Something wonderful happens the moment we open our hearts so the Lord Jesus can come in. The Holy Spirit baptized us into the family of God. We are made member of Christ's church. This is the church that is made up of all true believers in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

BAPTISM

Because Jesus spoke about baptism in His last words to His disciples it is important for us to understand what baptism means.

The Bible speaks about **two kinds of baptism**.

John the Baptist spoke about the two kinds of baptism in Mark, chapter 1, verse

8. What are the two kinds of baptism in this verse?

1. John baptized with _____ .
2. Jesus baptizes with _____ .

In question 4 on this page we explained baptism of the Holy Spirit. There seems to be no doubt that this is the baptism Jesus speaks of in Mark 16:16.

But what is the meaning of water baptism?

WATER BAPTISM

1. **WHEN SHOULD WE BE BAPTIZED WITH WATER?**

- 1) Turn to Acts 8:12. What was Philip preaching about?

“... concerning the _____ of _____ and the name of _____.”

When did the people get baptized? “When they _____.” (Acts 8:12) What did Simon do before Philip baptized him (Acts 8:13)?

“Then Simon himself _____ also.”

- 2) READ Acts 8:26-40.

About whom did Philip preach to the man in the chariot? (verse 35)

When they came to some water, what did the man want to do? (verse 36)

_____. Before Philip baptized the man, he made sure he was ready to be baptized. Philip told him (verse 37)

“If thou _____ with _____, thou mayest.”

Did the man believe? (verse 37) _____. What did he say he believed?

“I believe that _____ is the _____.”

Philip would not baptize the man till he was sure that he BELIEVED on the Lord Jesus Christ with all his heart.

- 3) READ Acts 16:22-29. Paul and Silas had been beaten and thrown into jail. But God did not forget His servants there in jail. God did a miracle for them. He made a great earthquake so the prison shook and opened all the doors. The chains fell off and all the prisoners were free.

The keeper of the jail was going to commit suicide. He thought he would be killed for letting the prisoners loose, but Paul called loudly and told him not to kill himself. Nobody got away. The jailor believed the God who could do such a great miracle. He was the God the jailor wanted to follow.

What very important question did the jailor ask?

? (Acts 16:31)

How did Paul answer the jailor's questions? (Acts 16:31)

Verse 32 tells us that the jailor was baptized the same night. We have looked up what the Bible says about four different baptisms. The teaching is the same in all four baptisms.

- 1) First, the persons heard the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2) When they understood, they BELIEVED.
- 3) After they believed, they were baptized.
- 4) When they believed, the Holy Spirit baptized them into the family of God.
- 5) Then they were baptized by water baptism.

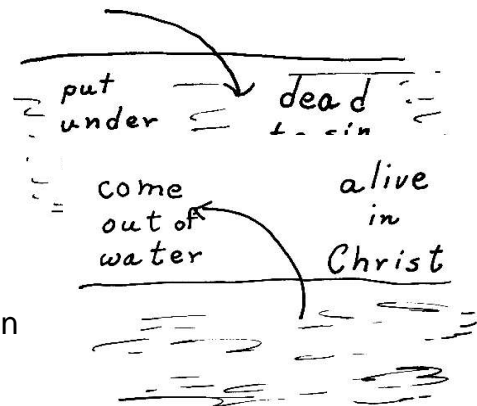
2. WHAT DOES BAPTISM IN WATER REALLY MEAN?

When we want the true answer to a question like this we should look to see what God teaches in the Bible.

READ Acts 8:38. This verse tells us that when Philip baptized the man, ". . . they both went . . ."

Philip put the man under the water and then raised the man up out of the water again. What did it mean? When the person being baptized goes down under the water, he is telling everybody two things:

- 1) Christ died and was buried for sins,
- 2) By going down under the water he is witnessing that he wants his old life of sin to be dead and buried.



When a person is baptized, he does not stay under the water. He is raised up out of the water. When this is done, the person is telling everybody two things:

- 1) Christ did not stay dead. He was raised up from the dead. Now He is alive forever.
- 2) When the baptized person comes out of the water, he is telling the world that he was spiritually dead in sin, but now he is alive in Christ. Now he will walk in newness of life.

WHEN WE BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOR AND LORD, WE WILL WANT TO BE BAPTIZED. We cannot get someone to baptize us into God's family. That is the work of the HOLY SPIRIT. We can be baptized in water to show that we want our old sinful life to be dead and buried. We want to witness to our new life in Christ.

3. WHY SHOULD A TRUE CHRISTIAN WANT TO BE BAPTIZED?

Again we will look in the Bible for our answer.

- 1) READ Matthew 28:18,19. Who commanded the disciples to baptize people?
- 2) Acts 2:38 - "Repent and be baptized, every one of you."
- 3) Acts 2:41 - "They that gladly received his word ."
- 4) There are many other references in God's Word which tell that the Christians were baptized. When the apostle Paul believed, he was baptized. Many were baptized after Pentecost. Paul also baptized believers.

BAPTISM OF JESUS

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, it did not mean the same as when we believers are baptized. Jesus showed us what He wanted us to do.

When Jesus was baptized, He could have been showing us that He would die one day with the load of sin on Him. Jesus took our sins on His own body. Our sins were nailed to the cross. (Colossians 2:14) When Jesus rose, our awful load of sin was gone.

Dear worker on this Bible course, when you believe it was for you that Jesus died and rose again, your load of sin will be gone too. Why wait? Why not start walking in the new life in Christ right away? It is wonderful to walk through life with Jesus as your Savior. The old life of sin is no good. It never can be any good.

READ ROMANS 6:6-8

COLOSSIANS 2:12-14

COLOSSIANS 1:13,14

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