



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Sacramental Living: Remembering our Baptism

Speaker: Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor

Scripture: Galatians 3:26-29

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise

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Sermon Outline:

- Paul was writing to a church that was going through a lot of division – they were using a lot of ceremonies to try and show others that they were the children of God. Paul wrote to the people of God in the Book of Galatians, because he wanted them to know through baptism they were entering into a new reality, and now was the time for them to remember it. Baptism in Paul's time was not a religious word, it was a ritualistic washing.
- Baptism means you are in a new world and you are to leave behind old ways. The water is a tangible sign of your baptism and your baptism is a tangible reminder that you belong to Jesus Christ.
- On a daily basis, we all need to be reminded that we belong to Christ. To enter into baptism means that we are entering into a new world in which Christ is Lord over our lives. Baptism means you are in a new world and you are to leave behind old ways.
- Through baptism, we go down a dead person and come up alive. Christianity is about God making dead people come alive, and baptism is a sign that you were once dead, but now are alive.
- The first thing that Paul wanted to convey to the people of God was that baptism is a public announcement of a New Allegiance, an allegiance to Jesus Christ over anything else.
- The second thing that Paul wrote about was that baptism forms a counter-cultural unity. We are on equal footing because we have been baptized in Christ – we are all one in Christ.
- The third thing Paul wanted to convey was that baptism signifies our surrender to Christ.
- Baptism doesn't save you, Christ does. But baptism isn't an option, it is obedience.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday Pastor Rich Villodas discusses sacramental living and what it means to be baptized and how it impacts every aspect of our lives.

Sermon Questions:

1. How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? What words resonate with you? Why?
2. In your family of origin, was baptism something recognized or not spoken of? Was it done culturally as a baby/child or something that was discussed? What were you first taught it meant?
3. Is there an allegiance in your life today that you place over Christ?
4. What is something you need to surrender to God?
5. To truly live belonging to Christ and not to the world, how would that look like in your life?