

Sermon Notes

The New Life Part 8: Water Baptism

July 9th – 10th, 2022

- **The New Life**
- Jesus changed the world with two words, “Follow Me.”
 - We are called out of the old and into the new, to be born again, to live new life in Christ.
- Last time: How to understand being part of the church: Citizens of Heaven
- **Water Baptism**
- **Hebrews 6:1-3** the author gives a list of elementary teachings. Great list.
 - In the list we see “cleansing rights” or “baptisms” in the plural. Plural??
- In Acts 2 we see two types of baptism.
 - Baptism in the Holy Spirit to give power to the believers. **Acts 1:8**
 - We’ll talk about that next week.
 - Baptism in water, a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **Acts 2:36-41**
 - 3,000!! That quite a difference from **Acts 1:15!!**
- Water Baptism started with John the Baptist.
 - **Matthew 3:1-12**
 - **V2** “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near.” Pastor Mike translation...
 - This is all about “Follow Me”
 - **V11** John speaks of the future baptism that Jesus will do. (again, next week)
 - **Matthew 3:13-17** Jesus gets baptized.
 - **V15** “To fulfill all righteousness” vs as little righteousness as possible but still make it...
 - Jesus was baptized in water at age 30. He did this as an example for us to follow.
- Then John gets thrown in prison, so Jesus continues the message of water baptism.
 - **Matthew 4:12-17** Water baptism was part of this message. Jesus taught his disciples to baptize.
 - This was a regular occurrence for those turning to faith in Jesus.
 - Usually a same day thing. More like how we do an altar call.
 - For me I was in my mid 20s. Took me a while to figure things out.
- Water baptism signifies starting the New Life with Christ.
 - Forgiven and free, receiving the gift of redemption. Now living for Jesus.
 - Pledge of a good conscience from **1 Peter 3:21**
 - Laying down the old and picking up the new from **Romans 6:1-14**
- Just like 2,000 years ago there are those who say “yes” and those who say “no.”
 - I want you to say “yes!” Not yes to me, or Good Hope, or Christian culture...but yes to Jesus.
 - Turn to God. The Kingdom of Heaven has come near. Turn away from selfishness, hurting/using others, proving yourself, walking alone through this life...come into the family of God.
 - Closing verse: **2 Corinthians 6:1-2**
 - It’s time to make the commitment to follow the Lord from this day forward.
 - If you are ready, see me at 5:30 at the doors of Pinehurst pool Sunday July 10. Let’s get it done.
- Get personal prayer by emailing prayer@goodhope.ag.