

Sermon Notes

Water Baptism June 25th-26th

- **Water Baptism** July 9th - Here at Good Hope. 4pm. Please sign up so we can get you all the info- 40 people last year. Let's beat that number. Who is ready to proclaim their faith?
- We will be focusing on water baptism, but a lot of the scriptures overlap with Holy Spirit baptism.
- In Acts 2 we see two types of baptism.
 - o Baptism in the Holy Spirit to give power to the believers. **Acts 1:8** ■ We have a Holy Spirit night tonight Sunday 25th 6:30pm. Come check it out for yourself. We have seen some pretty cool things happening.
 - o Baptism in water, a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Peter is addressing the crowd. **Acts 2:36-41** ■ 3,000!! That is quite a difference from **Acts 1:15!!** (120)
- Water Baptism started with John the Baptist.
 - o **Matthew 3:1-12**
 - **V2** "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near." God is here and is wanting to do things. Are you ready?
 - Get your heart right so you can be part of it.
 - **V7-10** Warning the religious leaders. If you are doing this just as a ritual. Baptism isn't something we should just do cause everyone else is.
 - **V11** John speaks of the future baptism that Jesus will do. Again, we see the transition to holy spirit baptism.
 - o **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.
 - This was a regular occurrence for those turning to faith in Jesus.
 - Usually the same day thing. More like how we do an altar call.
 - Water baptism signifies starting the New Life with Christ.
 - o Forgiven and free, receiving the gift of redemption. Now living for Jesus.
 - o Pledge of a good conscience from **1 Peter 3:21**
 - Clearing out all the sin, starting new.
 - o Laying down the old and picking up the new from **Romans 6:1-14**, Talk about Paul writing.
 - It's an outward symbol. Declaring our faith from the old to new.
- Let's turn to God cause 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.
 - o Let's start walking in faith. Taking each step fully with God and tuning out the world around us.
 - Closing scripture- **Matthew 28:19**
 - It's time to make the commitment to follow the Lord from this day forward.
 - If you are ready, sign up in the foyer or church center app.
- Get personal prayer by emailing prayer@goodhope.ag.