

INTRODUCTION: APPARENT WORTHLESSNESS OF BAPTISM

A. CIRCUMCISION & BAPTISM (Col.2:11,12; Jer.4:4&14)

B. BAPTISM IS NOT AN END (Rom.2:25-29)

C. BAPTISM IS NOT INEFFECTIVE (Rom.3:3f; 9:6f; 11:1f,28f; see Is.55:10,11)

I. NOT BESIDE THE POINT BUT TO THE POINT

A. THE ORACLES OF GOD (Rom.3:2; 9:4,6; Ps.19:1f; 147:19,20; Acts 17:27; 2Tm.3:14f)

B. ISRAELITE CITIZENSHIP (Rom.9:4; Eph.2:12,19; Phil.3:20)

C. THE ADOPTION AS SONS (Rom.9:4,5; 8:15; Ex.4:22; Gal.3:26f; Eph.1:4,5; 2:12,19; see Rom.11:17)

D. THE GLORY (Rom.9:4; Ex.40:34,etc.; Heb.9:5; Jn.1:14; Mt.17:2; Rev.1:13f; Heb.12:22)

E. THE COVENANTS (Rom.9:4; Gen.3:15; 17:2; Ex.6:7; Ps.89:3f (Lk.1:32); 1Cor.11:25; Heb.9:15)

F. THE TEMPLE SERVICE (Rom.9:4; Heb.9:1f; 12:22f; see Lev.3:17; 17:6 with 1Cor.11:24,25; 2Cor.5:21)

G. THE PROMISES (Rom.9:4; Acts 2:33,39; 13:33f; see Eph.2:12 with E above)

H. THE FATHERS (Rom.9:5; Acts 3:13; Rom.11:28; see II. Below)

I. THE CHRIST, GOD (Rom.9:5; Eph.2:12)

SUMMARY: POSSESSION OF EVERY BELIEVER (Acts 2:38f; Rom.11:17f; see Covenant of Church Membership)

II. COVENANTAL CONTINUATION: YOU & YOUR CHILDREN WITH YOU

A. ADAM AND HIS CHILDREN (Gen.3:15,24; see 5:39)

B. NOAH AND HIS CHILDREN (Gen.6:18; 8:16; 9:9)

C. ABRAHAM AND HIS CHILDREN (Gen.17:7; Ex.2:24; Gal.3:29; Rom.11:28)

D. DAVID AND HIS CHILDREN (2Sam.7:11f; Ps.89:36; Lk.1:32)

E. BELIEVERS AND THEIR CHILDREN (Gen.15:6; 18:19; Dt.7:9; Acts 2:38,39; 16:14f, 31f; 1Cor.7:14)

F. LOIS AND HER CHILDREN (2Tm.1:5; see 3:14f)

G. JESUS AND HIS CHILDREN (Heb.2:13; see Eph.1:5)

SUMMARY: INHERITANCE OF EVERY COVENANT CHILD (Rom.11:16f, 28; 10:1f; Covenant of Baptism)

III. SEEK THE BENEFITS OF BAPTISM!

A. COME TO JESUS FOR SALVATION! (Acts 2:38,39; 22:16; Mt.28:18-20)

B. BRING YOUR CHILDREN WITH YOU FOR SALVATION! (Mt.9:18f; 14:21; 15:38; 15:22f; Lk.18:15
see Mt.9:2; Mk.2:5; Lk.5:20)

1. means of grace (Acts 2:42)

2. publicly (Josh.8:35; 2Chr.34:30; Neh.8:2)

3. privately (Dt.6:7; Ps.78:1f; 128:1f; Eph.6:4; 2Tm.3:14f)

C. CHILDREN, CLAIM YOUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST! (Heb.12:16; 2T.3:14f; Lk.15:11f /2C5:21; Jn.3:16)

D. HOPE IN GOD! (Rom.9-11; see Ps.42,43; e.g. Monica/Augustine)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)