

Third Study (part 2)

Salvation through Christ

In the last study we saw how our sin separates us from God and that the only way for that sin to be forgiven is through the grace of God demonstrated by the cross.

Question: How does what you've learned in this study help you personalize the cross?

The message of the cross deserves a response.

- **Acts 2:22-24** All of our sins put Jesus on the cross. We must take personal responsibility for the crucifixion. What is the righteous response to the cross?
- **Acts 2:36-41** "cut to the heart." *Taking* responsibility.
"what shall we do?" eagerness to respond to God's call

We must repent, (turn away from sin)

We must be baptized, (immersed in water) for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1. Repentance What is repentance?

Romans 2:4 The love and grace of God leads us there! (Titus 2:11-12)

2 Corinthians 7:10-11 Godly sorrow vs. worldly sorrow.

What's the difference? Which do I have?

Acts 26:20 Let God see your repentance!

Acts 3:19 With godly sorrow comes true repentance and times of refreshing

2. Baptism Why baptism?

Roman's 6:1-10 Sharing in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ

For us, "death" to sin, buried in water, raised to new life!

We receive the gift of God's Holy Spirit at baptism.

Colossians 2: 11-12 In the Bible, baptism was an adult decision. Requires faith

In God's power.

Galatians 3:26-27 "clothed" with Christ. The Holy Spirit wrapped around us.

1 Peter 3:18-22 Noah and his family saved through water. The flood symbolized baptism that now saves *you* also.

The power is in the resurrection of Christ. The grace of God.

Question: Where do you see yourself in the process of responding to God's love?

How can I help in that process?

Assignment: Read Romans 6-8 and look at these:

1. Entering a relationship with Christ
2. Winning the battle with sin

What do you need to do now?

