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This issue of Founder James Davis EML "DOOR POST" Newsletter, focuses on "Baptism" and "Repentance."

This "rite of initiating" is practiced by almost all who profess the Christian faith. It's in the New Testament that we find **new candidates** in **faith** immersed publicly in water as a confession of faith in **Jesus**, the Savior. This "rite" is done in direct **obedience** to the explicit mandate of the LORD.

"And Jesus came and spake ... , saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: ... , even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28: 18-20).

Repentance first, then Baptism:



Praise And Worship, C.O.G.I.C. is diligently obedient to this mandated rite. Baptism Service
Saturday, October 5, 2019.

"WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!"

THE DOOR POST SCRIPTURE:

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." (Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV).

"THE MOTTO: 'FAITH IT, 'TIL WE MAKE IT!"

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

- A "burial" or "immersion" in water
 - Rom. 6:3-4 "...therefore we were **buried** with Him through baptism into death,..."
 - Col. 2:11-13 "...by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, **buried** with Him in baptism."
 - Acts 8:38-39 "...And both Phillip and the eunuch went down into the water and he baptized him."

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Baptism and Repentance: Why should we focus on Baptism? When a candidate is baptized, there's so much more to it than dipping in water. Baptism symbolizes how through faith in Jesus, we've become "clothed" with Him (Galatians 3:27 AMP). We can say, it's a "rite of celebrating" that we are made right with God by faith, set free and brought into unity through Christ. Through His Spirit He lives in and through us. We learn in this scripture that being clothed with Christ Jesus, our very identity is found in Him and we are the very children of God (V. 26 AMP).

Good to focus on Baptism: and what it means to us! We aren't focusing on the act itself, but the commitment of being reunited, through Jesus, into God's family. Our character, future, and spiritual freedom are found in Him. We're no longer divided against one another by gender, culture, or status (V. 28-29 KJV).

Baptism Is Just A Splash, If No Repentance.

God's love gives those who repent another change. Scripture say, *"Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean (Micah 7:19 NIV)!"*

Repentance Requires Us To Turn and Run:

None of us are immune to temptation. Often after baptism the best thing to do is to steer clear of situations where we'll be tempted, though they can't always be avoided. Simply put, the best advice is to **turn** and **run**. Just saying no just isn't enough. Often we are better prepared by having a strong faith in God based on the Bible and strengthened through prayer.

Repentance-Conversion: At our new birth we are fully granted eternal life, a standing that is not temporary. We must never come to a place of unbelief. Further study, deeper spiritual growth will eliminate doubt. It must not fester into unbelief in us (Joshua 22:5).

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Elder Aaron Waffer • Librarian

Library Hours: Sundays 11-11:30 AM

NEW Article deadline: 3rd Sundays

The Door Post

JAMES DAVIS EML Newsletter (Continued)



Missionary Victoria Only • Youth Sunday 9/29/2019 • Theme: "Prepare To Fight" (1 Samuel 17).

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Pastor's Appreciation Services.



KINGDOM BUILDER TIPS:

"REPENT! BE BAPTIZE!"

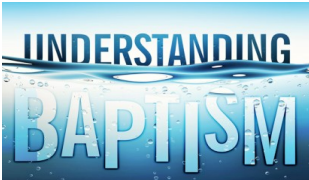
Pastor Eugene Collins, III

- * **Repent For new birth:** Refusing to repent is building a stone wall against God's grace. Be baptize! Be saved.
- * **Seek To Please God:** Without a focus point. We lose our way. Things unravel around the edges. Only a relationship with God keeps us from coming unraveled too.
- * **Listen And Obey:** Look alive! Put into practice what Word you receive. Obedience — receiving God's Word is celebrating the sacraments and letting these gifts shape how we live; This living is what God looks for (Rev. 3: 1-2; Matt. 7:24).
- * **It's In The Word:** Repentance means that we listen to Jesus (the Word) rather than our peers. "Thinking "everyone is doing it" is not biblical (Revelation 2:21).

REPENTANCE AND BAPTISM! "THE DOOR POST" Feature Article

The Messiah's Baptism:

"Spirit and Fire" are two nouns that indicates that only one baptism is seen (John's baptism) and the addition of the words "and fire" further defines the character of the Messiah's baptism. Indicating that water temporarily cleanses the outside, fire permanently purifies the whole (E. Ray Glendenen, Holman Illustrated Dictionary, 2003). The phase "I baptize you



with water for repentance" is spoken by those having authority to administrate baptism within the church. John's words, "He Himself will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11 HCSB) is affirmed by the Messiah before His ascension. Jesus said, "His disciples 'not many days from now' " would receive this baptism (Acts 1:5). Peter quoted a Spirit-baptism. "So God has granted repentance resulting in life to even the Gentiles" is for all (Acts 11:18 HCSB). Believing Jews and Gentiles are now **one**, not only because they

have a common Savior, but because they have the same **gift** of the **Spirit** (Eph. 2:11; Gal. 3:38; Ro. 2:9-29; Col. 1:26-27).

It should be made **clear** that Spirit-baptism **may** be subsequent to repentance-conversion or water-baptism. Speaking in tongues is a gift asked for, thus may or may not be at the moment of conversion. Theologically, Jesus is God's authorized **One** who baptizes believers, the Spirit is the element **into** or **with which** we are baptized; and incorporation into the body of the church is the results.



It is wise for the redeemed to remember the "Living-water," the Holy Spirit (Fire) has been given by the Father to all who believe in Jesus as Savior. Fire-baptized followers are committed to glorify Jesus' way of living day by day. It's a fruit Spirit living within us. We walk with Jesus in obedience to the Father by Faith! May others see His direction in our lives, hear His call and follow Him too.

[Various Types of Baptisms (below)]



POOL BAPTISM



RIVER BAPTISM



CHURCH BAPTISM

THINK IMAGE:

"Remember The Water"
Ponder This Image! remember our commitment willingly celebrated before witnesses; that we are made right with God by faith. Nothing means more than our closeness to the One who has overcome the world.

PAW'S Youth Band • Pastor Collins



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C.N.W. Sacramento Area Rally: @ Praise And Worship, C.O.G.I.C.



Special Guest:

